

THE VANCOUVER LIFE DRAWING SOCIETY
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at 1011 Main Street

On March 6, 2010

Meeting called to order at 2:15 pm.

Last years minutes read and adopted (see highlights from last AGM below)

- Budget for 2009 discussed with the financial report
- *Raise in modeling pay discussed.*
- Administrative position still ongoing

President's report read and accepted

- Changes in Board of Directors mentioned, presently Board consists of Doug Smardon as President, Randal Cullen as VP, Mary Hartlieb as Secretary, Doug Janzen as Treasurer and Elizabeth Nichols as Member at Large.
- Studio Administration contract extended until May 31st, 2009 then not renewed.
- A need for more volunteers was critically evident in 2009. The Board sought volunteers and opened up existing benefits to a wider range of volunteers to encourage more participation. To a large degree this has been successful.
- Communication improved by the efforts of Doug Janzen, Joel Libin, and Cyprian Libera
- Need for improving standards to increase session attendance discussed such as cleanliness of studio, laundering sheets, consistent scheduling of sessions, competent session managing and reliable models.
- Joel Libin is the new gallery curator
- Model pay raised by \$5 an hour
- Society has endeavoured to be more business like in its dealing with contracts being drawn up for artists-gallery shows and lease of premises for studio rental situations when courses offered by members. Many thanks to Peter Berger for his on going assistance in these matters.
- Session managers handbook finalized coupled with instructional seminar held in October.

Financial Report read and accepted

- Finances of Society remain healthy though a \$1,700 loss was incurred over the 2009 operating year.
- Doug Janzen is looking for help with the position and/or someone he can train to step up into his position
- Call also put out for an accountant to help with maintaining the finances

- An extra expense starting in 2009 is Basic has to pay Hydro where before the City was subsidizing the rate.
- We will also be trying to keep printing costs down
- Subscription to Preview Magazine has been discontinued in favour of less costly options for promoting the gallery and Society.
- Event insurance has come down in price, reduced by \$15 per show.

Plans for 2010

- Maintaining the space
- Increase volunteer base
- Need to keep session attendance up to maintain income ie. increase membership and interest in the community.

Floor opened up for questions or comments

- Idea of an ongoing instructional session brought up, next board will discuss this in more detail
- Objective of running instructional session would be to increase membership. Need to keep increasing membership in the society

Election of New Board of Directors

The following were elected as Directors of the Society with the positions set adjacent to their respective names for the ensuing year:

President: Doug Smardon
Vice President: Randall Cullen
Treasurer: Doug Janzen
Secretary: Mary Hartlieb
Member at Large: Paul Zeke

Many thanks to all in attendance and to Doug for an excellent job as President.