

WOODBIDGE ART CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 31st March 2011

→ Treasurer Apologies: Liz Henderson, Margaret Blackall, Hazel Murray → events

Minutes of the last meeting on 20th January 2011 were approved.

Matters Arising

1. The ongoing problem of damp in the gallery is being looked at by Bill Lloyd. He is also prepared to make good and paint the walls where necessary.

Membership Secretary's Report

1. Margaret Blackall reported that there are currently 119 paid up members plus honorary members and 7 associate members. She has received 7 application forms for new membership this year. 8 or 9 members are not renewing their membership or have sadly died.

Treasurer's Report

1. There was no treasurer's report but Nigel Shooter reported that the Woodbridge Town Council Insurance Schedule has been sent to the Club and will be passed on to Liz Henderson to deal with.

Chairman's Report

1. Nigel reported that Judy Mattin, Barbara Ray and Pauline Kensett have sorted out the storeroom. The Committee would like to thank them on behalf of all Club Members for their hard work. Judy Mattin has suggested that various accrued art materials should be used on evening events, such as still life, or for Cub and Scout nights and should be kept in a box for that purpose. It was also suggested that members might use these materials in order to experiment with new mediums. The Committee agreed on these points.
2. The suggestion of an overhead camera, screen and possibly a microphone mentioned at the AGM was discussed. Committee members will find out the cost of these items and report back.
3. Carol King will be singing at a forthcoming event to raise money for the Wolverstone Wing at Heath Road Hospital. The Club will offer raffle prizes in order to raise money and support the event.
4. Nigel asked that a letter of thanks be sent to all retiring Committee members. Judy Clements to arrange.
5. The problem of overcrowding at popular Wednesday demos and talks due to Members bringing extra visitors along was discussed. It was suggested that when top quality artists or speakers were attending the evening should be limited to members only. At other events where non-members attend a small charge should be made. The sum of £2 was suggested.
6. Nigel mentioned the topics for discussion at the Open Forum night on 6th April. Firstly, the purpose of the refurbishment fund must be explained to Members. The fund is to cover a better and more efficient heating system and

proposed better insulation to the Club structure. Damp in the gallery, ongoing roof repairs, the possibility of improvement to lighting in the gallery and more natural lighting, as well as the overhead projector with screen and microphone are all necessary expenditures to come from the fund. However, the bulk of the money will go to extending the potters' facilities. Nigel will produce copies of plans for the extension for members to look at.

7. Nigel suggested that the Club hold a Preview Night on 21st April at the start of the Easter/Summer Exhibition. It was agreed that Judy would send out invitations to The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, Peter Williams, Don Tucker, David Houchell and Friends of the Tide Mill.

Programme Secretaries' Reports

1. Brian Hunt reported that he will be soon drawing up the next six month's programme and needed to know the dates of fixed Club events such as BBQ, Christmas carols etc. These dates were agreed with Brian.

Classes Secretaries' Reports

1. Val Clarke reported that she had experienced problems meeting the leader of the Sea Scouts so a date for them to work on their art badges still had not been arranged.
2. She re-iterated the problems with classes as discussed at the AGM and confirmed that she would be holding classes only with 'In House' artists until the uptake improves after which the situation will be reviewed. 'In House' artists will be paid for their time so their will be a charge to Members for those classes.
3. Val suggested that in order to bring unity between potters and artists once every quarter there might be a day when artists could have use of the wheel, kiln etc. under the tuition of potters. Michelle Parsons to talk to the potters about this.

Lace Makers' Report

1. Sheila Mayston reported that lace will only be exhibited during July, August, September and November as supplies of lace are running short.
2. She reported that some Members Greetings Cards on display were far too large to fit the stand. It was agreed that there is to be a standard size and that members must keep to that.

Events

Nothing to report.

Stationery

1. Pauline Kensett reported that the Club has been bequeathed many new Art books from the late Maurice Bush which she has incorporated into the Library. Much of the art materials etc. that were bequeathed to the Club by Maurice's

family were sold at the AGM. In total the sum raised on that night was £189.50 pence - £50 of which will be sent as a donation to the hospice.

2. Amongst a selection of Maurice's paintings and prints is a vignette of Woodbridge and it was suggested that copies of this be printed and sold with the stationery in the same way as the Woodbridge Map. The Committee agreed. Pauline to arrange printing.

Gardens

1. Barbara reported that she is concerned that there is too much pottery appearing in the back garden. Michelle Parsons will talk to the potters about this.
2. Barbara also reported that she might need an assistant as she will be away for much of the summer, when the weeds are growing. It was felt that Members could assist by pulling out odd weeds when on duty and things were quiet or at other times when they had a few spare minutes.

Publicity

1. Bryan King reported that they have agreed four more dates for painting classes at Grove Court. He would be very grateful for any volunteers to help with these classes.
2. He is going ahead with publicity for the forthcoming exhibition and has already put dates into the free papers etc. and is making posters to announce the event.

Secretary's Report

1. Judy Clements reported that she has received forms from Woodbridge in Bloom for the Club's contribution for 2011. The Committee agreed to sponsor one basket at a cost of £45. Judy to pass the details to Liz Henderson for payment.

Any Other Business

None

The next meeting to be held on 12th May 2011 at 7.30pm