

The Arts Society Wilmslow

Annual General Meeting – conducted virtually before and on Tuesday 8 June 2021

AGENDA

Explanatory Note:

Because of Covid restrictions the committee has decided to hold the AGM virtually. Members are invited to approve the four resolutions below, each of which is proposed by Caroline Morgan (Vice President) and seconded by Ian Black. If there is any objection will the member/s concerned please contact the Secretary (Martin Sinker, m.sinker@talktalk.net 01625 582253); if in the view of the Chairman the number or character of objection/s merits a ballot such will be organised. Any objection must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 1 June. In the absence of objection consent to the resolutions will be presumed.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 sent herewith, no AGM being held in 2020 because of Covid. Adoption of minutes proposed by Caroline Morgan and seconded by Ian Black.
2. Approval of the audited accounts as set out in the Treasurer's Report sent herewith. Proposed by Caroline Morgan and seconded by Ian Black.
3. Re-election of Officers willing to serve 2021/2022 as below and all proposed by Caroline Morgan and seconded by Ian Black:
 - a. Chairman – Martin Steiger;
 - b. Treasurer – George Robinson;
 - c. Secretary – Martin Sinker;
 - d. Membership Secretary – Pat Mullineux;
 - e. Lecture Programme – Chris Tonge;
 - f. Visits and Events - Lorraine Smith and William Hartley;
 - g. Christmas Lunch Organiser – Jacqueline Wilkinson.
4. Election of Graham Nicholson as Vice-Chairman proposed by Caroline Morgan and seconded by Ian Black.

Martin Sinker

Secretary

(MTS 9 May 21)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a crazy 15 months we have endured since we were all together enjoying our customary excellent lecture, a tippie and convivial chitchat with friends.

With the majority of us having had our double dose of vaccine we had hoped again to be conducting our AGM in person, back at the Parish Hall. That is not possible. But with the wonders of technology, we are able to find pleasure in our scheduled lecture. It has been technology and our Committee's successful mastery of Zoom that has ensured the mundane background business that keeps our branch of the Arts Society viable has continued seamlessly.

I have been very impressed by the way all the committee members have pulled together to keep us in touch with them and each other, with quizzes, poems, emails, and of course the lectures. I know it hasn't been straight forward but you won't have been aware of any difficulties. They have coped magnificently and we should all congratulate them for their skills, perseverance and fortitude. Excellent qualities to have in committee members. We owe them our support in the coming year.

I look forward to seeing you all again face to face and welcoming you and your friends back to the Parish Hall in the Autumn, for live lectures, a tippie and of course good chat.

Elizabeth Black

President

**THE ARTS SOCIETY WILMSLOW
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 7.00pm, Wilmslow Parish Hall, SK9 4AA

1. **The President**, Donald McLeod, welcomed 76 members present at the 29th AGM of the Society.

2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from John Bowden, Jo and Philip Craven, William Hartley and Stephen Swinfin.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 were accepted unanimously by a show of hands and there were no questions arising.

Proposer: Liz Black, **Seconder:** Caroline Morgan.

4. **Chairman's Report:** Martin Steiger's report had been circulated to members previously together with the agenda for the meeting. The report was accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

Proposer: Liz Farnworth, **Seconder:** Ian Black.

The Chairman also mentioned the resignation of Penny Welch through ill-health, and her generous donation of £100.

5. **Financial Report:** The Treasurer, George Robinson, displayed the year end income and expenditure account from 29th May 2018 to 28th May 2019 (which had been approved by Stephen Swinfin, past Treasurer, there being no External Examiner) on the projector screen. This year there was a deficit of £1396.42. There had been substantial spending on Young Arts, largely approved by the committee. The apparent increase in spending on wine was a timing issue as a bill from the previous year had been settled in the year accounted for. The report was approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Proposer: Richard Holman, **Seconder** Jacquie Wilkinson.

6. **Appointment of Accounts Examiner for the financial year 2019-20.** The post remained vacant, a problem which the committee would address.

7. Election and re-election of Officers and Committee, conducted by the President, Donald McLeod. Chairman – Martin Steiger - **Proposer:** Patricia McCleod, **Second:** Bernard Spilsbury. **En Bloc:** Treasurer – George Robinson, Secretary – Martin Sinker, Membership Secretary – Pat Mullineux, Lecture Programme – John Bowden, Visits and Events – Lorraine Smith and William Hartley, Christmas Lunch – Jacquie Wilkinson, Young Arts – Leonie Jones, Committee Member – Chris Tonge - **Proposer:** Patricia McLeod, **Second:** Liz Black.

Appointments to the Committee 2019-20

Projectionist: Ian Black

Wine Co-ordinators: Vivienne and Duncan Marr

Tour organiser: Stephen Swinfin

Webmaster: Jean and Keith Wright

Publicity: (vacant)

Donald McLeod thanked Caroline Morgan, who was stepping down as a committee member; flowers were presented.

