

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2021

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Apologies had been received from the President, Hugh Ellwood. Former President, Jo Darbyshire kindly stepped in to conduct the AGM. She welcomed everyone in the theatre and those joining via Zoom, to the 12th AGM. She congratulated the members for continuing to support the Society through the various lockdowns and the Lowther staff and volunteers for their thorough work and commitment in complying with all the rules and regulations around opening the theatre for live lectures. A quorum was noted and the meeting was declared open.

2. Apologies

Hugh Ellwood, Lesly Peabody Brewer, Margaret Carnegie.

3. Minutes of the AGM, 4th November 2020 [available on the website and by post to those members without email].

The Minutes, proposed by Rita Calvert and seconded by Margaret Carnegie were accepted by the members.

4. Annual Report and Treasurer's Report, presented by Chair, Nigel Bramley-Haworth [available as before].

The Chair thanked the committee, who have worked continuously throughout the Covid pandemic, with monthly meetings via Zoom, for their Annual Report, and Rowland Darbyshire for the Treasurer's Report. He gave a special mention to Tony Depledge for the tremendous work he did bringing zoomed lectures to our members. He thanked the Lowther management, staff and the Friends of The Lowther for creating as-safe-possible environment for live lectures when these were allowed. Fylde was one of the very few societies who held live lectures. He thanked Pam Foster for keeping members informed

via Mailchimp and on the website, of forthcoming lectures, coffee mornings via Zoom and for producing the Society's magazines *In the Picture* [available on the website].

No questions had been received prior to the AGM regarding the two reports.

The Chair proposed the members accept the two reports, this was seconded by Jean Holland. The members indicated their approval by a show of hands. He invited any members with questions arising from the AGM to contact him, any relevant queries/answers would be published on the website.

5. Election of President

The Chair was pleased to propose Mr. Hugh Ellwood as president and this was seconded by Christina McHugh. The Chair thanked Mr. Ellwood, in his absence, for his longstanding commitment and support to the Society and in particular the committee.

6. Election of 2 vacancies to the Executive Committee [names published on the website and on the pp at the AGM].

Jo Darbyshire explained that, to allow for consistency on the committee during this difficult time, only the two vacancies were advertised; the Vice Chair, and the Events Co-ordinator. The remaining committee were still within their terms of office. She thanked Jean Holland for her year as Vice Chair and John Driffill for his work as membership Secretary. She then read out the names of the committee and wished them every success in the coming year.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER & COMMITTEE MEMBER AGM NOVEMBER 2021

[Officers must have been members of the Society for at least 2 years.]

	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Vice Chair	Christina McHugh	Kirsteen McGlashan- Hansen	Denise Fagge
Events Coordinator	Jean Holland	Sandra Garratt	Pat Corless

RETURNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Nigel Bramley- Howarth		
Treasurer	Rowland Darbyshire		
Programme Secretary	Denise Malpas		
Communications Officer	Pam Foster		
Minuting Secretary	Christine Marshall	Co-opted April 2021	
Membership Secretary	Lesley Peabody Brewer	Co-opted June 2021	

7. Election of Independent Financial Examiner

Jo Darbyshire, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Jeremy Stirrup for signing off the accounts and proposed him for 2021/2022; Pauline Hamilton seconded the proposal. Mrs Darbyshire also thanked John Parkinson, who has moved on to become the National Treasurer for The Arts Society, for all his help and advice with the accounts over many years. The Chair presented Mr Parkinson with a small gift in appreciation for his valuable help to Rowland Darbyshire during the year.

8. The Chair thanked Mrs. Darbyshire for stepping in for Hugh Ellwood to conduct the elections.

He announced the date of the next AGM; 2nd November, 2022. There being no other business he declared the meeting closed.

Signed: _____ Nigel Bramley-Haworth, Chair.

Date: _____

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