

The Arts Society Nottingham
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Wednesday 9th June 2021
As a Zoom Webinar (due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Apologies had been received from 3 members. 100 members attended as participants. The Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary were panellists.

Minutes of the last annual meeting held on **12th June 2019** had been previously circulated and no amendments had been requested.

Matters Arising – none.

The Chair's Report

Ilanah Dance referred to her report which had been circulated to the members in May. Last year the membership fee had been waived because of the difficult circumstances and this had enabled us to retain over 500 members. She thanked the committee for their support and especially Adrian who had been treasurer and had managed the website and Mailchimp, and this season enabled us to deliver our programme by Zoom. He was standing down as treasurer and Steve Dance, who had been co-opted to the committee, was standing for election for this post. Margaret would take over the website. Adrian would retain his other duties.

She thanked other members of the committee including Chris C, Rita, Lynne W, Ann and Monica who had to manage changes to the programme and study days, and the cancellation of outings. Beth and Lynette have coped with the effects of Covid-19 on our Heritage Volunteers and Young Arts programmes.

Ilanah also thanked Irene Milburn, who retired from the committee in June 2020, for her excellent work as Programme Secretary and for the help given to Rita and Lynne W who have taken over from her.

Ilanah paid tribute to her predecessor as Chair, Ann Bittlestone, who passed away recently and will be sorely missed. She was a valued treasurer of the society and an interim chair.

Thanks were given to members of the society who had expressed appreciation of the committee's efforts.

The Treasurer's Report

Members had received the report prior to the meeting, together with the annual accounts for the years ending March 31st 2020 and 2021. Adrian had nothing to add except that it was because the income and the expenditure for the forthcoming year was uncertain that the proposed subscription for the 2021/22 season was £45.

Poll to approve the annual accounts for the years 2019/20 and 2020/21, to appoint Chesapeake Associates as independent financial adviser, and to approve the subscription fee at £45 for 2021/22

79 participants voted yes and 1 voted no.

Poll to make five changes to the constitution (details previously circulated) relating to honorary members, electronic meetings, electronic means of payment to the society, the financial year, and the use of Chair

78 participants voted yes and 2 voted no.

Poll to approve the election of Monica Booth, Ilanah Dance, Steve Dance, Chris Castleden, Chris Elston, Ann Hall, Lynette Harris, Adrian Manhire, Lynne Morgan, Margaret Morris, Rita Wynne and Lynne Woolliscroft as members of the committee and to elect the officers, Chair: Ilanah Dance, Vice Chair: Lynette Harris, Treasurer: Steve Dance and Secretary: Margaret Morris

79 participants voted yes and 0 voted no.

Chair's Closing Remarks

Ilanah thanked the members for staying for the AGM and expressed the wish that it would not be long before we could meet face to face at Broadway. At present only 60 people can be in Screen 1 at once, but she will keep members informed of changes. She asked members to renew and hoped that they had enjoyed this season.