8. Any Other Business

The President drew the meeting's attention to several vacancies, notably the Accounts Examiner and Publicity Officer, also the long-unfilled post of Vice-Chairman, and asked for volunteers to make themselves known. He also announced that he was standing down as President after some thirty years of involvement with NAFAS/TASW, filling almost every role from projectionist onwards.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm and the lecture followed as usual at 7.30pm

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. The past year and a half have seen an unprecedented disruption to normal life thanks to the Covid 19 pandemic; we have all had to get used to staying at home, avoiding social contacts and being deprived of the ordinary comforts of a country at peace. Our last live lecture (on the subject of Raphael) was on 10 March 2020, some fifteen months ago. Since then we have only held four Zoom lectures, following up the most recent on 13 April with a coffee morning. Our planned five-day tour of the North East was cancelled twice and there have been no study days or outings as in normal times. The 2020 AGM was cancelled and we decided to ask for no subscription for 2020/2021, conscious of the very limited events we would be able to stage.
2. Whereas for live lectures at Wilmslow Parish Hall we usually attract audiences of around 100 and sometimes close to its maximum capacity of 150, the attendance via Zoom has been about 50 at most although numbers have increased as people get more familiar with the technique. Although many of us have encountered "Zoom fatigue" it will, I think, be an enduring way of reaching lecturers at a distance as well as reassurance for those members who still feel uneasy when the time comes for live lectures to resume; we are not expecting this to be before September at the earliest.
3. We have decided to levy a much lower subscription for the year 2021/2022 than was originally envisaged – instead of £42 it will be £25 which the committee hope you will think good value for money. There will be a full programme of monthly lectures from September onwards whether by Zoom or a hybrid version with limited numbers and perhaps the lecturer physically present in the Hall. I urge you to renew your membership and encourage friends to join us since our talks are of high quality along with the socialising over a glass of wine that takes place afterwards.
4. You will see from the agenda that this year's AGM is being dealt with by e-mail and we hope there is nothing controversial. All of the committee are standing for re-election and I am delighted that Graham Nicholson has agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman. We do, though have vacancies for helpers with Arts Volunteering (formerly Young Arts) and tour organisers so please get in touch if you might be able to help. Equally, we are always on the lookout for new committee members who might bring new ideas and skills to our efforts on your behalf.
5. I should like to thank all of the committee for their continued support over the difficult times of the last year and I very much hope we can all get together soon for a proper party. We are looking at the possibility of an autumn barbecue and the Christmas Lunch at Alderley Edge Hotel on Wednesday 8 December is a definite fixture to look forward to!

Martin Steiger
Chairman
9 May 2021

THE ARTS SOCIETY WILMSLOW

	<u>YEAR TO 31.03.21</u>	<u>10 MONTHS TO 31.03.2020</u>
<u>Income</u>		
<u>Membership Fees</u>		<u>£9,118.00</u>
<u>Invited Guest Fees</u>		<u>£304.00</u>
<u>NADFAS Refunds: Travel/Gift Aid</u>		
<u>Anniversary & Other Meals</u>		
<u>Sale of books</u>		
<u>Receipts: Events and Study Days</u>		<u>£3,540.00</u>
<u>Raffle income - net of prizes costs</u>		<u>£464.85</u>
<u>Donation</u>		<u>£100.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£13,526.85</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>Lecturers' Fees and Expenses</u>	<u>£537.50</u>	<u>3,636.75</u>
<u>Hire of Hall</u>	<u>£700.00</u>	
<u>NADFAS Fees & Insurance</u>	<u>£1,446.28</u>	<u>£3,401.40</u>
<u>Training Fees/Travel Expenses</u>		
<u>Printing & Stationery</u>	<u>£139.35</u>	<u>£427.44</u>
<u>Secretarial</u>		
<u>Cost of Wine</u>		<u>£368.32</u>
<u>Cost of Events and Study Days</u>		<u>£3,431.99</u>
<u>Anniversary & Other Meals</u>		
<u>IT Equipment</u>		
<u>Young Arts</u>		
<u>Other</u>		
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£2,823.13</u>	<u>£11,265.90</u>
<u>Surplus/shortfall for Year</u>	<u>-£2,823.13</u>	<u>£2,260.95</u>
<u>Bank Balance from previous year</u>	<u>£10,613.66</u>	<u>£8,352.71</u>
<u>Accumulated Surplus to date</u>	<u>£7,790.53</u>	<u>£10,613.66</u>
<u>Pat Fay Fund</u>	<u>£6,000.00</u>	<u>£6,000.00</u>
<u>Bank account</u>	<u>£1,790.53</u>	<u>£4,613.66</u>
<u>Cash Balance</u>	<u>£7,790.53</u>	<u>£10,613.66</u>

<u>Bank account</u>	<u>£1,590.53</u>	<u>£4,573.66</u>
<u>Add back deposit paid for Christmas lunch</u>	<u>£200.00</u>	<u>£200.00</u>
<u>Less cheques outstanding</u>		<u>£160.00</u>
	<u>£1,790.53</u>	<u>£4,613.66</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 2021

What a different year for us all.

Since lockdown was first imposed, we have not been able to meet, enjoy live lectures or even a glass of wine afterwards. Because of this your committee decided not to ask for membership fees last March. As a result, you will see we show no income but some £2800 of expenditure. Where has that gone is the obvious question.

First and foremost, £1,446 being HALF of our annual affiliation fee to The Arts Society. You will recall the fee pays, among other things, for our quarterly magazine as well as insurance cover for all the events we, usually, hold.

We also owed £700 for the hire of the hall. Normally we pay on an annual basis but when our live lectures stopped, we were seven hires in arrears.

Website maintenance, some expenses relating to the previous year and zoom lecture fees make up the balance.

At the end of March our reserves stood at £7,790 BUT we have since spent £144 on a Zoom licence and £690 on Zoom lectures. In addition, we still owe £1300 for Affiliation fees 2021 so that when we are paid up to date, our reserves will reduce to just over £5600 – from £10,600 pre COVID.

Your committee is asking for a reduced subscription of £25 this year in the absence of meetings until the way out of the pandemic is much clearer. This will cover the affiliation fee which will be due again in January 2022. Your continued support of your Society is very much appreciated.

George
Robinson
Treasurer