



The Arts Society Oxford

The Arts Society Member No. 349

Registered Charity No. 1175875

Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Decorative and Fine Arts Society held on Tuesday 4 September 2018, at 10.30am at The Mathematical Faculty, Oxford

Present: **The Trustees:** Sarah Whiteley, Chairman
 Julian Bagwell, Treasurer
 Chris Milford, Vice Chair & Membership Secretary
 Pam Eyton, Secretary
 Trish Hedges, Lecture Programme
 Jake Piper, Projects
 John Sampson, Community Arts Projects
 Kay Symons, Study Days

Wyvern District Chairman: Susan Williams

229 Members

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members and Susan Williams, Chairman of Wyvern Area. She confirmed that due notice of the AGM had been given and that the meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following Trustees: Kay Symons. Apologies had been received from 21 members.

2. Minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting held on 13 September 2017

The minutes had been previously circulated to all members of the Society. One amendment was noted by the chair; Sarah Whiteley was present. With this amendment the minutes were agreed unanimously as a true record.

Proposed by: Kate Lack Seconded by: Hilary Reed-Evans

3. To receive and approve the Report of the Committee

A copy of the report that had been circulated to members prior to the meeting was presented by the Chair for approval.

The Chair thanked the following Trustees for their hard work over the past year and who were stepping down: Chris Milford (Vice Chair), Kay Symons (Study Days), Trish Hedges and Celia Robinson (Lecture Programme). She also thanked the Visits Group and Carol Wratten (their Chair), and Pat Aitken (PM volunteer organiser).

The report was approved and agreed unanimously.

Proposed by: Angela Payne, Seconded by Chris Gorman.



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4. To receive and approve the Annual Accounts as per 30 June 2018

A copy of the Annual Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. It has been examined by the external financial examiner, Kay Ward who has signed it as an accurate record of the society's finances for the year ended 30 June 2018.

The Treasurer reported that it had been a good year for the Society with just under £4,400 income and Charitable Giving increased substantially to £7,000 whilst still maintaining reserves at half annual outgoings.

There were a number of questions pertaining to being a charity. In brief:

- New gift aid forms with TASO logo should be signed
- We now make Community Arts grants (extended from young arts)
- The website gives details of approaching the society for funding

The adoption of the annual accounts were approved and agreed unanimously.

Proposed by: Sandie Redman, Seconded by Sheila Slater.

5. To elect Trustees (including officers)

The Chair asked Susan Williams to chair the elections. Susan Williams thanked the Chair for being invited to attend and the Trustees for all their work.

Susan Williams asked the members to vote for the election of the Officers and Trustees. The following were elected unanimously.

Officers:

Chairman

Sarah Whiteley

Proposer: Chris Milford

Secunder: Pam Eyton

Vice Chairman

Celia Robinson

Proposer: Sarah Whiteley

Secunder: Chris Milford

Treasurer

Julian Bagwell

Proposer: Pam Eyton

Secunder: Carol Brownson

Secretary

Pam Eyton

Proposer: Chris Milford

Secunder: Sarah Whiteley

Others:

Member

(Community Arts Projects)

John Sampson

Proposer: Cheryl Trafford

Secunder: G M Benson

Member (Projects)

Jake Piper

Proposer: Carol Wratten

Secunder: Judith Brown

Member (Study Days)

Stephanie North

Proposer: Helen Cadoux-Hudson

Secunder: Felicity Wood

Member

(Membership Secretary)

Chris Milford

Proposer: Susan Bates

Secunder: Tim Goodacre

Member (Lectures)

Kate Nileswhar

Proposer: Trish Hedges

Secunder: Ann McIlhinney



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The Chair thanked members for electing her and fellow trustees and said she looked forward to working with them to serve the members. She also thanked Susan Williams for chairing the elections.

6. To appoint a Financial Examiner of the Accounts for the ensuing year

It was proposed to re-elect Mrs. Kay Ward as the Financial Examiner for the forthcoming year. This was agreed unanimously.

7. Resolution

One resolution had been received; proposer Lauriann Owens and seconder Kati O'Connor:

"This Society has seen the resignation of the entire Visits Group over the Committee's Expenses Policy. As the money that is spent on residential visits belongs to the individual members it is proposed that the membership should be given the opportunity to decide on the Visits Expenses Policy."

Following a statement in support of the resolution from the proposer, and a statement from the chair on behalf of the trustees, the resolution was debated by members present.

A vote was taken by a show of hands, and the resolution was not passed.

Votes: "For" 59; "Against" 90 and "abstentions" 49.

8. Any Other Business

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.20am.