**ST IVES ARTS CLUB – COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2022 7PM**

**Extraordinary Item** – Appointment of Committee 2022/23

The new committee was appointed as follows:

**President:** Stephen Litherland

**Vice President**: Anthony Gribbin

**Secretary**: Honor Nankervis

**Finance Officer: Booking Officer: Membership Officer:** Chris O’Reilly

**Exhibitions Officer**: Anthony Gribbin

**Social Events Officer**: Vacant

**World Classics**: Will Sleath

**Representatives**: Bob Devereux, Wendy Gribbin, Wendy Litherland, Louise Vallis

**Trustees**: Stephen Litherland, Janet Axten, Sheila Scholes, Mike Ezra & Phil Gee

**Apologies**

Will Sleath, Jeremy Edwards, Phil Gee.

Minutes of the last meeting - !8th August – Agreed and accepted.

**Matters Arising**

3 year fixed price with Gazprom ends 2023, to go with EDF which is a good offer.

**Cleaner**

Nicole to help out when Archa is away.

**September Festival**

Ticket sales fluctuated during festival.

**President’s Report**

**Steve Litherland**

Debbie Sedgeman would like to donate one of her late father Sam’s paintings to the Club. Suggestion to invite Debbie with her mother to lunch for an official handover. No objections to have cards made from the painting.

**Finance Officer**

**Chris O’Reilly**

Year ended on 30/09 with 124 members paid – sum of £4400.

1st October to date 88 members paid for new year - £3560 – more to follow.

Reminders to non-payers / joint membership no longer applies, all pay £40pp.

New members total 7.

**Exhibition Room Bookings**

New rules from 1st October (£100 plus 30%)

19 weeks booked since 1st October - £1900

**Treasurer**

Year end Accounts nearly completed for AGM

Bank account – 1st October 2021 - £40085.47

30th September 2022 - £37147.69

Difference - £2937.78 – spent £8000 plus on improvements, door, lights, electric, plumbing etc.

Bank Balance today - £39130.88, should be £40,000 by end of October

Theatre & Exhibition Room both made approx. £7500 = £15000 plus membership £19400 income

Expenditure was high – but covered well

Sum up – everything outside of exhibitions needs to be recorded – a book is provided to be kept by the card machine – membership fees, bookings, drinks etc.

Cash Problems

Honor is Transferring a monthly amount from MAG

Wendy/Anthony – same for coffee morning

Exhibitions

Suggest member / exhibiter takes cash at close of exhibition – amount is offset against sales.

**EXHIBITIONS OFFICER**

**Anthony Gribbin**

Another attempt to encourage members to add their information / art profile to the Member’s file which is kept in the Exhibition room

Exhibition room walls have been repaired and repainted

New hanging rail system has been installed on free standing boards and under windowsills, nails and screws no longer acceptable

Further ongoing improvements in the pipeline

The terms and conditions of hire have been updated to reflect new requirements of hirers and is available on the website

Free standing boards are water damaged and will need to be replaced in due course

A new lighting system has been installed and further light pods will be added at a later date

The Presidents’ collection and donated paintings From Debbie Sedgeman and the Agnes Naylor family will be installed securely in the upper theatre

The new door has been a great success with a notable increase in footfall noted by a few days of recording how visitors had accessed the building

The existing internal exhibition room door will also be upgraded at a future date

The stairwell exhibition of notable paintings will be re-labelled

There was a discussion regarding professionally commissioned labels

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**Anthony Gribbin**

No issues with Mailchimp

Ed is happy to send out individual Exhibition notices when exhibitors miss the newsletter deadline

Some discussion of members’ access to e version – at the last review it is evident that 70% of newsletters are opened

Anthony will look into readership stats and identify whether some members are receiving newsletters in their inbox rather than their spam folder

**SOCIAL EVENTS OFFICER**

Jeremy Edwards is standing down from this position

**WORLD CLASSICS**

Will Sleath

There is hope that Will is able to secure the Indian instrumentalist Bill Smith for future performances

**MAG**

Honor reported that the MAG is going well but having to restrict new members because of overcrowding

**THEATRE GROUP**

The group are looking forward to their next play

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

At date for the AGM to be organised when accounts are finalised

More help need for social events with sound / lights, perhaps a House / Theatre Manager. The sound system needs updating with a new mixer desk.

It was suggested that the theatre could make money by showing films / organising talks. Are new members asked what their talents and abilities to help volunteer with the club are when joining? This was dropped when new forms were produced, perhaps reinstate them?

It was suggested that a free drink (cost included in ticket price) be provided to encourage people to stay on after events.

**REPAIRS**

More improvements to be undertaken in the New Year regarding kitchen, office and new flooring for the exhibition room.

Steve has contacted Risa Reyes regarding a grant for new boiler and toilets.

There is to be a memorial exhibition in March for the late Stuart Peters to acknowledge his work and the assistance he gave to Bob Devereux with exhibitions.

A receipt has been received from Ukraine for the Arts Club donation.

The Committee were unanimous in thanking Steve Litherland for his wholehearted commitment and time generously given to the Arts Club.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm