

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008  
at 6.30pm at The Chelsea Arts Club**

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**Present:**

David Le Lay	(Chairman)	DLeL
Allan Baird		AD
Ralph Carpenter		RC
Johnny Devas		JD
Charles Dorin		CD
Charles MacCallum		CMacC
Cedric Mitchell		CM
Derek Montefiore		DM
Michael Morrison		MM
Howard Nash		HN
Mark Potter		MP
Anthony St Leger		AStL

		<b>Action</b>
1.0	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Andrew Arrol, Tony Hickman, John Roake, Jean Symons, Edward Taylor	
2.0	<b>The minutes of the last meeting</b> Minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2008 were approved and signed by DLeL.	Note
3.0	<b>Matters arising</b>	
3.1	<b>Item 4.2. – Committee membership:</b> DLeL has received a warm letter of thanks from Véronique Despréaux for the flowers and letter that DLeL had sent to her.	Note
3.2	<b>Item 8.1 - Benjamin Mouton Ordre de Merit:</b> CMacC was unable to attend the award ceremony and has written to BM.	Note
4.0	<b>Secretary General</b>	
4.1	<b>Minutes:</b> HN has issued draft minutes both for the March joint reunion and the May Assemblée Générale, awaiting comments from the French Section	HN
4.2	<b>Website:</b>	
a.	<b>Update:</b> JD to update website with forthcoming events and current committee memberships (ie update President, secretaries etc.). MP to forward to JD soft copy of British membership email addresses.	JD/MP
b.	<b>Trombinoscope access:</b> Peter Campion has confirmed that members could access the Trombinoscope section from the main site via a password. MP has received an Excel list of French section members that will be loaded onto the site and can be downloaded as	

- an Excel spreadsheet. MP to meet with David Campion to set up the password access and include the three new members. MP
- c. **Trombinoscope publication dates:** Updates to be published on the web at set times to be agreed prior to the joint meetings. JD and MP to prepare a mailshot to members for update information and MP to prepare draft update for the March reunion.
- d. **Personal content.** There was a discussion about the advantages of including professional interests rather than just leisure interests as this would facilitate links and discussion at reunions. The committee considered that the inclusion of professional interests should be encouraged providing it was neither too long nor overtly practice advertising. Note  
JD
- e. **Networking sites:** JD to review the potential of using network sites such as Plaxo and LinkedIn CM
- f. **Newsletter:** CM to forward the last British Newsletter in pdf format to David Campion to post on the web.
- 5.0 Hon Treasurer's report
- 5.1 **Financial Statement:** CM tabled the attached financial statement as at 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The reserve remains stable, and the Jersey Reunion accounts remain positive with all bills now accounted for. Note
- 5.2 **Website costs:** costs are shared 50/50 with the French Section. JD and MP to prepare a budget for the website to be tabled at the joint reunion in March. JD/MP
- 6.0 Education
- 6.1 **2006 Bursary: Jessica HOLLAND**  
The revised final draft has been received for comment. CMacC
- 6.2 **2008 Bursary: Ben SEIDLER**  
The Bursar is working in Paris at the offices of the International Herald Tribune. He has been given Mouton's contact details, and his updated programme is awaited. Note
- 6.5 **Web access to bursary reports:** CMacC suggested that the full reports should be posted on the site only if they are short and a good standard. Larger reports of a suitable standard could be posted as a downloadable pdf. note
- 6.6 **RIBApedia:** CMacC reported that the architectural research site developed by the RIBA Research and Development Department is listing the FBUA as a bursary funding source. Note

## 7.0 Membership

- 7.1 **Tony Brandreth:** Patrick Campbell-Jones has emailed saying that he has visited TB in hospital in Chertsey (Surrey). Note
- 7.2 **New members:** Richard Griffin was accepted as a member at the Jersey Reunion. John Church and Pru Bollam were accepted as new members and will be formally elected at the next Assemblée Générale. MP to update the application form MP
- 7.3 **Numbers and age:** MP reported that there are 88 members in the British section of which 18 are not on email. (About half of these 18 probably have email but are not yet listed.) The average age is 65, and we need to continue the campaign to recruit active practitioners. All
- 7.4 **Honorary members:** Jessica Waterhouse has been invited to attend meetings but is not an honorary member and will not be included in the updated Trombinoscope. (Noted that Monty Bull and Tony Brandreth are Honorary Members) MP

## 8.0 AOB

- 8.1 Joint Committee meeting in March: DLeL tabled a draft programme with options for discussion. The meeting welcomed the idea of Chelsea on Friday with the meeting at the Sloane Club, possibility of drinks in the State Apartments of the Chelsea Royal Hospital and dinner at the London Sketch Club. Saturday to be based in the West End – Notre Dame de France and St Martins in the Field. DLeL will table a revised programme at the next committee meeting. DLeL
- 8.2 **2010 Reunion.** Johnny Devas tabled a preliminary outline programme for the 2010 reunion based in Bristol with visits to the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff and the Bath Spa. The Committee agreed that the 2010 reunion will be based in Bristol and JD to table a draft programme with travel options at the next Committee meeting. JD
- 8.3 **Silver Tankard:** DLeL has received for safekeeping the solid silver baluster-style tankard without lid. It has the assay mark of Newcastle and the date is 1769; the maker's mark is IL and it is engraved on the front 'M+R 1776' within a wreath. On the underside is engraved ' Lt. Col. H. P. Cart de Lafontaine, O.B.E., T.D. from The Franco-British Union of Architects in recognition of his services as Secretary-General 1924 - 1962' Note

## **Future Meetings 2008**

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 pm British Committee, Chelsea Arts Club
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Joint Committee meeting, Paris

## **Attachments**

- Hon Treasurer's Report

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