

**MINUTES
OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE VANCOUVER LIFE DRAWING SOCIETY**

Held on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm
At Basic Inquiry Life Drawing Studio and Art Gallery
1011 Main Street, Vancouver BC V6A 4L4

IN ATTENDANCE:	Doug Smardon	President
	Randal Cullen	Vice President
	Nicholas Jackiw	Treasurer
	Alain Boullard	Member at Large
	Rachel Chou	Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Smardon, Board President, opened the meeting at 7:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was MOVED, SECONDED and approved to adopt the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 8, 2014.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nicholas, the Treasurer, reviewed the financial statements for September 2014 is flat, ending the upward trend of the last 4 months.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. **Member Show Update from Nick:** We have 101 submitted works, and stand to make \$500 above costs assuming reception liquor sales are a breakeven proposition. The Board offered various advices about open reception issues; members are encouraged to our come to the reception November 8 (7pm).
2. **TD Investment account update:** Randal presented the report.
3. **VanCity Accounts regarding setting up a two-signature savings account:** Nick is still following up on this. Nick proposed a motion that Nick discuss with our banker what sort of term deposits we have, when they mature, and how best to balance or replenish them with an investment on the order of \$5K - \$10K. Further, that Nick be given authority to make such an investment or return to report options to the Board, based on his own judgment. The Board approved it.
4. **Studio Lighting:** Alain updated the progress. It's expected the lighting will be installed sometime in the 2nd week of November 2014.
5. **Facebook Account:** Rachel Chou will stay on as an editor, working with Tony (**who remains as the main editor**), but resign as the administrator of the account.

6. **Yellow Pages:** Doug updated that the meeting went well. Thanks for Susan Bates coordinated the food for the studio. We are still waiting for the article to go live.
7. **Calendars:** Randal updated the sales, which went very well. The sales have achieved breaking even. Randal will research the demand to see whether to print more. There are only 11 calendars left from the 1st printing of 100. We sold 50 calendars through Opus Art Supplies.
8. **Proposed model workshop (Shelley Rothenburger, Francois & Wanda):** Nick contacted organizers proposing the workshop encouraging them either to rent the facility to host their own event, or submit a course description that the Board could evaluate. The proposers are not interested in renting but have not yet proposed a syllabus or detailed written course description. The Board reviewed their overall ideas positively but wants a more detailed proposal to review, so leaves the ball in the proposers' court.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Secretary Position:** Rachel Chou wish to resign this position to pursue her studies. She will stay on until the end of November or until a replacement is found before the end of November. The Board is very sorry to see Rachel go and wishes her the best in her studies. The Secretary position is now once again open! Based on this, the Board will pursue engaging a new secretary rather than other positions (public relations & grant writing) at this point.
2. **Society emails for long-term volunteers:** Rachel proposed the need to setup name@lifedrawing.org email accounts for contacts and communications regarding The Society's business. The Board agreed and will inform the volunteers the options whether to have such email account or to use personal email account.
3. **Business License:** 2014 Business License is in the file cabinet, which will be posted at a visible spot.
4. **Reduced fee for handicapped person:** Randal is going to meet with the individual and session manager to set up a routine for distribution of half-priced tickets as a trial.
5. **Student bursary:** Formulate a plan to ensure we can carry out setting up a student bursary with profits from our TD investments. The Board formulated a rough plan, which would fund the position with half the dividends of the TD investments in years when Basic's finances could support that charity. The President will research the art programs that Emily Carr and Capilano have, based on prior research from members, to present a proposal to membership for vote at the AGM 2015 to determine which school will be supported by next year's bursary.
6. **Session Model:** Alain reported an ongoing problem with a popular model, who is chronically late and/or absentee immediately before or even during her

session. Based on his discussions with the model in question and affected members, Alain has decided to not terminate her but has told her one more scheduling incident and she will not receive further work from Basic.

7. **Special Session:** Alain has hired a flamenco dancer for a gesture session on Sunday afternoon. Alain will coordinate with the session manager to alert membership of the fact that this will be a dressed rather than a nude session. Based on the outcome, Alain might attempt to schedule the same dancer for one or more other sessions. The date(s) will be announced soon.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.