

# **BROMLEY ART SOCIETY**

## **MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

### **MINUTES OF LAST AGM (1<sup>ST</sup>. February 2019)**

- a) These were approved by the meeting.
- b) There were no matters arising.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

We had another very strong year for our core activities.

- Our First Friday programme was both educational and fun. We covered some unusual media and a wide range of themes. The coming year's programme will be equally interesting. There were a number of unavoidable last minute changes to the programme and the Chairman thanked both speakers and audience for their tolerance.
- The Wednesday Group continued to be well supported.
- We held 3 exhibitions but were unable to repeat the stunning exhibition at The Glades due to a management re-organisation. More are booked for the coming year. As with everything else, we wait to see what effect Covid -19 has on our plans.

We have introduced a formal HEALTH AND SAFETY policy this year which is mainly aimed at our exhibitions. It has been used successfully.

We are finally making some changes to our confused WEBSITE. We want one which is informative, fun, capable and cheap. Our Technical Sub-Committee has reformed to drive things forward.

There has been a slight fall in MEMBERSHIP from last year. We expect an increase when our exhibition plans are publicised. There are many other local societies but we think BAS is fun and are proud of the fact that we count both professional artists and complete beginners amongst our members. The Chairman asked members to sing our praises and drum up more recruits. As everything is getting more expensive it would be good for all our members to engage as fully as possible in all our activities. And please pay your fees punctually.

The Chairman thanked the Committee, exhibition hanging crew and the catering team for their invaluable work. Sadly for us Maggie Ward is moving away. She has taken on a huge variety of jobs over a short period. Julie Collins is also stepping down after running the Wednesday Group for many years. He wished them well and thanked them and Jan Wilson for their hard work. We can always welcome new blood on the committee.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

EXHIBITIONS: Although there were only 2 members' exhibitions this year they were successful. At Ripley there was a marked increase in sales and 5 artists were invited to have solo exhibitions. Sales were also made at St. Andrews despite the low attendance. The Beckenham Place Flower show was a great success and the profits were donated to purchase 2 beehives for the park. Over £1000 income before expenses was contributed to BAS. There are plans for more exhibitions this year.

SCREEN HIRE has continued to grow with the major hire being for the Sydenham Arts Trail. Members should be aware that they are available to hire for your own exhibitions at a reduced rate. Hires are important to cover storage costs.

Our Exhibitions' secretary, Deborah Masters, thanked everyone who took part in the many roles that contribute to the exhibitions – exhibitors, purchasers, hirers, helpers with screens and publicity- and asked for continued support this year and suggestions for other venues for exhibitions.

YOUR COMMITTEE: As the Chairman mentioned, we are saying farewell to Maggie Ward (Membership secretary AND Programme Organiser) and to Julie Collins (Wednesday Group administrator for many years.) At the moment Paul Stringfellow is valiantly fulfilling both of Maggie' roles. He wishes to continue as Programme Organiser but we would all welcome a new-comer becoming Membership Secretary.

We hope to manage the Wednesday group without electing a special officer for this post. For the time being Paul (again) and Jan Wilson (Hon. Secretary) are willing to try to continue Julie's work. We both attend regularly and know that other members of the group are eager to help. But again, we would welcome a committed replacement for Julie. This need not be a committee post. And although we would really welcome new members on the committee we also are keen for members to help in many other less official ways. It is hoped that we can compile a list of members and the skills they could offer on an occasional basis e.g. social media, copy writing, IT skills, carpentry, demonstrating, climbing ladders to hang pictures.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

There is enough money to continue safely for the moment. But all expenses are increasing – speakers, hiring of halls etc. We need to find new ways of raising money.

A 'Sum-Up' reader has been bought to facilitate payments at exhibitions. This was very kindly mostly paid for by Paul Stringfellow.

Julia Pew presented the accounts for the last year to the meeting. They were approved.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following committee members stood for re-election

Chair	- Adrian Fowle
Vice Chair	- David Goodier
Hon. Secretary	- Jan Wilson
Hon. Treasurer	- Julia Pew
Exhibition Secretary	- Deborah Masters
Publicity Officer	- Zsuzsanna Pataki
Programme Organiser	- Paul Stringfellow
Membership secretary	- Paul stringfellow

They were all re-elected unopposed.

There were no new nominations.

## **AOB**

The Exhibitions Secretary asked members to distribute flyers for the forth-coming Ripley exhibition for which there has been a good response. She will soon be publicising details of other exhibitions.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE PAT TUCKER CUP.**

This was awarded jointly to Maggie Ward and Jan Wilson in recognition of their hard work over the last year.