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**Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of**  
**The Arts Society Oxford**  
**held on Wednesday 13 September 2023, at 10.30 am**  
**at the Mathematical Faculty, Oxford**

### **The Trustees:**

Ann McIlhinney, Chair  
David Barron, Treasurer  
Ray Wright, Membership Secretary  
David Stern, Lecture Programme  
Liz West, Community Arts Projects (co-opted)  
Steve Rogers, Visits (co-opted)

### **187 Members**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all members. She confirmed that due notice of the AGM had been given and that the meeting was quorate.

#### **1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from three Trustees:

- Ruth Burdett, Secretary
- Carol Brownson, Communications
- Sue Hine, Study Days

Apologies were also received from 11 members.

#### **2. Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting held on 14 September 2022**

The minutes had been previously circulated to all members of the Society. No questions/queries were received, and they were approved unanimously as an accurate record.

Proposed by Ian Battersby; seconded by David Stern.

#### **3. To receive and accept the Report of the Trustees**

The Report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, and was presented by the Chair for approval.

The Chair highlighted certain aspects of the Report, in particular

Ann thanked all the Trustees and their teams for their help and support:

- The Programme Organisers and Study Day teams for an excellent lecture series, and two lively and well-attended study days
- The Visits team for their very successful programme of local walks, gallery visits and guided one-day tours



- The Community Arts Projects team for their hard work in assessing applications for funding.

She also thanked those who have stepped down as Trustees during the year: Alison Madden of the Visits team, and Stephanie North as Community Arts Project Team Leader.

Ann also thanked Pam Eyton who has contributed so much to TASO over the years as a previous Secretary, provided key technical expertise during the delivery of online events and has now handed over her IT responsibilities.

Finally, Ann thanked the members for their support, and welcomed the new members.

The Report was approved and agreed unanimously.

#### **4. To receive and accept the Annual Accounts as per 30 June 2023**

A copy of the Financial Statements, including the annual accounts, had been circulated prior to the meeting. The copy circulated had not been signed off by the independent financial examiner due to a timing issue, but this has now been done, with no changes made to the document circulated.

The Treasurer explained that the Society still has a higher balance than it needs (due to lower than normal expenditure over the period of lock-down), and that this will continue to be run down over the next year. Accordingly, this year the Society's expenditure has exceeded its income. In particular, the Society has increased the amount of money it gives to local charities, some free activities have been provided to members, and the cost of the garden party was subsidised. David confirmed that the finances of the Society are in a very healthy state.

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

Proposed by: Susan Burge; seconded by Kate Nileswhar.

#### **5. To elect Trustees (including officers)**

The Chair asked Hilary Reid Evans (Chair of the Wyvern area) to chair the elections.

Hilary asked the members to vote for the election of the Officers individually and the remaining Trustees as a block. The following were elected unanimously:

#### **Officers:**

Chair	Ann McIlhinney	Proposer: Ann Edmunds Secunder: Rumi Ringshall
Vice-chair	Raymond Wright	Proposer: John Stradling Secunder: Rumi Ringshall



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Treasurer	David Barron	Proposer: June Dent Secunder: Angela Radcliffe
Secretary	Ruth Burdett	Proposer: Mary Worthington Secunder: Alice Halliday

### Others:

Community Arts Projects	Elizabeth West	Proposer: Glyn Benson Secunder: Sue Butterworth
Study Days	Susan Hine	Proposer: Bridget Watkins Secunder: Clare Owen
Membership Secretary	Raymond Wright	Proposer: Penny Stern Secunder: Carol Brownson
Lectures	David Stern	Proposer: Wendy Castle Secunder: Penny Stern
Visits	Stephen Rogers	Proposer: Alison Madden Secunder: Ann McIlhinney
Communication	Carol Brownson	Proposer: Margaret Lipscombe Secunder: Jake Piper

The Chair welcomed the new Board of Trustees and thanked Hilary Reid Evans for conducting the elections.

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

Sheila Parry of SPX undertook the independent examination for 2022/23, and it was proposed that she should do this again for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

### 7 Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.50.