

ST IVES ARTS CLUB MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held 15 February 2022 at the St Ives Arts Club

Attending:

Committee Members: Steve Litherland, Will Sleath, Anthony Gribbin, Wendy Gribbin, Cynthia Jenkin, Chris O'Reilly, Honor Nankervis, Phil Gee (By Zoom) Wendy Litherland

Trustees:

Steve Litherland, Sheila Scholes, Mike Ezra.

Members:

Shirley Beck, Margaret Armsby, Chris Dawe.

Apologies:

Nicky & John Higgins, Jeremy Edwards, Bob Devereux, Archa Robinson.

PROPOSAL 1.

In accordance with the Constitution the Trustees give notice of their retirement from Office and the new Trustees elected were as follows:

Stephen Litherland – Chair
Janet Axten
Sheila Scholes
Phil Gee
Mike Ezra

All five trustees were proposed and unanimously elected.

PROPOSAL 2.

The New Management Committee were elected as follows:

President:	Stephen Litherland
Vice President:	Anthony Gribbin
Secretary:	Honor Nankervis
Treasurer:	Chris O'Reilly
Membership Officer:	Chris O'Reilly
Bookings Officer:	Chris O'Reilly
Exhibitions Officer:	Anthony Gribbin
World Classics Officer:	Will Sleath
Social Events Officer:	Jeremy Edwards
Sound / Lighting Technician:	Craig Brown

Non Executive Officers:

Monday Art Group Rep: Cynthia Jenkin
Theatre Group Rep: TBA

General Purposes Committee Members:

Wendy Litherland
Louise Vallis
Susan Barrowclough
Phil Gee
Cynthia Jenkin
Wendy Gribbin
Archa Robinson
Honor Nankervis

Sub Committees

Exhibitions:

Anthony Gribbin, Cynthia Jenkin, Archa Robinson, Bob Devereux.

Social Events:

Jeremy Edwards, Louise Vallis, Wendy Gribbin, Wendy Litherland.

Steve Litherland welcomed those attending and explained as this was a newly elected Charity Commission there are no matters arising from any previous AGM.

Steve also gave a summary of proposals and objectives of the new constitution.

PROPOSAL 3.

Each member was given a copy of the financial statements.
There is an ongoing dispute with CRBO regarding underpayment of ticket sales which has warranted sending a letter threatening legal action to recover funds.

The Arts club finances are in good health due to government grants being awarded plus tickets sales from various artistes and entertainers.

Greenwood and Wilson to audit accounts. The accounts were approved and accepted.

PROPOSAL 4.

Steve proposed putting together new club rules. This will be the responsibility of the new Management Committee who will also oversee the day to day running of the club and its reputation. It was also proposed that a new handbook outlining the new constitution be put together to be presented to new (and existing) members.
This proposal was agreed and accepted.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Will Sleath reported he will be contacting musicians with a view to putting on a concert this coming year.

Chris O'Reilly remarked that the current membership stands at approximately 110 which brings in about £4000 in membership fees. It was suggested that various methods be used to encourage younger people to join, perhaps putting out feelers to local schools.

It was suggested that a sign could be put in the arts club window asking people if they would like to join. Also to have an open day to bring people in and perhaps explain the history of the club.

Anthony Gribbin explained that there are issues regarding the standard of some artwork put on display and more members should be encouraged to exhibit.

Summer opening times should be extended to encourage more visitors.

Anthony felt that there should be art displayed in the downstairs gallery other than when there is an exhibition.

It was suggested that there should be different types of membership, those who wish to paint and exhibit, perhaps a social membership for others and a lower membership for younger people with a reduction for those joining halfway through the year. It was agreed that the current cost of membership at the arts club was extremely reasonable.

It was proposed and agreed that membership should be £40 per person with no reduction for married / cohabiting couples

The drama group is rehearsing a new play to be performed at the club and Steve has started a Ukulele group which is going well.

Repairs to the roof to be done by J S Roofing. All PAT testing and electrical repairs undertaken by Delve and Nankervis, other electrical work re stage and crows nest still ongoing.

The new door to the downstairs gallery to be started end of February.

Meeting ended at 9pm.