

FYLDE DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Wednesday 7 November 2013.

MINUTES.

1. Welcome.

The President, Jo Darbyshire, welcomed everyone to the 4th AGM.

She praised the good record of Fylde DFAS since its inauguration in 2009. Since then a lot has happened and the local community has taken a considerable step forward in its appreciation and knowledge of the arts and in its involvement in events.

Due to the Constitution the terms of office of a number of Committee Members had come to an end and she thanked them and particularly the Chair for her inspired leadership and commitment. She expressed confidence in the new Committee. Members applauded.

2. Introduction by the Chair.

Quoracy was noted.

The Chair, attending her last meeting before finishing her term of office, referred to the beginning of the Society, "*the product of creative & progressive thinking*" in October 2008. A Steering Committee of eight had found the venue for lectures and, with no funding, had arranged Coffee Mornings in their homes to recruit members. She thanked all the Committee & co-opted members and the volunteers for their commitment and work throughout. Referring to the retiring Committee members she thanked the Treasurer for his excellent work in managing the finances, considerably more complex than five years ago and also Gerry Corless for his role in events and in Risk Management describing the Society's policies as very robust.

Emphasising that the members are key to a successful and growing society she referred to the three Volunteering Arms and the imminent completion of the first church record, the many successful art exhibitions/projects for Young Arts and the successful bid for Heritage Lottery Funding to enable the project with Lytham St. Annes Art Collection to take place.

She then thanked the President for her advice and participation before finishing by expressing confidence in the new Chair, Marie Riley and the new Committee.

3. Apologies.

M Brooks, G. Corless, S Dickinson, P Swindells, A Townsend, S Walker, E Wolstencroft

4. Minutes of the AGM, 2 May 2012. [previously circulated]

The Minutes, proposed by Geoff Tolson and seconded by Anne Bullick, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. Committee's Report for the period 1 January 2012---31 July 2013 [circulated at the meeting]

The Report was introduced by the Chair, proposed by the President and seconded by Olga Depledge. The members accepted the Report.

6. Accounts for the 19 months to 31 July 2013. [circulated at the meeting]

The Treasurer presented a summary of the Financial Report, advising the members that the full Report was available on request. He explained that the expenditure was in line with the budget and the most expensive item purchased was the sound system which had benefitted the Society a great deal. The reserves were comfortable whilst not excessive.

The Independent Financial Examiner, Ron Marshall, had signed off the accounts. The Report, proposed by the Chair and seconded by Kate Cartmell was adopted by the members.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members.

Elections were conducted by the President. There were no contested elections and Rita Calvert, Pauline Hamilton and Jean Holland were welcomed as new Committee Members.

[*not present]

<u>Role</u>	<u>Nominee</u>		<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chair	Marie Riley	Elected to new role	Hilary Alcock	Pam Foster
Vice-Chair	Kate Cartmell	Elected to new role	Hilary Alcock	Marie Riey
Secretary	Marion Nuttall	Re-elected	Olga Depledge	John Parkinson
Treasurer	Jean Holland	Elected	John Parkinson	Marion Nuttall
Committee Members	Rita Calvert	Elected	Olga Depledge	Pam Foster
	Christine Cockburn	Re-elected	Barbra Cropper	Pauline Hamilton
	Olga Depledge	Re-elected	Barbra Cropper	Gerry Corless*
	Pam Foster	Re-elected	Olga Depledge	Elaine Wolstencroft*
	Pauline Hamilton	Elected	Barbra Cropper	Diana Wilson
	Elaine Wolstencroft*	Re-elected	Barbra Cropper	Jean Holland

Noted that there were two vacancies on the Committee and it would be seeking to co-opt in the coming year.

8. Election of Independent Financial Examiner.

The President on behalf of the Treasurer and other Committee Members thanked Ron Marshall for all his work and advice over the past four years. She proposed John Parkinson as the new Independent Financial Examiner. The proposal was seconded by Allan Foster and agreed by the members.

9. Date of next meeting. To be confirmed

The President closed the formal meeting by thanking retiring Officers—Hilary Alcock [Chair] and John Parkinson [Treasurer] and Committee Member Gerry Corless and wished the new Chair and Committee a successful year.

Marion Nuttall [Secretary]

14.11.13

Informal Meeting:

Members were invited to ask questions/comment.

Only one question was asked---the % increase in hiring room was very high compared to the % increase in overall expenditure for the period. This was due to an increase in fees and also to the hiring of an additional room for lecture meetings.

Signature of Chair _____ Date _____

[Marie Riley]