

Final Minutes – RPS CG meeting 2023-04-18

Present : Tom O, Alan C, Sean G, Mike Kitson, Steven Whittaker (by invitation) , Tim H (reporting).

	Action/comment	Who	By When
Previous minutes and actions	<p>Approved as accurate</p> <p>Patrick Foster has declined to take on the Social media role due to other commitments.</p> <p>Tom O appointed Chair at AGM. Mike Kitson ratified as new Events Secretary, supported by Steven Whittaker and Graham Bridgeman-Clarke. MK to be assigned RPS email account contemporaryevents@rps.org</p> <p>Christine P now on print invoices instead of Brian Steptoe.</p>		
Matters Arising	<p>Bursary</p> <p>Applications only two. No support from RPS Bristol to promote Contemporary Bursary. RPS Bursaries also been hard to place. Closing date imminent (21st). Files on Teams site. SG felt the effort this year would benefit next years Bursary. TO thanked SG for all his work (and AH). A sub-team to review applications was amended to be SG/AC/TO</p>		

	<p>Finances</p> <p>AC reported that the financial position of the group is uncertain and unstable, though we have more than enough funds for current activities</p> <p>The current record can be summed up in this text in an email from Jackie Rumble from the Finance team:</p> <p>"Due to the ongoing reporting issues, we are still trying to finalise the true / accurate analysis from 2022. We realise this is frustrating for our Treasurers as much as it is for us Nikki is on leave at the moment, so we will not be able to do any 2023 subs analysis or transfers until she is back.</p> <p>All 2023 online booking income will be transferred as soon as we are able, but there has obviously been a knock-on effect for which I can only offer apologies."</p> <p>So bullets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2022 accounts AC was able to produce for the AGM may not be accurate, they were only as good as the information available. • Subs income for July to December 2022 were only transferred to our bank account in February and March 2023 • Subs income for 2023 to March has not been transferred and probably amounts to in excess of £2000. • Tickets sales for our event in the Fens have not been transferred. These amount to £530 for participants and £405 for dinners so far. 		
	<p>Foxton Meeting</p> <p>Foxton number still at 17 (meeting) and 9 (dinner). Agreed to ask PA to cancel the “formal” meal at the Gog Magog Golf Club but ask if a table can be used for dinner for those that want it on the night. TO to check with Barry Badcock that local members will help with logistics. PA needs to produce the “location guide” for the trips out to photograph the Fens at Risk. We should encourage car share. AC / SG to bring projectors.</p>		

	<p>Regions</p> <p>Only EA and NW represented. EA has new member Sandy Miles and getting about a dozen to zoom meetings, and plan a virtual exhibition in September. NW numbers lower for face to face trips but several are still planned.</p> <p>No group in Scotland. Using the SIG zoom account is very cost effective for a new group.</p>		
	<p>Web</p> <p>SG recorded that Salesforce implementation at RPS is not user friendly and he does not recommend the new Events Team get involved in it without his support. Umbraco is still running. He also called for more efforts chasing blog writers for publication as this has fallen off post covid. He asked all to contact new authors of interest. SG / MK to share required info for posting events on the website.</p>		
	<p>Publications</p> <p>Christine P is revamping the Contemporary Journal with an extra 4 pages. Nothing else to report. The last edition of CONCEPT was very well received.</p>		
	<p>Portfolios</p> <p>SG noted that Nomad boxes are local to him and he can collect if needed and take to Foxton</p>		
	<p>Events</p> <p>MK presented several new ideas for an Events calendar for Contemporary. These included and Annual Contemporary Exhibition, a Quarterly SIG exhibition, a programme of group wide</p>		

	<p>speakers, and a Pecha Kucha series of events which is an extension of the Sandpits held previously.</p> <p>The Annual Exhibition ad programme of speakers were identified as being higher priority. Nothing is now scheduled. MK offered to make contacts with any suggested speakers as well as any local contact.</p> <p>SG suggested Corinne Gretanwest. Gillian Allard was on a previous list to speak and could be asked again.</p> <p>Cross promotion of Events across SIGs is desirable and should be followed up – SW knows Chair of Landscape group.</p> <p>The Events Calendar is on MS Teams which all rps email addresses are tagged to.</p> <p>An events of some sort on a 4-6 week cycle would be ideal.</p>		
	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Committee meetings on rotating M/Tu/Wed/Thu every two months, second week.</p> <p>Tuesday 6th June 19.00 Wednesday 9th August 19.00 Thursday 12th October 19.00 Monday 11th December 19.00</p>		
	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>		