

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

held at the Hove Club, 28 Fourth Avenue, Hove at 19:00 on Wednesday 12 April 2023

**Present:** 36 members including David Fisher (Chair) and Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (Honorary Treasurer) and eight guests

**Apologies for absence were received from** David Beevers, Angela Devas, Helen Faulkner, Sarah Gibbings, Roger Hinton, Suzanne Hinton, Sir Simon Jenkins, Sir John Kingman, Robert Nemeth, Chris and Ian Noonan, Sue Pigden, Clare Rogers, Kerry Underhill and Paul Zara.

### **1. Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting of the Society, held on 8 September 2022, were accepted as a true record.

### **2. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Annual report and accounts 2022**

The Chair introduced the AGM and reported on a successful year that started with the annual garden party at the Secret Garden in Kemp Town. The annual Anthony Dale Lecture in the Royal Pavilion Music Room was filled to capacity. The lecture season was well supported with high quality speakers. Work on the new website of the James Gray Collection has continued and is nearing completion.

Members have expressed their pleasure and enjoyment of the facilities of the new meeting venue The Hove Club and the Chair thanked the staff of the club for their arrangements.

Forty-five new members had joined since July 2022 to date but numbers were still not quite back to pre-pandemic levels. Catherine Page, Frances Lindsay-Hills and Desmond Lavery were welcomed as new Trustees. Angela Devas stood down from the committee and Roger Hinton has resigned as Honorary Secretary. On behalf of the Society the Chair expressed his thanks to Roger for all he has contributed to the orderly running and success of the Society as Chair and Honorary Secretary over the past 10 years.

The Honorary Treasurer introduced the annual accounts for year ending 31 December 2022, thanking members for continuing to pay their membership subscriptions. The accounts showed a surplus of £3,350 for the year. He explained that the accounts were roughly amortised by trustees over five years or so with the overall aim of current yearly income equalling expenditure, leaving investments to pay for major items. He noted that the Society had received a generous legacy of £4,000 from Alfred Thompsett. The Honorary Treasurer thanked Steve Pavey, our independent examiner, for his work on scrutinising the accounts.

The Chair asked members to receive the report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022. This was proposed by Helen Walker, seconded by Elaine Evans and agreed *nem con*.

### **3. Election of Trustees**

It was confirmed that trustees are elected for a period of three years and can stand again after this time. None of the four remaining elected trustees has reached the end of their tenure.

The Chair explained that the constitution was not clear on whether appointed trustees should stand for election at the AGM following their co-option. This will be clarified and amendments to the constitution presented to members at the next annual general meeting. Pending that, the three appointed trustees, Catherine Page, Desmond Lavery and Frances Lindsay-Hills were elected by a show of hands and will serve for three years. There will still be vacancies for up to seven more trustees and members were encouraged to put their names forward.

### **4. Other Business**

It was noted that the Society will hold its annual garden party on Saturday 10 June 2023 and the trustees look forward to welcoming members to the Secret Garden.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 19:25.

David Robson then presented the annual John Small Lecture, which, this year, was about the architects Amon Wilds, Amon Henry Wilds and Charles Busby, based on the 1954 dissertation by John Small during his architectural studies.

Signed as a true record

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