



Association for Historical and Fine Art Photography

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Minutes of the AGM, Thursday 22 October 2015, held at the RAF Museum

Present: Ian Lillicrapp, Richard Wythe, Paul Gardner, Ivor Kerslake, James Stevenson, Andrew Renwick, Nigel Allsop, Nick Cistone, Greg Smith, John Carr, Richard Bayford, Iain Duncan, Claire Collins, Steve Wallace, Paul Sugden, Mark Bentley, Gwil Owen, David Bailey, Peter John Gates, Chris Halton, Ken Jackson, Denise King, Ben Gilbert, David Lambert, Dave Clarke, Tina Warner, Steve Cole, Chris Lee, Kristin Phelps, Kira Zumkley, Dani Tagen, Kevin Lovelock, Antonia Reeve, Cassandra Parsons, Phoebe Carr, Mark Box, Błażej Mikuła, Max Browne, Maciej Pawlikowski, Tim Weyrich, Yaz Norris, Daniel Partridge, Tung Tsin Lam, Oli Cowling, Claire Batley, Derek Kendall, David Tennant, Eva Zielinska, Ben Gilbert, Tony Harris, Colin Maitland

Non-members present: Henni van Beek, Carola van Wijk, Stacey Rain Strickler, Elie Posner, Matt Faber, Cecile van der Harten, Carlos Bayod Lucini, Richard Shellabear.

Approval of the minutes of last meeting, *prop* Steve Cole, *sec* Paul Gardner

Chair's report—Tony Harris

There is an increase of 50 in membership.

The archive has grown to the extent that there is need for an archivist. Ivor Kerslake, who is standing down from the committee, will take the non-committee role. He was thanked also for all his work over the years.

Legal review of the association's status tax position. Having had free legal advice from Farrer & Co, it appears that the committee is jointly liable but it is more likely that the signatory of documents will be solely liable for unpaid tax and any penalties arising. This is an unacceptable situation. Work is going forward to deal with this and funds not yet spent should be used for investigating the options for the legal status. It may be that Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status would be the most appropriate for the association. The constitution also needs to be updated accordingly.

From advice freely received from Farrer and Co and the head of tax at Wellcome it was learned that in 2006 the corporation tax threshold fell from £10k to zero. This applies to income from non-member sources and sponsorship. The association is therefore liable this year for tax set at 20%.

In view of this situation the chair has decided not to stand down next year but to remain for a year or even another year more.

Question: Ivor Kerslake asked what happens if the tax is not paid. The answer was that Ben Gilbert goes to prison. Severe penalties would result in bankruptcy.

Treasurer's report—Ben Gilbert

See appended report

To accept the accounts, audited by Jane Gowman and Peter Kelleher, *prop* Dave Clarke *sec* Cassandra Parsons. Unanimous vote in favour

To calculate the interest, possible penalties and tax owed, the head of tax at Wellcome has recommended an accountant who would prepare a letter to HMRC to minimise the association's profile and indicate that it is not a trading organisation. It was proposed that BG works with this accountant and therefore asks the membership for an allocation £2.5k to draft this letter and pay for the relevant tax returns at a reduced rate. It is possible to pay the tax is payable but if penalties are incurred they are likely to be severe.

prop Ben Gilbert; *sec* Dave Clarke, Unanimous vote in favour

DC took the opportunity to accept partial responsibility, as did James Stevenson.

Question: Richard Wythe suggested Caffins, who audit charity accounts

Membership report—Steve Cole

Total membership 299, an increase of 56

Personal 73 [of which 7 are honorary, 12 retired and 2 student]

Corporate 226 from 64 organisations

Election of officers - results

Events

Denise King stood unopposed so was automatically elected

Sponsorship

Tina Warner 24

Ian Lillicrapp 17

(41 votes cast)

Legal

Nigel Allsop 25,

Richard Bayford 4

(29 votes cast)

Roving

Ian Lillicrapp, 18

Dave Lambert 11

Oliver Cowling 8

(37 votes cast)

TH thanked committee members standing down: Paul Gardner, Ivor Kerslake, Iain Duncan and Dave Lambert