

Draft Minutes – RPS CG meeting 2023-06-06

Present : Tom Owens, Alan Cameron, Sean Goodhart, Mike Kitson, Steven Whittaker, Patricia Ruddle, Adrian Hough, Christine Pinnington, Tim Hancock (reporting).

Apologies : Paul Ashley, Duncan Unsworth, Suzi Darsa, Steff Hutchinson

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Previous minutes	Approved as accurate		
	<p>Finances</p> <p>No progress has been made by RPS Bristol on clarifying the exact position since the last meeting. The bank balance at end March was £11,730.61. Foxton made a small profit of £35. Invoice from Barry Badcock outstanding.</p> <p>Bursary</p> <p>The choice of school to receive the Bursary has been made – Broadhembury Cof E primary school, who have been informed and are pleased. A contract needs to be signed to enable the money to be transferred to Devon County Council and then on to the school. After signing, then publicity can begin. AH to visit the school before the end of term.</p>		

	<p>Journals</p> <p>Suzi Darsa has announced her resignation from Concept Editor to the Secretary but will produce the next issue (October). The meeting expressed its gratitude to Suzi for her work in the role. TH has had contact with one potential candidate to take over later in the year. In the mean-time a broadcast advertising the post will be sent out. CP to send job description to TH.</p> <p>The next issue of the Journal is imminent, and CP has updated the layout. The magazine also has four extra pages, including a more detailed book review section.</p>	TH	
	<p>Foxton Meeting</p> <p>The organising group has held a debrief following the meeting in May which only had 15 delegates, but made a £35 surplus. The debrief meeting concluded that the next national face to face event will be in 18-24 months' time, and have a more educational angle maybe. The event was enjoyable but needs more delegates. The need for an ice-breaker for delegates was suggested. AH noted that winter coastal hotels offer cheap deals.</p>		
	<p>Regions</p> <p>SW has set up a new Scottish region combined with Documentary, and has two zooms planned and a face to face event organised in Edinburgh in August. There are eight members so far.</p> <p>Other Regions reported on recent activity.</p> <p>It was agreed that regional zoom meetings should be accessible and promoted to all SIG members. Meetings are posted on the website but a monthly newsletter highlighting these meetings would be a good idea. MK offered to co-ordinate this and asked regions to send him the relevant information.</p>	MK / RO's	

	<p>Web</p> <p>SG noted that no web traffic information was available. The Events pages were being created despite the complications of the RPS web design.</p>		
	<p>Events</p> <p>MK reported that the first three zoom events were in the planning stage, the first being late August with C Greta-West. Also planned are Pecha Kucha sessions starting January and a “Contemporary Challenge” also for 2024. MK will send an email of how he envisages this working, but needs contemporary themes to work on. TO / all to send lists / ideas.</p>	MK/ All	
	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Committee meetings on rotating M/Tu/Wed/Thu every two months, second week.</p> <p>Wednesday 9th August 19.00 Thursday 12th October 19.00 Monday 11th December 19.00</p>		
	<p>AOB</p> <p>TO reported on the recent MemCom meeting with the new Chief Executive Dan Jones. He is reviewing the many membership categories and “multi-layering” of costs that members pay on joining / renewal.</p>		