

HEXHAM ART CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

VENUE: Phil's House, Acomb

DATE: MONDAY 17TH JUNE

TIME: 11am

Present: Phil, Laurence, Andy, Anne, Jan, Lesley, Ian and Pat

There were no apologies

PROGRAMME UPDATE (Laurence)

3 additional tutored sessions have been arranged. Laurence will invite members to a plein air session at her home/farm on 16th July. She will cancel the Community Centre on that day so that it is closed to members.

Phil thanked Laurence for her very generous offer.

A further plein air session will be arranged for August hopefully at Bradley Gardens. Laurence will check this is possible.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (JAN)

The membership is in a healthy state with 43 paid up members and 2 others planning to attend a taster session.

Jan also commented that the transition to the new annual fee had gone smoothly.

FINANCE (ANNE)

Anne reported that so far this year we are within budget. Membership fees bring in £3486. We have paid £708 for room hire and £120 for one tutor. The bank balance stands at £5709

There was a discussion about fundraising in response to Phil raising the question of student sponsorship. A number of ideas were suggested including a raffle, auction of work, studio sale and request for voluntary contributions. **This will be explored further and committee members were asked to reflect on these ideas before the next meeting.**

WEBSITE (LESLEY)

Lesley had recently uploaded some of Joan's paintings.

She will liaise with Laurence so the programme can be updated on the website.

She will also remove the work belonging to people who have left the group.

There was a discussion about the sale of work through the website and it was agreed that if there was any interest then contact with the artist would be via the art club which would take a 10% commission.

Lesley will also create a members section to allow access to minutes and policy documents.

EXHIBITIONS (ANNE & ANDY)

The Newbrough Exhibition was a success with 30 paintings sold for a total of £2330 and greetings cards for £286. Footfall was similar to last Easter's exhibition. The preview evening attracted 50+ visitors who spent £900 on the night.

Anne allocated 25% of the capital cost of lighting and banners £90 and £30 respectively (writing off over 4 years) and have a profit of £43.10

The group agreed that preview evenings should precede future exhibitions where possible.

There will be an exhibition in Hexham library in September although there is no fixed date as yet. Anne and Andy will visit to view the space.

Anne and Lesley will liaise to create a generic email for Zettle sales. The committee agreed that Anne could purchase a new printer dock so that receipts could be given. After a discussion it was agreed that Anne could set a size restriction on entries for the next exhibition at the Old Gaol.

Phil thanked Andy and particularly Anne for the work they put into exhibitions and for Anne's excellent management of finances which ensures we are not running them at a loss.

AGM MATTERS ARISING

Phil has not made any progress appointing a Publicity Lead and Event Organiser. David Penn is doing a lot but does not want a specific role. Phil is happy to organise something for the Christmas social on an ad hoc basis. This will be on 17th December

A.O.B.

Ian commented that there had been no vocal dissent to the new membership fee. Anne asked whether the £125 she spent on posters was worth it. After a discussion it was agreed that banners are hugely effective. Anne will purchase one for the next Newbrough exhibition.

The logo needs to be square (for links on the website) and easy to see. Anne will ask Edmund who is a graphic designer to revamp an old logo which features Hexham Abbey.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm