

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Fenland Visual Arts Collective held at The Honest John on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Rob Morris ~ Chairman, Marian Savill ~ Vice Chairman, Heather Kinnear ~ Treasurer, Katherine Nightingale ~ Fenland Arts Development, Yvonne Welsh, Ric Savage, Neil Blue, Malcolm Donald, Chris Ley, Keith Cheale, Carol McEwan..

Apologies for absence received from:- Jenny Furlong, Richard Allen, Eleanor Savill, Carol Oldfield, Angie Hill, Richard Hyams, Barry Coates.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed as a true record, Proposed Kath, seconded Ric.

Chairman's report as attached.

Treasurer's report as attached. Insurance was the same as last year as we kept the membership to under 100, Website is due for renewal. The accounts were accepted and signed by the Chairman as accurate, proposed Carol, seconded Kath.

Discussion on the Future of The Fenland Visual Arts Collective, Kath asked what needs to be done to generate more interest and asked where is The Fenland Visual Arts Collective going, what are the members getting out of it?

Ric talked about the original purpose of The Fenland Visual Arts Collective when it was formed, and some of the projects that were created. The group discussed ideas and suggested ways to promote The Fenland Visual Arts Collective and encourage active membership.

Rob asked if anyone present wanted to disband the collective and the group decided to continue for at least another year.

Election of Officers:-

Secretary ~ no one was nominated,

Chairman ~ Rob Morris proposed by Heather, seconded by Ric.

Vice Chairman ~ Chris Ley proposed by Carol, seconded by Kath

Treasurer ~ Heather Kinnear, proposed by Kath, seconded by Ric

Committee Members ~ Yvonne Welsh, proposed by Heather, seconded by Kath.

Carol McEwan ~ proposed by Ric, seconded by Kath

Members Open Forum, Carol asked what could be done regarding non collection of artwork, it was suggested a deadline be given as she has been holding some for several years now.

Ric proposed a vote of thanks to Marian for all her hard work as Vice Chairman and the group also thanked Jenny for her work on the committee.

After the meeting Marian Savill gave a very interesting talk on her new appointment as one of the Artists in Residence for Fenland Arts Association and her preparation for her solo exhibition at March Town Hall on 14 and 15th May 2011.

Date of next AGM Wednesday 25th April 2012, 7.30

Rob thanked Ric for his hospitality and the meeting closed at 9pm

Fenland Visual Arts Collective

This past year has been difficult for many organisations due in part to the financial crisis which has an effect of everyone and I do not see it improving in the near future. FenVAC, being a small collective, has not suffered as much as many as it does not rely on grants but it has affected it's members personally and more generally with people being less willing to spend money on art.

The committee has tried over the last year to put on events for artists to get together at as well as promoting venues where artists can display their work for sale including Pannini's and The Boathouse. In partnership with FAA we also put on an exhibition at March Town Hall which was a great success mainly due to our retiring Vice Chair, Marian. We are hoping to hold two more of these this year, again in partnership with FAA. The website and blog are a good way of putting out information and I would encourage members to make more use of it.

FenVAC is a group dedicated to promoting art and artists in the Fenland region however the response from most members is very poor, however much we ask what they would like the committee to arrange or help them with. This has led us to rethink if the members actually want FenVAC to continue. With that thought in mind I think it is only right to give notice that unless the support from members improves over the next year then we will look to wind up the collective at the next AGM.

I would like to thank the committee for all their help and support over the last year and make special mention of Marian and Jenny who are standing down from the committee.

Rob Morris (Chair)

Fenland Visual Arts Collective

Income/Expenditure for 01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010

Income

Grant from CTC	£125.00
Commission on Sales	26.50
Grant from Fenland Arts Ass	100.00
Total Income	<u>£251.50</u>

Expenditure

Venue Hire	£200.00
Insurance	98.00
Membership-Fenland Arts Ass.	12.00
Total Expenditure	<u>£310.00</u>
Profit/(Loss)	(£58.50)