WOODBRIDGE ART CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Thursday 5th January 2012

Apologies: Margaret Blackall, Nina Nielsen

Matters Arising

1. Nigel Shooter reported that he was going to purchase the camera on 6th January and asked for a volunteer to buy 2 flat screen 32" televisions and the necessary brackets to mount them. Judy Clements offered to do this.
2. Nigel confirmed that the quotation for building works to the gallery will be presented at the AGM for approval by Club members.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by the Committee.

Chairman's Report

1. Nigel reported that the BBC quotation for building works that will be presented at the AGM is still valid though may have to be revisited before works commence.
2. Brian Hunt is to liaise with Tide Mill representatives in order to work within the terms of the lottery funding. Discussions have already taken place and dates of July 7th/8th as well as July 21st/22nd have been suggested for an artist in residence at the Tide Mill. It has also been suggested that an exhibition of paintings with a maritime theme be held between 12th and 26th June. The Tide Mill has its own display boards. There are to be further discussions regarding the hanging of members' paintings, though this will always be done through the Art Club.

Treasurer's Report

1. Liz Henderson reported that the negotiations with EON have made a vast difference to Club finances. At the start of 2011 the direct debit for electricity stood at £187. In September this fell to £111 and in December to £78, making a large saving to the Club.
2. Heather Johnson has sourced a new package to use when she takes over the job of Treasurer. As the Club's financial year ends on 31st January 2012 Liz suggested that she then hands everything to the accountant for audit and Heather takes over as treasurer from 1st February 2012. It was agreed to co-opt Heather on to the Committee until she is voted in as Treasurer at the AGM. This was proposed by Rosemary Judge and seconded by Brian Hunt.
3. The question of raising membership fees was then discussed. It was agreed that the fees be raised to £42.50 for 2012/13 in order to keep pace with the Club's annual running costs. The joining fee with remain at half the annual fee.

Programme Secretary's Report

Brian Hunt reminded Nigel that he needs to organise the Chairman's competition for February 8th.

Classes Secretary's Report

Val Clark and Rosemary Judge reported that they had been asked by Club members to organise a workshop by Mary Spicer. The cost would be £180 for the day. This would be stepping out of the current format of workshops only by Club members. However, it was felt that we should see how popular a workshop by an outside artist would be. Val and Rosemary to go ahead and organise.

Secretary's Report

Judy Clements reported that she was preparing the documents to notify members of the forthcoming AGM and that the form for renewal of membership was to be changed. The Committee agreed the amendments suggested by Margaret Blackall, membership secretary.

Publicity

Bryan Hunt reported that he and Nigel would continue with classes at Grove Court.

Events

1. Hazel Murray reported that everything was in hand for the New Year party on 25th January. An entertainer has been booked for the evening. Hazel to put up a poster to promote the event and ascertain the amount of interest.
2. Hazel suggested that a soup lunch be held sometime in the near future. A poster is to be put up to see how much interest there would be from Club members.
3. Hazel asked whether the Club would be putting on a special event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The Committee agreed that it is more than happy for something to be done to mark the occasion but felt that, as there are already many extra events taking place during the summer which need coordinating by Committee members, it needs Club members to make suggestions for activities and to be prepared to take part in their organisation.

Any Other Business

1. Rosemary Judge reported that she has been asked by Club members to raise the question of sales of unframed, mounted paintings at exhibitions. This has been discussed previously with some Committee members being unsure of the merit in undertaking this. However, it was suggested that we try selling unframed, mounted paintings at either the Regatta or Maritime exhibitions in order to determine the response.

2. Rosemary Judge offered to make new cushions for the gallery when the building work is completed, suggesting that perhaps Club members could bring pieces of suitable material for her to work with. Barbara Ray offered to help Rosemary with this.
3. Judy Clements reported that there is possibly money available for grants from the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Lottery Grant. This to be discussed in more detail with the new chairman after the AGM.

Date of the next meeting to be 23rd February 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm