

Minutes of the AGM of the Chandos Society held at 12noon.on Saturday 8th May 2021 via ZOOM

Present:

Ken Church (Chair), Jackie Curtis (Treasurer), Jonet Middleton (Exhibition Sec.), Sarah Darke (Membership Sec.), Rob Shuttleworth, Annette Rigler, Catherine Sakuri, Hiroyuki Sakuri, Louise Davies, Anne Farmer, Richard Field.

Apologies: Rachel Baker

Minutes of the AGM of the Chandos Society held at 7 p.m. via ZOOM online meeting on Wednesday 29 April 2020

It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the proceedings and they were duly passed (to be signed later)

Matters arising

It was pointed out that the subs discount referred to in the above Minutes did not materialise as extra money was spent on doubling up the OnLine Challenge prizes, extra expenses for the website and more advertising on Facebook which currently has 177 followers.

Treasurers Report

The accounts were shown via Zoom to attendees. The Treasurer reported that there was not a huge amount of financial activity throughout the year. Main income was membership fees which were slightly down from the previous year.

The main expenditures were admin, prizes and website. Insurance was another cost, which in hindsight, we did not really need. The charge was also higher due to 3D work being added to the schedule.

The loss for the year was £129, which in reality was pretty good going. The closing balance was just shy of £2000 with which was money earmarked for the Jean Rees Memorial Fund and the John Allan Award.

Ken Church and Sarah Darke had examined the accounts in line with the requirements of the Constitution.

Exhibition Secretary's Report

Nothing to report due to the Covid pandemic but we are now back with this year's Summer Exhibition in June in Bridgwater Arts Centre.

We are not sure about the return of volunteers at the art centre but Jonet was happy to steward the exhibition some of the time. Jonet to speak to the art centre about stewarding but it might mean that the exhibition may not be open very much.

Membership Secretary's Report

It was nice to see that we had some new members . Given the circumstances it is remarkable that we have retained many members too.

Chairman's Review

What can one say about 2020? We got the opportunity to present only one live event, Forum—Selling Your Work. That was well attended and a lot of good advice was taken away by members and visitors. Jackie Curtis was able to give a Print Making class as part of Bridgwater Arts Centre's Family Exhibition and that was it!

2020 was also the year of ZOOM but unfortunately many members were unable or reluctant to try it, sadly they missed some interesting conversations.

Our art kept us busy when we found ourselves locked up and isolated but thanks to the wonders of the internet we were not invisible. We were not deterred by being in lockdown and hosted an art demo online with Mark Warner, created our first online Spring Exhibition and hosted 'Coffee Morning Chats'. We also doubled up on the OnLine Challenge which always produces outstanding work.

The Members' Galleries was taken up by more members as an opportunity to showcase their work and hopefully make some sales. Plans are going ahead to promote these pages to a wider audience.

Looking ahead we are optimistic that our plans for 2021, our 60th anniversary year, will be supported by all. Your committee rewrote the programme twice, all being well what we have published will all come to pass!

The next event is the Summer Exhibition. It will be our first public exhibition since 2019.

Thanks to Rob and Anne for responding to my appeal for volunteers but make no mistake, without more committee members your society is in real danger of closing.

If you can spare a few hours a year please step forward and help continue our long history of promoting the practice and appreciation of the visual arts.

Election to the Committee

The following members were voted onto the Committee to serve for the following year:

Rob Shuttleworth, Anne Farmer, Jonet Middleton, Sarah Darke, Jackie Curtis, Ken Church

Ken Church emphasised the need for help outside of being a committee member. For example, our 60th Anniversary party needs ideas and for someone to drive the planning of the event. Likewise the Society's archive materials could be offered to the Blake Museum but first it need to be catalogued. It is these little, non-urgent jobs that an individual member could do.

Louise, Annette and Caroline offered to volunteer for tasks but could not commit to committee meetings.

Ken to liaise with Louise and Annette on particular tasks.

AOB

Jonet gave a vote of thanks for Ken Church for his enthusiasm and new ideas that have kept the Society going.

Jackie Curtis proposed that Ken Church be made an Honorary Member, seconded by Jonet Middleton and carried.

Hiroyaki was thanked for his current work on a poster design.

The next Committee Meeting (ZOOM online) to be held at **7pm on Thursday 20th May**.