

Board Meeting Minutes

The Vancouver Life Drawing Society

Tuesday February 25, 2016; Campagnolo's Restaurant

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

In Attendance:

President Douglas Smardon, Vice President Randal Cullen, Treasurer Nick Jackiw,
Member At Large Alain Boullard

Standing Items:

Adopted the October 26, 2015 minutes

Financial Report - Nick

The Treasurer presented the draught yearend Financial Summary for the Societies 2015 calendar year and reported positive gain with total assets higher than they were a year ago. He noted that the report did not track the bursary given to Emily Carr University and he will be working with QAS to get that down as a line item among our expenses. A finalized report will be delivered to the Society at this year's AGM.

TD Investments - Randal

The VP reported our TD Waterhouse investments have grown since we cashed out last year's profits to pay for the Emily Carr student bursary. The Board has authorized Randal to seek investment opportunities for a further \$25,000 that will create stable returns in excess of the bank interest we are now earning.

Studio Rentals - Randal

Alain was our most recent customer renting the studio for several weeks last year. Otherwise there were no issues or updates to report.

Models - Alain

Alain raised the issue of how time consuming and involved the job of being a proficient modelling booker is. He is concerned we are not training anyone else in this role and put forward the suggestion that the position could be shared by two people.

Discussion ensued as to how this could look. It was suggested a member/model would be a good person to share in the duties. There was also a thought of how the work could be divided between two people. Allocating certain sessions to each person seemed the most logical way. No decision was made as Alain still wants to think on it.

Old Business

1. Alice Koan's Painting Group. The Board has been notified by Alice that the painting group will be disbanding at the end of March. She reported it was a good run while it lasted, the group had great success putting on a showing of their work but with spring approaching interest among the members seemed to be waning so ending it seems the right thing to do. Alice has expressed interest in possibly organizing the group again next winter.
2. Follow up on the WL Davis BI Annual Award to Emily Carr University. Nothing new to report. Regarding the estate of WL Davis the Board is still waiting to hear from the executor about the possibility of more money being awarded to the Society.

New Business:

1. AGM. A date of Saturday April 23, 2016 has been set for this year's AGM. Given the lack of attendance by the general membership over the last several AGMs the Board discussed keeping the meeting simple and short.

Proposed Agenda

- Call to order 1:30 pm
- President's Report
- Adopt minutes from last AGM
- Financial Report
- Other - motions from the floor/presentations

- Election of new Board
 - Adjourn 2:30 – 3:00 pm?
2. Tuesday evening session. The Board discussed creating another evening session but decided against it as summer is approaching when attendance typically drops off.
 3. Quantum Accounting Services Ltd. fee increase. The Board voted to accept the QAS fee increase from \$38/hour to \$45/hour effective July 1, 2016.
 4. Alain is interested in organizing a show of work by digital artists that attend the sessions.
 5. Nick proposed presenting Jaime Jones a 5 year service award for doing such a fine job as our financial clerk. Jaime on a weekly basis ensures all session proceeds are deposited in the bank and the data from the session sheets are entered onto the master receipts spread sheet in our Docs Google file: an incredibly invaluable service to the Society. Proposed is a \$250 gift certificate from one of the local art stores for presentation at the AGM. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
 6. Nick also proposed setting up a series of workshops/seminars on different aspects of art. Details are to follow but he is thinking of inviting artists/members to share their knowledge/techniques/process (which could include participant paid workshops) to learn and exchange ideas. The Board approved a \$500 budget for Nick to work with.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm