

MINUTES FROM SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Future Proofing: How Can We Sustain Arts and Cultural Participation for Children and Young People? LEAN Conference

Thursday 9th February 2023 held at the Horniman Museum and Gardens, Lewisham

Present (Board of Trustees): Veronica Jobbins (Co-Chair), Maria Turley, Déarbhaile Nairn, Bea Denton, Lucy Maycock, Holly Henry, Alice Chesterman, Robin Hughes, Veronica Sarmiento, .
Staff: Jane Hendrie (Director), Natalie Clarke (Programmes Manager), Julia Ravenscroft (Programme Engagement Officer - minutes), Stephanie Chung (Finance and Administrator - minutes)

1. Welcome & Apologies

Veronica opened the meeting, welcoming everyone. All Trustees present introduced themselves to those gathered.

Apologies: James Thomas and Emma Webster

2. Minutes from AGM held Tuesday 9th February 2022 at the Migration Museum, London.

The minutes from the 16th AGM were looked at for accuracy and Veronica asked all members if they could be accepted as accurate. The 2022 AGM minutes were proposed to be accepted as accurate by Lucy Maycock and seconded by Bea Denton. Minutes were accepted.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising

4. Annual report 2020/21 and Presentation of Accounts 2020/2021

Veronica Jobbins explained that all attendees had been provided with a precis of accounts with the report and that a full version would shortly be available. It had been another very busy year for LEAN with extensive activities and LEAN very much part of Lewisham's Borough of Culture year. LEAN is building a cultural community with people through collaboration. Activities included the Army of Creatives project, Cultural Connectors network, Lewisham Live, Creative Careers and artist and teacher support, all providing a great foundation for the future to continue to build on.

Veronica then invited Robin Hughes (Treasurer) to present the accounts.

Robin explained that the accounts are prepared in accordance to charity governance and are examined independently by Field Sullivan.

Robin thanked the LEAN team for helping to prepare the accounts. The accounts of the stated financial year are all in good order. There was significant income for the Army of Creatives project and from London Borough of Culture. There have been moderate increase in costs which have been mainly staff, office and the new website. The cash balance is healthy - double the previous year's figure. Robin recommended a motion to approve the accounts.

There followed a question from the floor from Sakthi Suriyaprakasam (Service Manager - Community Development, Lewisham Council).

Sakthi asked: What if the organisation closed? If restrictive reserves were taken out of LEAN's accounts, what level of funds would be left? Robin said that this figure has reduced a little but still stands at £15K which he saw as a healthy amount for the contingency fund.

Veronica thanked Sakthi for her question and gave special thanks to Lewisham Council for their continuing funding support. It is much valued and appreciated.

Jane added that a full set of accounts would be added to LEAN's website shortly and that Sakthi would be sent full details. Veronica asked who would propose the Annual Report and Accounts. Proposed by Nathalie Boobis, Seconded by Nancy Stridgen.

5. Election of Board of Trustees

Veronica highlighted the list of nominations to stand as the LEAN Board of Trustees for 2023. Veronica then explained that if current board members wished to stand again, they could be re-elected en masse and asked that those present vote for the group en masse. All who are standing were listed in the attendees pack. Veronica stressed that the Board welcomes anyone to come forward if they are interested in being on the Board as LEAN is always looking for new members. At this time, the Board would especially encourage educators and teachers.

Board proposed by Sakthi Suriyaprakasam and seconded by Cash Aspeek.

Elected trustees:

Standing for Election

Forename	Last name	Organisation
Bea	Denton	Academic Advisor and Artist Educator
Holly	Henry	Heritage, Learning and Volunteer Manager at Grand Junction
Robin	Hughes	Vice President of Finance for BridgeU
Veronica	Jobbins	Dance and Arts Education Consultant
Lucy	Maycock	Schools Learning Manager at Horniman Museum and Gardens
Julia	Mirkin	Funding Manager City Bridge Trust
Déarbhaile	Nairn	Projects Manager (Music) at Trinity Laban
Veronica	Sarmiento	Community Engagement Officer and Freelancer
James	Thomas	Freelance Music Educator and Hackney Music Service
Maria	Turley	Freelance Arts Consultant and Arts Council England
Emma	Webster	Prendergast Ladywell School

6. Motions submitted by members

No motions submitted by members.

7. Any other business

A question came from the floor regarding staff and Veronica asked LEAN's staff to introduce themselves. Jane, Nat, Stephanie and Julia introduced themselves. Veronica thanked the staff and highlighted that it is a very small team who are hugely committed. Veronica then thanked the Board who are all incredibly supportive and hold a range of different views. Veronica announced that Jane was going to be retiring and leaving LEAN this spring and that many people in the borough had benefited from LEAN and Jane. She reflected on Jane's work and achievements over the last 20 years and announced that there would be an event celebrating Jane's time at LEAN in the future and that a new Director was currently being recruited for the role. Jane thanked Veronica.

Sakthi stood and said that LEAN is a pleasure to fund and work with, that its reach and engagement were excellent and she had particularly enjoyed working with Jane and that she is an asset to the sector.

Finally thanks go to the Horniman Museum for hosting our event.

Meeting closed 17:30pm.

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