

Scottish Glass Society AGM (39th Meeting)

Saturday 27th October 2018 at 11:00 am

Calton Heritage and Learning Centre,

423 London Road, Glasgow

Attendance:

Rosheen Young (Chair); Catherine Lowe; Jeff Zimmer; Felicity Donohoe; Pam Freedman; David Williams; Roz McKenzie; Geraldine McSparran; Jon Piccolo; Tim Kirman.

Apologies: Nick Martin, Kirsten Gow, Sue Ross, Sharon le Marinel, Eilidh MacKenzie, Catherine Carr, Emma Nightingale, Cara Wilson, Jessamy Kelly,

1 Minute of Previous AGM.18 November 2017

These were proposed by Pamela Freedman and seconded by David Williams and approved by the meeting.

2 Chair's Report

Rosheen Young highlighted a number of key events in the financial year April 2017 to March 2018. This was an eventful and productive year. SGS held our first exhibition in a private Art Gallery and we continued the improvements in the website and began laying plans for our 40th Anniversary celebrations.

For the first time SGS held our 2017 exhibition in a private gallery, Gallery TEN in Edinburgh. The exhibition 'Heritage' was juried with 48 pieces entered and 36 selected for display. We were very pleased with the glass art on display, the footfall, and a number of sales.

Paul Musgrove also provided a prize of a solo exhibition in 2018 in Gallery TEN which was awarded to Annica Sandstrom and David Kaplan of Lindean Mill Gallery for their piece 'Ebb and Flow'.

The SGS committee has had a few changes over the past year with a number of members stepping back because of other commitments. Rosheen thanks previous SGS Committee members Daniel Killeen and Sharen le Marinel. Rosheen announced that she and Roz MacKenzie were stepping down. Roz was coming off committee after seven years as secretary. Rosheen also thanked all the committee members who were still involved with SGS for their participation and help during the year.

In addition the website has not been updated frequently nor have news bulletins been as regular as we would have wished with only a few committee

members available to cover the above work and journal and organisation of 2018 exhibition. Our web site support Mike Fraser was also stepping down. Towards the end of the year we were quite under-resourced, with a great deal of the work falling on a very few people; the lack of a web administrator was particularly apparent.

We did however decide to prepare for a possible funding bid to Creative Scotland for the 40th anniversary celebrations and work to secure membership involvement and continuation of SGS into the future. We have been awarded the funding, but to make the most of it, and to achieve our aims, we need more active committee members.

A number of events have taken place into 2018 as part of my year as Chair and these have included a member visit to the Clydebank Museum exhibition "A touch of Glass" and the open exhibition in the Trades Hall in Glasgow entitled Glorious Glass with the Contemporary Glass Society who were celebrating their 20th Anniversary. This was curated by Eilidh MacKenzie. We had over 550 visitors to the exhibition which was an excellent achievement. It was also good to see a number of emerging artists exhibiting at the exhibition.

3 Treasurers Report and approval of the Annual Accounts

P Freedman, Treasurer issued the annual report and accounts for approval at the AGM for 2017/18. She highlighted that SGS had received £1700 income from entry fees at the exhibition and there were £4000 of sales, which SGS retain a commission as income.

Pamela spoke to the 2017/18 accounts and explained the sources of income and expenditure.

The accounts were proposed by Catherine Lowe and seconded by Tim Kirman and the members approved the annual accounts.

Pamela highlighted that we had received confirmation of the funding from Creative Scotland to help with the 40th Anniversary celebration and events of the Scottish Glass Society and more information would follow on this.

4 Exhibition 2018 reflection

Rosheen thanks everyone for this work in helping get the 2018 exhibition in the Trades Hall in Glasgow up and running. It was quite an undertaking as the Committee was small at that stage, but rewarding to see that SGS members were willing to help out in the exhibition staging, stewarding and down take. The exhibition was held jointly with The Contemporary Glass Society who were celebrating their 20th Anniversary and this arrangement worked well. There was an excellent range of work on display with over 500 visitors attending. The venue was excellent in terms of location and by linking in with the Doors Open weekend we attracted more visitors. We will use this venue again in the future.

5 Journal

This has been delayed this year and Rosheen apologised for this. It is due out soon and will feature an article about the Glasgow stained glass artist George Webster.

6 Outcome of Creative Scotland Funding Bid

Catherine Lowe reported that the Committee with the help of Kirsten Gow and herself had submitted a bid to Creative Scotland for funding to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of SGS and to look at the future of the Society. The full proposal was for £51,000, part of which is funded by SGS and in kind by activities of members. The funding will allow SGS to create 2 posts to promote the work the 40th Anniversary celebrations and one to review the future of SGS. The funding will be issued in tranches with project reports being submitted on an interim and final basis to Creative Scotland to release further and final funds.

7 SGS at 40 in 2019

Catherine spoke of the types of events we are looking to hold including a juried exhibition at Northlands Creative and another location and an open exhibition. In addition, holding a retrospective exhibition in a number of locations along with some artists talks. There would also be a bumper journal. More details will follow in 2019.

8 Social Events

Members had a discussion on the types of events they would like to see in the future as some that had been organised in the last 2 years were poorly attended. Agreed this would be further explored in the work of looking at the future of SGS.

9 Election of Committee Members

The following were elected by members present

- Catherine Lowe, Interim Chair
- Felicity Donohoe, Secretary
- Geraldine McSporran, committee member
- Tim Kirman, Committee Member
- Jon Picillo, Committee Member

It was agreed not to allocate any further roles at this point.

Pamela Freedman continues as Treasurer and David Williams as a committee member.

Discussed having a “figurehead” Chair and agreed this would be part of the review of SGS.

Roz MacKenzie was standing down from the Committee and was thanked for her role as Secretary for SGS for over 8 years. The role of secretary keeps

an organisation ticking over and Roz had done a great job doing this for us. Members wished Roz well in the future and presented her with a small give of their appreciation for all her hard work.

10 AOB

Flowers were presented to Rosheen on behalf of SGS as a thank you for her role in chairing SGS for the last 2 years.

11 Date of Next AGM

Saturday 26 October 2019

Artists Presentation

There was a presentation from Jeff Zimmer on the development of his recent work "Shadows and Subversion" to the members present. Jeff was thanks for his interesting and stimulation talk.