

**The 62 Group of Textile Artists
Pre-AGM Committee Meeting
Saturday 5 December 2020 at 9.30am
Online Zoom Meeting**

MINUTES

1. Apologies for Absence

Richard McVetis, Daisy May Collingridge

2. Minutes of last meeting approved.

ALL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT AGM AND INCLUDED IN AGM MINUTES 5/12/2020

Additional discussion recorded here

3. Finance

Accounts to be presented to AGM. Online banking now operational. Currently £15,089 in bank account.

4. Membership

Sad loss of Audrey Walker, Honorary Member. Not heard from Rachel Gornall. Isobel will write to her.

5. New Members

The 10 people selected for the 2nd stage selection (when work is sent in) have been informed it will probably be late Spring before they can submit work. Agreed not to open for applications in 2020. Website needs to be amended to reflect this.

6. Publicity Update

Online article in academic journal Cloth and Culture. We need a copy for the Archives.

7. Social Media Update

Anna Gravelle has agreed to take on this role.

8. Newsletter and Public Newsletter update

The public newsletter goes out to 2,000 people. Suggested an Audrey Walker "Memorial Issue". Debbie to request members' input.

9. Exhibitions and Events update

- St Barbe/Conversations
Due to open on March 21 2021. Submission forms on website. Agreed members would re-submit work.
- British Textile Biennial
Richard has spoken to people at The Whittaker. Jane and he are meeting them on 15 January. Jenny Rutter will talk to the membership about the brief at a Zoom networking session. No fixed dates yet for this exhibition.
- Fashion and Textile Museum lectures
Richard McVetis and Emily Jo Gibbs will both speak on 14 January 2021 online 6pm – 7.30pm. Tickets are transferrable and available for booking £5.
Possibility of another speaker next year later in 2021.
- Fashion and Textile Museum Installation 2022
See report. Cancelled until post 2023.
- Events/exhibitions for 60th anniversary 2022

Need to re-think. Suggestions from membership.

10. Education Update

- Workshops at St Barbe
4 workshops set up by Emily Jo Gibbs, Vanessa Rolf, Jane McKeating and Caron Penney. Scheduled towards the end of the exhibition, last one on 1 May 2021.
Needs to go on Website.
- Workshops for British textile biennial
Jane meeting Whittaker on 15 January 2021.
- Jane had sent out a request for members to submit what workshops they would be willing to offer. 12 responses so far. Caron suggested workshops online (studio visits etc). Agreed to ask members.

11. Inclusivity and Diversity

- Inclusivity and diversity statement (to present to AGM)
- Questionnaire results and conclusion (to present to AGM)
- Working Group results – bursaries (to present to AGM)

Isobel and Hannah to present findings of Members' Diversity Questionnaire to the AGM. Hannah reported that 3 areas were out of step with national figures: Gender, Ethnicity and Age.

Concern over how quickly the bursaries could be set up if Motion not voted on at AGM. Discussed whether to suggest a pilot scheme of one or two years of bursaries.

Post meeting note:

Detailed results and pie charts of the Questionnaire results emailed out to all members by the Chair on 7 December 2020.

12. Any Other Business

Dates of committee meetings 2021:

13 March

5 June

18 September

4 December (AGM)