

**LYME REGIS ART SOCIETY**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at Woodmead Halls

**1. Apologies:** Anne Cater

**2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Approved and signed

**3. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

Chairman's Report LRAS 2019

Welcome all and thank you for supporting the Society so well over the past year.

A very warm welcome too, to Warren Madill, who was our judge at our Annual Exhibition at the Town Mill this year. You may remember seeing one of his paintings of a glorious still life.

We look forward to hearing him enlighten us on the title "What is Art? And should I give a Damn?".

Once again we have had another positive year with increased membership, a profit making annual Exhibition, a new Web Site and some excellent varied Demonstrations. Your Committee work extremely well as a team and together everyone helps with their own particular skill and area with commitment in order to keep things running smoothly.

At the moment the Committee consists of Sheila Stratton, Secretary, Sue Unwin, Treasurer, Pat Dench, Programme Organiser, Janet Clayton, Book Sales, Jean Heard, Hall Bookings, Julie Ball, Refreshments, Hilary Buckley, Publicity, Denise Powell, Cards.

Outside of the Committee there are many people doing a task as well: Terry Gibbons/Sue Hodgetts, Camera, Brenda Gibbons - Teas, Jackie Coppard - Book Sales,, Sharyn Walker - Auditor, Moya Paul - publicity and all who help with chairs and tables. You all help to make life easier. Thank you.

The only query your Committee has is the popularity of Workshops and whether we should keep doing them? Pat Dench will be enlarging on this during her Report.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

As you will see from the copy of the year end accounts, we have a healthy closing balance. Membership subscriptions went up to 79 and we had 21 paying guests throughout the year.

31 members contributed their art works to the annual exhibition, exhibiting 85 pictures and 17 reserves, cards and ceramics. This was a great success making a profit to the society of £370.42.

The society did the annual sale of works on Lyme's sea front during RNLI week, we were able to contribute £183 to the RNLI, well done to those members who contributed works for sale and those who volunteered to help on the 2 hot days.

The society made a large payment for updating our Website to the sum of £318. Please have a look if you have not already done so. It is full of information.

The cost of Hall hire has risen in many of the venues we use but the committee always try to negotiate a good deal to keep the costs down.

The tea and coffee team do a great job and profits are good from the contributions from members.

The accounts have now been audited and you have had a copy of the accounts emailed or posted to you for your perusal.

A big thank you for Sharyn Walker for volunteering to auditing the accounts to trial balance.

We as a committee looking forward to another good financial year which will enable us to organise Exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops at affordable prices in good venues.

Sue Unwin

Honorary Treasurer

The accounts were accepted by the membership:

Proposed by K. Hicks Seconded by P. Dench

## **6. Programme Organiser's Report:**

We started the Society's year with a very successful demo from one of our favourites, Jake Winkle, who kindly stepped in at the last minute when we had a cancellation. He also gave us a superb workshop later in the year. We had some good demos covering most media and some interesting styles, such as Simon Bramble's Folk Art and Phil Clayton's session on 'the Creative Process'. Once again, Terry Whitworth, our President, provided another one of his inspirational Acrylic demos. Greg Wellman gave us a very thought-provoking AGM talk. Nina Squire, a new artist for us gave a very good demo that led to her setting up a course which many of our members joined. This was a great success for budding oil painters. The workshops went well, but once again it has been hard to recruit to some of them, necessitating committee members to sign up. I will say more about this later. All in all, I feel we have had a good year and was sorry to miss some of them myself due to illness. Thank you all for your good wishes while I was away, it was good to hear from you. Thank you specially to the committee who picked up the bits of work I was unable to do. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, joyful New Year. But before I go, I want to ask you about workshops. Someone else will be doing this job next year so it would be helpful to have your views. Do you like them? Should we carry on with them? Are you OK with them on Mondays – we have them on Mondays if we use the Football Club because it is currently booked out every Tuesday? We could see if the small room at the Woodmead Halls would be available on a Tuesday or another day.

We have to run the workshops to at least break even which means we need to have around 12 students or charge more or split the cost of the artist between the number of people who sign up. It is difficult to plan workshops because we know that a very well-known artist such as Jake Winkle or Lynda White will be oversubscribed, but someone less well known or covering a medium we have a lot of or someone who has an unusual approach might prove slow to enrol. What do you think? Please can you put your views to the Secretary.

### **7. Election of Officers:**

The following committee members were re-elected to serve another term on the committee: Sue Unwin, Jean Heard, Janet Clayton, Hilary Buckley

Proposed by K. Hicks Seconded by J. Humphrey

The following LRAS member was elected to serve on the committee: S. Hodgetts

Proposed by S. Wells Seconded by P Dench

**8. Constitution:** there were no proposed changes to the Constitution

### **9. Exhibitions:**

Members were advised of the dates for forthcoming events.

- Annual Exhibition: May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020
- RNLI: July 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

### **10. Notification of 2020/21 Annual Subscription:**

The annual subscription remains at £25 per annum.

### **Any Other Business.**

J. Humphrey thanked the committee for their hard work in support of the Society.

The AGM meeting closed at 2:20 pm.