

THE ARTS SOCIETY RICHMOND
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ONLINE ON 16 DECEMBER 2021 AT 11AM

PRESENT

Richard Lebus (Chairman), Louise Capell, Christine Dymond, Jenny Lebus, Linden Loader, Betty Makin, Heather Montford, Alex Sims, Pauline Tuft, Heather Vallely, Jane Wardle, Val Williams and 34 members.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

The attached financial report was presented. Membership numbers have decreased from 312 at 30 June 2020 to 293 at 30 June 2021. 26 members did not renew but there were 24 new members. 17 members died or resigned after paying.

Slides were shown of the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021.

An operating profit of £3,647 was made in 2020/21 compared to an operating profit of £640 in 2019/20. This was mainly because we did not pay room hire to Duke Street Church as we were not having in-person lectures there due to Covid restrictions.

We received substantial donations totalling £11,227 from streaming our lectures on Zoom. This was amazing and was because we were at the forefront of Zooming from the beginning of Covid whilst other Societies shut up shop or were slow off the mark.

As a result of the amazing amount of donations we were able to make donations of £15,902 – see list. As a result the net loss for 2020/21 was £1,028.

Reserves at the end of the year reduced from £10,481 to £9,453. 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

Matters for the Chairman's Report were covered in the Financial Report.

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	Heather Montford
Marketing & Young Arts	Christine Dymond
Study Days	Heather Vallely & Val Williams
Visits	Betty Makin, Alex Simms, Pauline Tuft & Jane Wardle

Jane Wardle will be retiring from the Committee and the Chairman thanked her for her wonderful contribution as Visits Secretary over many years. She was presented with a gift of flowers and a voucher.

Richard Lebus was re-elected as Chair, Jenny Lebus was re-elected as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, and the rest of the Committee (other than Jane Wardle) was re-elected en bloc.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christabel Ames-Lewis said that she was unlikely to return to in-person lectures but she did not want to push for Zoom lectures just for that reason.

Jane and Richard Robinson commented that many members are vulnerable to Covid and they thanked Richard and Jenny Lebus for setting up the Zoom lectures.

Betty Makin commented that Zoom recordings are brilliant.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.