

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS (NCLE) INC.

Held at: the Society of Artists (Ncle) Rooms

38 Howe Street, Lambton 2299.

Postal Address: PO Box 174 New Lambton NSW 2305.

Date: 30 June 2020.

Present: Jenni Gander, Kathy Loudon, Hugh Cross, Chris Finch, Di Turnbull, Ron Deas, Ann-Maree Kelly, Bob Saxon, Vlado Krstevski, Sue McLeod, Eric Owen, Imants Magries, Liz Temple, Denise Pugh, Tania Harley, Roya Gribbin, Merv Lindsay, Poul Laugdsgaard.

Apologies: Margaret Shroder, Elaine Collin, Jill Campbell, Gillian Miles.

Previous Minutes : Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by all members in attendance. M/ Ann-Maree Kelly Sec/ Jenni Gander.

President's Report:

Ron welcomed all new members to the meeting, informing all of the great number of events we had held in 2019 and planned for 2020. Unfortunately many workshops and regular activities since early March were either cancelled or postponed because of COVID regulations and lock downs. He thanked the committee members for their hard work in getting the rooms opened following the government health and safety guidelines.

Ron proposed that his report be accepted. M/Ron Deas Sec/Hugh Cross. Carried by all members present.

Financial Report

Explained by Jenni, who informed the members attending that it takes around \$60,000 to run the Art rooms. Jenni asked if all members think of ways to raise funds with events and support the art rooms daily activities. Jenni encouraged all members present to enter a number of paintings into the Newcastle Art Prize as it is a great way to find extra income with the commissions from the sale of art works. Full financial audited report is included in the 2019-2020 annual report in the Minutes folder located in the Society Rooms.

Jenni proposed that the Financial Report be accepted M/ Jenni Gander Sec/ Bob Saxon.

Art Director's Report

Ann-Maree reported that 15 workshops were booked, while three were cancelled – two due to lack of participants and one where the tutor couldn't make it. Financially, the workshops proved successful for the year 2019. Ann-Maree also informed the members present that many new members have joined the society after having a great time at a workshop.

Ann-Maree announced of the reopening of the art rooms for casual watercolour days and social afternoons of a Friday as becoming very popular.

Ann-Maree has been sending all workshop information to directly to members herself which has elicited a great response.

Ann-Maree proposed that the Art Director's Report be accepted M/ Ann-Maree Sec/Chris Finch.

Ron proposed that the Art Director's Report, along with the Membership Secretary and Librarian Reports be approved. M/Hugh Cross Sec/Bob Saxon. Carried by all.

ELECTION OF 2020 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Position	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
President	Hugh Cross	Ron Deas	Chris Finch
Vice President	<i>vacant</i>		
Treasurer	Jenni Gander	Chris Finch	Jacki Maundrell Hall
Secretary	Chris Finch	Ron Deas	Di Turnbull
Art Director	Ann-Maree Kelly	Ron Deas	Chris Finch
Membership Secretary	Kathy Loudon	Ron Deas	M Schroder
Newsletter Editor	Tania Harley	Chris Finch	Ann-Maree Kelly
Librarian	Margaret Schroder	Ron Deas	?
Publicity Officer	Bob Saxon	Chris Finch	Hugh Cross.
Committee Member	Phil Bamford		
Committee Member	Ron Joe Donkin	Ron Deas	Chris Finch
Committee Member	Diane Turnbull	Chris Finch	Jenni Gander
Committee Member	John Hamilton	Bob Saxon	Yvonne Barrett
<u>NON-EXECUTIVE POSITIONS</u>			
Purchasing Officer	Gillian Miles	Chris Finch	Jenni Gander
Social Secretary	Elaine Collin	Ron Deas	Chris Finch
Public officer	Jill Campbell	Ron Deas	Chris Finch

The role of Webmaster (& social media) was not assigned and remains vacant (currently performed by Hugh Cross).

Motion that all positions filled be approved M/Bob Saxon Sec/Phil Bamford. Carried by all in attendance.

Ron also asked if the members in attendance would accept that all positions held by committee members for more than four years be accepted. M/Hugh Cross Sec/Phil Bamford.

Under the constitution rules members in attendance can nominate from the floor:

- Tania Harley was nominated by Chris Finch as Newsletter Editor. Proposed by Chris Finch .Sec/Ann-Maree Kelly.
- Phil Bamford nominated to be the fourth committee member.

Accepted by members in attendance.

General Business.

Hugh thanked Ron Deas for his great job as President for the past two years. He also thanked Ron for changing the Newsletter from the old publisher format to the new Mailchimp application.

Hugh also asked if there was a member in the room who would like to take on the Web Master Job. No member accepted the position.

Meeting closed at 2.0pm.