**MINUTES OF THE ARTS SOCIETY LEIC ESTER 31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THESUE TOWNSEND THEATRE AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Present: Martin Wragg (Chairman) and 105 members

1. **Chairman’s Opening remarks**

Martin stated that the meeting would proceed as per the agenda schedule. The elections for members of the committee would be dealt with in three resolutions as set out in agenda items 6, 7 and 8. He would ask for a proposer and seconder for each resolution before putting the matter to the meeting.

**2 Apologies**: Philip Burrell, Ann Lewis, David and Deborah Hartridge, Rodney Spokes, David and Marilyn Brooks, Simone Rawson, Christine Hewitt, Kath Revitt, Moira Bartlett.

**3 Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting**

There were no questions arising from the minutes of last year’s AGM, which were pre-circulated with the agenda papers. The meeting unanimously voted to adopt them.

**4 Chairman’s report and reports on activities**

 Martin highlighted that there reports were circulated as part of the agenda papers. He then went on to pay tribute to all the committee for their commitment to the society over the past year. On behalf of the committee he thanked the meeting fir their support, without which the work of the committee would be a thankless task.

**5 Treasurer’s report and Adoption of Accounts**

In Philip’s absence martin presented the summarised financial results, which had been pre-circulated with eth agenda papers. No questions were received.

The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by Gerry Unsworth and seconded by Jan Tozer. The meeting unanimously voted to adopt the statement.

 **6 Election of Officers**

The following nominations were proposed by Ruth Turner and seconded by Helen Parsons:

Chairman Martin Wragg
Treasurer Philip Burrell
Secretary Maggie Dufour

The meeting unanimously approved these appointments.

**7 Election of Committee**

The following nominations were proposed by Hilary Willars and seconded by Sheila Petrie:

Membership Secretary Pam Spokes
Programme Secretary Will Gilding
Publicity Officer Nicky Drucquer
Trips and Visits Organisers Tom Leggat assisted by Lois Pearson

The approval of the meeting for these appointments was unanimous.

8 Election of ex-officio committee **members**

The following nominations were proposed by Derek Purnell and seconded by Anne Hinchliffe:

Church Recorders’ Representatives Diane Hall and Ann Lewis
Heritage Volunteers’ Representative Catherine Watt
Community Arts Representative Ann Allsop

The approval of the meeting for these appointments was unanimous.

**9 Election of Independent Financial Examiner**

The re-election of the current examiner, Neil Ford of Torr Waterfield, was proposed by the committee. The meeting unanimously voted to approve this appointment.

At this point in the meeting Martin introduced Julie Lawrence who manages the theatre and Rob who provides superb technical support from his desk at eth back of the auditorium. It is they who ensure that our meetings run smoothly. Martin then invited the meeting to show appreciation of their work. This was greeted with a worm round of applause.

**10 Date of next annual meeting:**

Wednesday 23 September 2020