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Winchester Art History Group

Annual General Meeting

26 May 2021

Agenda

- Apologies for absence
- Approval of Minutes for 15 May 2019 AGM (covering 2018)
- Financial Report
- Chair's Report
- Committee Elections
- Any Other Business

Chair's Report

- Review of 2020 Jan - Jun Programme
- Review of 2020 Sep - Dec Programme
- Postponed Activity
- Consequences of COVID-19
 - Zoom
 - Impact on Membership
 - Impact on Speakers
- Outlook

2020 Programme: Jan - Jun

- The planned programme was for 8 seminars, 1 study day, 2 visits and one overseas trip.
- The actual activity covered
 - 3 seminars; *The Bauhaus, The Immigrant Experience in Modern British Art, Elizabethan Miniaturists*
 - 1 study day; *Art of 15th and 16th century Venice*
 - 2 visits; British Museum – *Käthe Kollwitz*, National Gallery – *15th and 16th century Venetian Artists*

Arrival of Covid-19

- 4 Mar: Last in-person seminar at WDC – *Elizabethan Miniaturists*.
- 16 Mar: Cancellation of seminar due 18 Mar.
- 18 Mar: First teleconference Committee meeting – Postponement of remaining programme for current session.
- Apr: All postponed activity re-scheduled.
- May/Jun: Developed plan and procedures to support a Zoom programme for Sep-Dec.
- 31 Jul: Zoom programme sent to members
- 9 Sep: First Zoom seminar – Richard Stemp

2020 Programme Sep - Dec

- Patrons and Collectors
 - *Paul Durand-Ruel* – Richard Stemp
 - *Collecting at the Stuart Court* – Gillian White
 - *Russian Art Collectors* – Jane Angelini
 - *The Medici and Church Art* – Antonia Whitley
 - *Peggy and Solomon Guggenheim* – Barry Venning
 - *The Gemaldegalerie, Dresden* – Hendrika Foster
- All seminars delivered using Zoom

Revised Activity

- 5 Seminars from the start of 2020 were rescheduled for the first session of 2021. They have now been delivered
- The trip to Portugal led by Barbara Peacock was postponed by exactly a year. It has now been postponed for a second time.
- The Day Visit to Longford Castle had to be cancelled. It has been rearranged for 29 June 2021.
- Discussion Group – suspended until personal contact allowed.
- Outreach Programme – suspended.
- Exhibition Lists – changed to cover online exhibitions.

Consequences of Covid-19

- Zoom. Here to stay?
 - Acceptable to the majority of Members
 - Essential to our Speakers
- Re-introduce Day Visits and UK Trips carefully as conditions dictate
- Overseas Trips – dependent on UK and other countries regulations
- Still not possible to plan with great confidence – need to be adaptable

Outlook

- Continue using standard procedures to define programmes
 - Valuable input from membership questionnaires
 - Strong base of well-liked and professional Speakers
- Investigating the viability of hybrid operation with the WDC
 - Totally dependent on WDC ability to deliver a hybrid environment
 - A number of Members have requested a continued Zoom use.
- MC and PPG planning to hold an 'Away-Day' to consider strategic questions.
 - Use of technology for bookings and payments
 - Constitutional changes?
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Committee Elections

- Christine Clarke-Smith has completed the permitted 6-years of service and has agreed to continue in the role of Events Secretary as a co-opted member.
- Rodger Hake has completed his current 3-year period on the Committee and is prepared to continue for a further period.

Membership Numbers

- Start of 2020
 - 115 members
 - 35 on waiting list
- As a result of the renewal process 9 members resigned and were replaced from the waiting list
- July 2020
 - 115 members
 - 24 on waiting list

Active Volunteers during 2020

- June Brooks - MC
- Catherine Campbell – MC
- Christine Clarke-Smith – MC
- Gill Graham-Maw – catering
- Rodger Hake – MC
- John Harding – PPG
- Sian Morphet - PPG
- Margaret Munro – MC
- Carol Orchard – MC
- Eira Parry-Jones – PPG
- Barbara Peacock - travel
- Felicity Pennycook – PPG
- Beth Taylor – Discussion Group
- Evelyn Thurlby - MC
- Daphne Winning - MC

Any Other Business

- No items were notified in advance.