



HAN Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 8 March 2023

Attendees

Josie Tipler (Chair)

Floss Nicholls (Treasurer)

Sue Stoneman (Secretary)

Valerie Evans (Membership secretary)

Jennifer Bisset (Committee member)

Barbara Oliver (Committee member)

Julia Lloyd-Jones

Lucy Dunn

Emma Donavan

Janet Terry

Mary Lovell

Tina Applegate

Richard Goldsmith

Linda Goldsmith

Liz Cottingham

Denise Bliss

Lila Deraney

Apologies

Barbara Hibbart

Linda Mauldon

Jane Walsh

Angie Poole

Clare Woolgar

Lesley Dromgoole

Joan Guile

Pam Robinson

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Previous AGM Minutes and Matters arising from those Minutes
3. Chairperson's annual report
4. Treasurer's annual report
5. Election of Officers
6. General business
7. Date of next HAN general meeting and provisional date for AGM 2024
8. Close of meeting

Josie welcomed new members and all present. Apologies were noted.

Matters from last AGM

1. The GDPR Privacy Policy has been addressed and there is now a draft on the website which needs approval. **Action: Committee to allocate a Data**

Processor and Handler and approve draft, after which Josie will post on the website.

2. In lieu of paying Gallery North a hire fee for the HAN exhibition, funding was donated to the Ukraine Village appeal.
3. Wick Street Festival will be held in September. **Action: Committee to contact them with regard to joining the Art Trail.**
4. Chair signed off the 2022 AGM Minutes

New Business

1. The Chairperson presented the **Annual Report**. This included information about the funding provided by Chalk Cliff Trust (£5000) and Lightning Fibre (£600); the various successful exhibitions that HAN held over the past year; training for members on the website, social media and photography, and the many other achievements for HAN over the past year. **Action: Josie to post Annual Report on HAN Website**
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Floss gave the meeting an overview of the financial situation and the new streamlined accounting methods. Her report will be posted on the HAN Website. The current balance in funds is \$5707.80 with 41 memberships paid. To enable her to accurately allocate payments she asked members to **always ensure a reference is provided with payment**. The committee has agreed that the website is for paid-up members' use only and all work presented on the website by members who have not paid membership fees will be removed. This met with general approval. **Action: Floss to initiate**
3. The HAN constitution dictates that there must be three **committee members** (with no upper limit): Chair, Treasurer and General Secretary. The committee has grown over the last year and more things are being achieved. It was decided that HAN should have a PR and Social Networking Coordinator and an Events Coordinator as well as someone to oversee the membership which has been administered by Valerie Evans to date. Valerie is stepping down so someone else will need to take on this responsibility. After some discussion the following now form the committee:
 - o Acting Chair - Josie Tipler
 - o Deputy Chair - Barbara Olivier
 - o Treasurer - Floss Nicholls
 - o General Secretary - Sue Stoneman supported by Mary Lovell
 - o Membership Secretary - to be absorbed by committee members
 - o Events Coordinator - Lucy Dunn supported by Valerie Evans
 - o PR and Social Networking Coordinator - Emma Donovan supported by Jennifer Bissett

4. General Business

- **Action: Valerie Evans to forward Exhibition application forms to Lila Deraney**
- 3 or 4 people are needed to organise every HAN event. Lucy Dunn will coordinate.
Action: Valerie to instigate a Zoom Events meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 March at 7pm.
- Richard Goldsmith made the suggestion we use funds to buy a licence for Zoom which will give us unlimited time. Cost for one year is £119 for meetings up to 30 hours. Discussion was held and agreed that this would be worth trialing for 12 months. Suggested uses were live streaming for people who are unable to attend meetings and training purposes. It was generally agreed that this could be useful. The point was made that the Art Trail was free/discounted to participants last year as a result of funding and this may not be possible should funds be spent on boards etc. **Action: Richard Goldsmith to research and advise committee.**
- Meeting venues were discussed as many suitable places are very expensive. Dippy Doo Da has offered its premises but is limited for space. The James West was mooted but use is under consideration due to problems with parking. **Action: Committee to discuss options.**
- As part of the art trail an opportunity for young people to exhibit their work has been presented by Paul Young. HAN members who are interested have been invited to work with these budding artists preparing for the exhibition. More information will follow. Tina advised that any artist participating would need a DBS. **Action: Josie to follow through.**
- Sue Stoneman explained the benefits to HAN of the SAA Affiliated Group Membership. It includes public liability for the committee, event organisers, participants and visitors. It does not cover artists'/makers' work. HAN members are also able to buy from the SAA website at discount with free p&p. The only snag is that it must be delivered to only one address. At the present time that is to Sue Stoneman. **Action: Sue to investigate and provide a process for purchases**
- Discussion was held around what props are available at exhibition venues and it was advised that these vary. Specific requirements for each venue are provided at the time of registration.
With regard to props Tina Applegate may be able to borrow boards for the Rushlake Green exhibition. **Action: Tina to let the committee know if this is possible.**
- Following on from that Richard Goldsmith made the suggestion that we could perhaps buy some boards from our funds. Good quality boards are not cheap and need to be stored somewhere. Apparently Hailsham Festival has the use of two garages which could be an option. Sue

Stoneman offered to store but is unable to transport. **Action: Committee to discuss purchasing boards for future events and investigating storage.**

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on **17 May 2023 at 7pm** - venue and agenda to be advised.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **15 May 2024 at 7pm** - venue and agenda to be advised.

To Conclude

Gifts were presented to Josie and Valerie in appreciation for all their hard work and tenacity in bringing HAN to the position it now holds. They will continue to be part of but not active in the running of the network.

The Meeting closed with the lucky door prize raffle. Prizes: Henners Classic White Wine; a Henners teatowel; a £20 voucher for In Perspective and a Wine Tasting Voucher donated by Henners worth £50.