

Market Harborough Art Club

AGM Meeting Minutes

April 7th 2025, 7:30pm, Youth Wing Harborough Methodist Church

Members Present: Michael Edwards, David Simons, Sally Struskowski, Lynda Talbott, Allie Whelan, Val Bailey, Archie McDougall, Charmaine Newmarch, Suzette Ball, Andy Ground, Kate Lee, Helen Frost, Cornelia Wontner, Jessica Edwards, Alison Pells, Bernadette Pellow-Jarman.

Apologies: Frank Bingley

Mins of AGM 8th April 2024 - AW and ME accepted the mins from last AGM

Chairmans Report;ME thanked SS, LT and AWand AM for their reports and efforts through the year. Special thanks also to Frank who continues to support the club so well.

ME welcomed our new members and asked for ideas please from all members looking ahead to the 2026 programme. Michael noted the club's increased membership, especially so many younger members when other clubs are struggling to recruit. ME is excited about the year's programme ahead and hope it have something for everyone...

Financial Report;SS presented 2024 / 25 financial report and handed out copies for all present, including the previous yr for comparison. We now have a membership of 41. The year's income is approx. £100 up on last year, but our room hire has increased by £2.40 per month and bank charges have also increased (SS detailed this on the back of the balance sheet) so we will need this extra income. The club has a healthy balance of £2992.67 in the bank, and some petty cash in addition.

Our annual Exhibition brought in £427.19 profit this yr; down by approx. £20 on last yr due to less artworks selling, and higher room rental. Sally suggested an additional donation box at the refreshments bar might earn us a little extra £.

As always, the club relies heavily on continued membership and participation in the annual exhibition.

Report accepted by Kate Lee, Cornelia, and Allie.

Exhibition Report;LT presented the Exhibition Report and it was accepted.

Lynda expressed thanks to the committee for hanging the exhibition, manning the door and selling catalogues, and for all the hard work in the kitchen. All cake donations were greatly appreciated.

The exhibition made a profit of 427.19 last year which is a little down on the previous year.

It was very busy on the Saturday, but much quieter on the Sunday when more works sold. 4 Framed works sold, ii Unframed, 5 'Harborough for £20's, and 97 Greetings Cards. Lynda congratulated all who sold work.

Many thanks to Sally for all her hard work sorting out the finances after the exhibition!

We had a successful and profitable exhibition in 2024, and look forward to the same this year, which will be our 60th Exhibition (11th an 12th Oct)!! It's never too early to start, so Good luck and get painting!

Election of Officers;

All positions have time left in their term, but we have space for 3 more committee members should anyone choose to step up: Simone Apel expressed her interest and was voted in... Welcome Simone!!

AOB;

- Michael suggested that the word 'President' be removed from the club constitution as Frank Scott is no longer involved with this role. All agreed. ME to rework constitution.
- Frank proposed that the John Voss tankard should still be engraved ad presented to the winner of the Annual competition; committee agreed to carry this issue to the next meeting.

- Letter sent out to members re the refurb of the methodist church buildings. Anny suggestions in response to the letter to come to Allie ASAP please so she can send out in one hit. Many thanks.
- ME shared details of the 'upside down painting' eve planned for the May meeting. It's aim is to loosen up your mark making skills. Please bring watercolours and paper brushes etc...
- Archie asked if the mins of committee meetings should be shared with the membership. All agreed that they should. AW to send over mins from last meetings so they can be posted on the website.
- AW asked all for contribution to facebook challenge topics; group suggested Food, Clouds, Shoes and Clothing, Sports, Happiness, Peace, Gloomy, Hope, Painterly, Cubism, Adstract, Impressionism and Surrealism.

As all business had been successfully concluded the meeting ended.Thanks to all who attended.

Reminder of the next meeting; May 12thUpside down watercolour/acrylic painting.