

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 17th June 2008
at 6.30pm at The Chelsea Arts Club**

Present:

David Le Lay	(Chairman)	DLeL
Allan Baird		AD
Véronique Despréaux		VD
Johnny Devas		JD
Charles MacCallum		CMacC
Cedric Mitchell		CM
Howard Nash		HN
Anthony St Leger		AStL
Julian St Leger		JStL

	Action
<p>1.0 Introductions and apologies for absence: DLeL formally welcomed Anthony St Leger to the Committee.</p> <p>Apologies: Andrew Arrol, Ralph Carpenter, Charles Dorin, Tony Hickman, Derek Montefiore, Mike Morrison, Mark Potter, John Roake, Jean Symons, Edward Taylor</p>	
<p>2.0 The minutes of the last meeting Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2008 were approved and signed by DLeL with the following two corrections: Item 4.1: action by HN (not AH) 4.2 to read 'Website: MP has received French membership list'</p>	Note
<p>3.0 Matters arising</p>	
<p>3.1 Item 4.1. – Minutes of joint meetings: HN has issued draft minutes of both the joint meeting in London on 14th March and those of the Assemblée Generale of 15th May.</p>	Note
<p>3.2 HN suggested that a summary list of actions required could be issued soon after the joint committee meetings, prior to the preparation of the minutes. It was agreed that this would be very useful.</p>	HN
<p>3.3 Item 4.5– Bursary Funding: DLeL reported that the Berkeley Group has declined to offer a capital sum to the bursary fund 'at this time'.</p>	Note
<p>3.4 Item 4.6 – FBUA Chelsea Bursary – DLeL is awaiting a reply from Paul Davis over the request for Paul Davis & Partners to fund the travel costs of the four prospective candidates each year. The French Section are awaiting the outcome of the travel costs decision before proceeding with bursary process. It was noted that the potential candidate who attended the visits in Chelsea in March had an unrealistic expectation of salary levels.</p>	DLeL

- 3.5 **Item 7 – Jersey Reunion:** DLeL has received many warm thank-you letters on the success of the Jersey Reunion, and these sentiments were confirmed by the meeting. Note
- 3.6 CM is collating the photos and sketches to prepare the newsletter, due to be issued after the London Joint Committee meeting in March. CM
- 4.0 **Secretary General**
- 4.1 **Jersey Reunion:** HN proposed a vote of vote of thanks to DLeL and his team for a most enjoyable and instructive reunion. Note
- 4.2 **Committee membership:** HN reminded the meeting that the statuts allow the committee of the British Section to consist of the President, or Vice-president, past presidents, Hon Secretary and six ordinary members who are elected at the Assemblée Générale.
- Although not elected, VD was asked to attend committee meetings at the request of Roger Keene. Being a member of the French Section, she saw her contribution as liaison and mediation with the French Section, and assisting the British section to better understand the French architects' viewpoint on current issues concerning the FBUA and wider architectural matters.
- After discussion, the Committee considered that, unlike the time when VD was asked to attend committee meetings, there were now sufficient French speakers to facilitate direct contact with their respective counterparts in the French Section committee, and that the anomaly of her attendance at meetings could no longer be justified..
- DLeL thanked VD for her considerable contribution to the work of the British Section Committee, and hoped that she would agree to participate for particular tasks in the future. Note
- 4.3 **Julian St Leger:** DLeL, on behalf of the Committee, thanked JStL for his contribution on the Committee over many years and also for introducing Anthony St Leger. Note
- 4.4 **Matters arising from the Assemblée Générale of 15th May 2008:**
Bursaries: see section 6 below.
Future meeting dates: see below.
- 5.0 **Hon Treasurer's report**
- 5.1 **Financial Statement:** CM tabled the attached financial statement as at 17th June 2008. The payment for the Victoria Club, minor sundry expenses and the cost of the Newsletter will be added to the cost analysis of the Jersey Reunion. CM and DLeL were congratulated on controlling the expenses of the Jersey Reunion. CM
- 5.2 **RIBA room hire for March joint committee:** CM is awaiting their invoice of £719.45 (already accounted for in the Financial Statement)
- 5.3 **Website costs:** costs are shared 50/50 with the French Section.

- 6.0 **Education**
- 6.1 **2005 Bursary: Loup d'AVEZAC de CASTERA**
Loup d'Avezac de Castéra presented his project at the Reunion in Jersey, and a hard copy of his report has been submitted. The presentation was well received.
- 6.2 **2006 Bursary: Jessica HOLLAND**
An update on progress has been requested.
- 6.3 **2007 Bursary: Lindsay HUMBERT**
it is anticipated that this project will be presented in Paris in November.
- 6.4 **2008 Bursary: Ben SEIDLER**
Following discussions with the French representative of the Bursary Committee, it was agreed that the 2008 Bursary be awarded to Ben Seidler, a Cambridge Graduate. A meeting to discuss programme, budget, godparenting (by MOUTON), and presentation arrangements has been arranged with MacCULLUM for Wednesday 18th June 2008.
- 6.5 **Web access to bursary reports:** CMacC to monitor editing of completed reports and forward digital copy to MP for uploading on the website.
- 6.6 **Collaboration in preparation of reports:** CMacC is stressing to candidates the desirability of collaborating with both the French and British sections in the preparation of their reports.
- 6.7 **Funds:** DLeL to forward a copy of Laurence Auer's letter of thanks to HN, after which HN to remind her about the outstanding money due to the Bursary fund. (See minutes of the Assemblée Générale) DLeL
HN
- 6.8 **Funding method:** There was a discussion on whether the capital should be preserved to continue to fund modest bursaries, or whether, as HN suggested, it should gradually be spent to fund more generous burseries while the Committee seek additional funding each year. (It should be easier to obtain funding that is awarded each year than seek funding to increase an existing capital fund.) It was agreed to continue with the existing system of preserving and if possible, increasing the capital fund. Note
- 7.0 **Membership**
- 7.1 **New applicants:** JStL to pass on details of new applicants to MP. Note
- 8.0 **AOB**
- 8.1 Benjamin MOUTON:
Benjamin Mouton will be awarded the Ordre de Merit on 26th June. Note
CMacC will be attending.. HN to send note of congratulations.
- 8.2 Richard Griffin has expressed interest in becoming a committee member. DLeL

Future Meetings 2008

- Tuesday 23rd September 6.30 pm British Committee, Chelsea Arts Club
- Tuesday 28th October 6.30 pm British Committee, Chelsea Arts Club
- Friday 14th & Saturday 15th November 2008, Joint Committee meeting, Paris

Attachments

- Hon Treasurer's Report

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