

Green Door STEERING

Steering Group Committee Meeting

Thursday 4 June 2020, 7.00 pm, via Zoom

Present: Janice Benson, Liz Clement, John Davenport (Chair), Eric Pye, Colin Reynolds (Treasurer), Elizabeth Shorrocks and Elizabeth Tracey. **Apologies:** Liz Ford Slater, Kath Lockhart and Sue Rowland,

Subject	Discussed / Agreed	Action	Who
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.			
Organisation			
Cheque Signatories	It was agreed that the following individuals be added to our cheque signatories: John Davenport – Chair and Elizabeth Ford – Committee Member. The following individuals would be removed: Keith Shorrocks and Donna Campbell. Agreed paperwork to be signed after AGM when new Treasurer in place. Colin is happy to pay studio invoices and be refunded by Green Door.		
Treasurer	Elizabeth will stand for Treasurer at the AGM.		
Finances			
Bank Account	Colin reported that we haven't had statements for April and May. Update – the Cumberland are now sending quarterly statements for the current account.	Collect print out from bank	Colin
Premises			
Leak	Peill still haven't been out to fix Jamie's ceiling. Janice has been following this up with no response from Peill.	B/F Chase Peill	JB
Studio Artists	Colin reported that more artists have been using the studio and no-one has mentioned refunds. He raised a concern that turnover of artists may be an issue in the next few months if artists become used to not using the space.		
Membership			
New Members	There have been no new members since the last meeting.		
2020/2021 Subscriptions	Janice will report on this once we have a bank statement.		
Exhibitions			
Summer Exhibition	The response to the Summer Exhibition has been incredible – 56 members and 110 pieces of work. Due to the amount of entries and dealing with queries from members, and Janice and Liz having some health issues, the opening has been delayed slightly as agreed with the Exhibitions Group and John. John thanked Liz for all her work on the exhibition. Steering agreed that we should charge a small fee for online	Discuss Liz's fee Remove phone nos from site Forward copy to John	CR/JD/LC LC JB

	exhibitions in the future to cover additional fees for updating the website and marketing. They also agreed that Janice can pay for some social media ads for this exhibition.	for proofing	
Cartmel Show Art Fair	2020 show is cancelled and we're hoping to roll this over to 2021. We're waiting to hear from the show once they're back in the office.		
Low Sizergh Barn	14 Aug – 24 Sept – waiting to hear from Marjorie if this will go ahead.		
Westmorland Show	Waiting to hear if this will go ahead. Update – this has since been cancelled.		
Merz Barn	On hold as they're closed although they're keen to do something once they open again. Roger has been in touch.		
Dock Museum	Dates confirmed as 25 Jan – 18 Mar 2021. "Proposals should have an exhibition title and ideally a theme, which need not relate to the museum or locality." Roger would like to curate this with open selection for members but also invitations to some members to encourage them to take part. He has ideas for a theme and will come back with those within a month. Steering were happy with allowing Roger to select a theme but were concerned about why and how we would invite members as exhibitions should be open. We can't have two tier exhibitions.	Discuss further to understand Roger's idea	Exhibitions Group
Sizergh Castle	Janice reported that Roger hasn't heard back from them. Ideally, we would have a short exhibition this year to get a feel for the space. Our 2021 exhibition would be for the whole season and we would need to decide what we're doing by the end of August. We would need screens and there was discussion about borrowing some or asking members to make simple screens to a template (similar to those Frances had). There was also discussion about birds and Frances had suggested making a "ceiling" from muslin to hang from the roof beams. John expressed concern that the uneven floors would be an extra problem for screens.	B/F – discuss screens when we've heard back from Sizergh.	
Charity Donation	Steering discussed Sarah Dunn's idea of donating a percentage of sales from an online exhibition to an NHS charity. It was agreed that this wasn't appropriate as so many members are struggling financially at the moment and that we do raise money for charities through art auctions.	Reply to Sarah.	JB
Brewery Arts Centre	Liz Ford's meeting with Miriam (the Chief Exec) was postponed.	B/F Rearrange meeting	LF

Events

25 th Anniversary	On hold for now although the Exhibitions group suggested that Frances and Liz T could offer a video tour of their studio/surroundings and Frances has said she'll look at this. As it's unlikely our plans for a summer photo shoot on the Brewery steps, it was suggested that members to invited to submit a photo of themselves so that we can create a montage.	B/F Contact members re photo	JB
	The Exhibitions Group came up with a suggestion for an online exhibition but haven't worked through the details: Our anniversary exhibition – 25 sketches in 25 days will run from 1 – 25 August. Members will be invited to post their sketches on social media using the hash tag #greendoor25 or via the Green Door account for people who don't have their own social media. Steering agreed that work would only be on social media and not the website due to the amount of work this creates. There will be a story on the website which links to social media.	Refine plan	Exhibitions Group
Website			
Website	No update. Liz has been busy with the Summer Exhibition.		
Other Sales & Marketing			
Instagram	Followers are growing steadily and have reached 600.		
Any Other Business			
Zoom Get Togethers	Janice reported that we've had three Zoom Catch Ups which have been chats with a small number of members. The members who do take part are enjoying so Steering agreed to continue these for the time being.		
Online Art Space	Julie Hoggarth has been in touch to offer to lead a Zoom session for members. The idea is to draw, paint, print, make whatever you wish, to pop in and out of the meeting as you like but ultimately to share work with the others. This has been organised for Sat 13 June.		

Next meeting: Thursday 16 July