

## Documentary Group

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 12pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Canvas Café, London.

#### Apologies were received from:

David Barnes	Phil Hurd	Alan Graham
Del Barrett	Philip Joyce	Chris Barbara
Gordon Bates	Rolf Kraehenbuehl	Andrew Mills
Penny Dixie	Simon Maddison	Ken Boddy
Harry Hall	Sarah Smith	
Alan Holland-Avery	Lionel Squire	

#### In attendance were:

Dan Bachmann	James Fell	Angus Stewart
David Cantor	Mo Greig	Jonathan Taylor
Justin Cliffe	Graham Land	Balwant Thanki
Dawn Clifford	Anna Nicoli	Roger Towell
Maureen Connelly	Mark Philips	Jhy Turley
Neil Cordell	Diane Richardson	Bill Yates
Wan Fan	Norman Smith	

1. Chair, Maureen Connelly, opened the meeting with a minute's silence to remember those who had passed away since the last AGM.
2. A resolution to approve the minutes of the last AGM was proposed by Bill Yates and seconded by Mark Philips. The resolution was passed unanimously and the Chair signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.
3. The Chair gave a brief report on the group's activities over the past year. She noted that the Committee wanted to recognise David Cantor for his work on the Documentary Photographer Year Award 2015. She also thanked Wan Fan and Lionel Squire for all their work on the Committee over the years. (The Chair's note is attached).
4. Justin Cliffe circulated a Treasurer's report (which is attached to these minutes). A resolution was proposed by Mark Philips and seconded by Jonathan Taylor to maintain the group membership cost at its current level. The resolution was passed unanimously.
5. Wan Fan advised that group membership had reached 471 members, an increase of 59 members (or 14%) since the last AGM. He noted that in 2013, the group had 251 members.
6. The committee was (re-)elected as follows:
  - a. Maureen Connelly was re-elected as Chair;

- b. Justin Cliffe was re-elected as Treasurer;
  - c. David Barnes was elected as Secretary;
  - d. Gordon Bates was elected to the Committee.
7. Neil Cordell asked the Chair whether regional leaders of the Group would be co-opted onto the group Committee as a matter of course. The Chair explained that regional leaders would be co-opted onto the Committee as and when needed. There will be an annual meeting with all regional leaders. A resolution amending the proposed group constitution was proposed by Maureen Connelly and seconded by Wan Fan. The resolution was passed unanimously.
8. A resolution proposing that the Group adopt a new constitution was proposed by Maureen Connelly and seconded by Lionel Squire . The resolution was passed unanimously.
9. Any Other Business
- a. Graham Land asked about a Documentary Distinction. The Chair explained that the Committee had agreed to postpone the discussion of the distinction until the RPS Council had completed its review exercise, due to be completed at the end of 2016.
  - b. Bill Yates asked whether there was an update on the WW1 project. The Chair explained that David Barnes would be looking to plan something for 2018, although the details had not been confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 12.44pm