

# **THE ARTS SOCIETY RICHMOND**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON 3 JULY 2018 AT 7.30PM AT DUKE STREET CHURCH**

### **PRESENT**

Jenny Lebus (Chairman), Louise Capell, Richard Lebus, Linden Loader, Heather Montford, Pauline Tuft, Heather Vallely, Jane Wardle, Val Williams and 102 members

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from;

Christine Dymond, Betty & Rodney Makin, Alex Simms, Carole Brougham, Rosemary Alexander, Dee Hoseason, Bella Hobson, Paul & Emer Clark-Hutton, Jill Marber and Racquel Ebbutt.

### **2. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Slides were presented. Membership numbers have increased from 304 at 30 June 2017 to 309 now. 35 members did not renew but there were 40 new members.

Slides were shown of the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet.

A surplus before donations of £39 was made in 2017/18 compared to a surplus before donations of £1,305 in 2017/18. A provision of £3,000 has been made for a planned bursary. Reserves at the end of the year decreased from £14,741 to £11,780. The Society is a non-profit-making organisation and it is acknowledged that the Society's reserves are more than it needs. The aim is to make losses now in order to reduce the reserves. In due course though, the membership fee will need to rise, probably by a substantial amount.

The accounts were unanimously approved by the meeting.

### **3. RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR**

The Treasurer thanked Clive Littler for reviewing the accounts. It was unanimously resolved that he be re-appointed Honorary Examiner.

### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Jenny Lebus reported on the following.

Healthy membership - we have attracted 40 new members over the last years which is excellent. The best source for new members is word of mouth. The Bring-Friends-Free lectures in May and November have proved very popular.

Increasing attendance at lectures - increased attendance at the drinks and lectures have improved the atmosphere. We now have a reputation for being a very friendly society.

Successful trips to Berlin & Shropshire

New members' drinks party – This is now an annual fixture. Many thanks to Heather Montford for hosting them.

Pre-lecture, AGM & Christmas drinks - Again these have proved to be very popular and again many thanks to Heather Montford and Pauline Tuft for providing the food and drinks.

Summer party - We were blessed with sunny weather for the summer buffet party in Jenny and Richard Lebus's garden.

Great variety of lecture & study day topics

Wide selection of 14 visits in last 12 months

Supportive committee working hard

Volunteering at Turner's House & Kneller Hall

Church recording at St Mary with St Alban, Teddington - many thanks to all the volunteers and especially to Robin Field-Smith and Sue Stevens for leading the group. Ours is the only church recording group in London outside the City of London itself.

Young Arts Bursary - We have agreed a £3,000 bursary for a local student/ apprentice/Young Artist to celebrate the 50th anniversary of The Arts Society in 2018. We are in discussion with Richmond Council to choose a suitable recipient. Thanks again to Heather Montford for suggesting and progressing that.

Jenny expressed her thanks to the Committee.

Membership has increased for four consecutive years, now standing at 309. Thank you to all members - word of mouth is the best.

Volunteering at Kneller Hall is continuing, cataloguing photographs. Thanks to Judith Anderton and Jenny Lebus.

A feature of that summary is that so much of it involves members of the committee. It's a wonderful committee and we have great fun doing what we do. A big thank you again to them all.

## **5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

The Committee over the last year has been as follows.

Chair	Jenny Lebus
Treasurer & Membership	Richard Lebus
Lectures	Linden Loader & Louise Capell
Secretary & Young Arts	Heather Montford
Marketing	Christine Dymond
Study Days	Heather Vallye & Val Williams
Visits	Betty Makin, Alex Simms, Pauline Tuft & Jane Wardle

The Committee was re-elected unanimously en bloc.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members thanked the Committee for organising an excellent programme of events..

## **7. DATE OF NEXT YEAR'S AGM**

The Chairman gave Notice that the next Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at 7.30pm at Duke Street Church, Richmond TW9 1DH.

## **8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.