

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 2 March 2006

The meeting was held at the home of Carole Gude commencing at 8pm

Present Mr M Hainsworth (Chairman), Mr J L Akers (Secretary), Mrs W M Akers, Mrs T Clements, Mr K N Eyre, Mr J Gibson, Mrs C Gude, Mr T Mitchell, Ms M Murray, Mrs B Pickering, Mrs A Turner, Mr P Turner

Apologies Ms S Madden, Mr J Wainwright

Minutes of last meeting No minutes of the meeting held August 2005 had been taken.

Correspondence A great deal of correspondence had been received and dealt with by the secretary. Specific attention was drawn to a letter from a 90 year old lady who was a descendant of Sam Barlow's family.

Review of forthcoming events

RHS Show at Vincent Square The theme of the show on 11-12 April would be Tulips from around the World. James Akers had been asked and had agreed to do the RHS talk on tulips.

Daffodil Show at Warwick This show on 22-23 April would include a small tulip show which would be judged by Keith Eyre.

RHS Tulip Competition would be held at Wisley on 25-26 April.

Harrogate Spring Show would be held on 27-30 April

Constable Burton would be held on 29-30 April and 1 May

The Bishopthorpe Show a new event by the York Florists would take place on 7 May

The Annual Show would take place on 13 May at Outwood Memorial Hall.

Bottle washing date, judges and food arrangements for the annual show were agreed. The mayor would be invited to open the show.

Arrangements were made to ensure that the stands were manned etc although it was recognised that this would be very difficult because of the close proximity, datewise, of several events.

Sculpture Park

The arrangements for the exhibition were discussed in great detail and estimates of cost to the society were given by the secretary.

These included	Dutch Bulbs	£200
	Photography of the Duke's paintings	£700
	Slides for RHS prints	£25
	Use of RHS prints in catalogue (4@£50)	£200
	Derek Harris prints of RHS items	£100
	300 catalogues @£4 approx	£1200
	Framing of paintings/prints?	£400
	Additional sales table stock	£500

Some of these costs would be recoverable, for example we would attempt to sell the catalogues at £10 each over the next few years. In addition we would get income from items from the sales table which would be sold at the YSP. It was agreed to ask for donations from members. If all went well then there would be limited costs to the society of what would be a unique event in the history of the Florists' Tulip.

The committee unanimously agreed that the project should go ahead despite the high initial costs.

Arrangements were discussed for the preview dinner for which there would be limited numbers invited, and for a preview day to which all members would be invited.

Financial Report – The society's affairs were in good order. It was agreed to transfer £2000 from the savings account to meet the initial cost of the exhibition.

Newsletter There was praise from all the committee for the quality of this years newsletter produced by Anne Turner. Anna Pavord had queried the photograph on the front cover which was of pottery from the Derby Museum, although it was not on permanent display.

Any Other Business

The meeting closed after 10pm with a vote of thanks to the chair.