

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**The Vancouver Life Drawing Society**

Monday March 27, 2017; Campagnolo's Restaurant at 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

In attendance: Douglas Smardon (president), Alain Boullard (member-at-large), Nick Jackiw (treasurer), Paul Kernan (secretary)

Regrets: Randal Cullen (vice president)

**Standing Items:**

1. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

The Board noted that the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting had previously been approved by board members by email.

2. Financial Report:

The Treasurer presented year end numbers for approval prior to the AGM. The following points were noted and discussed:

- a) The society continues to make money
- b) The value of the TD Investment at liquidation has been established and is included in the balance sheet.
- c) There is an accounts receivable amount of \$1,955.00, which is outstanding for more than 1 year on the balance sheet. It was agreed that this would be written off.

The Treasurer raised the issue of the society moving to a cashless basis for tickets and membership. It was agreed that additional research and discussion is required.

3. TD Investments:

The account has been liquidated. Item to be removed from future meeting agenda.

4. Studio Rentals: See later agenda item.

5. Models:

Alain expressed concern that with the addition of the new Tuesday evening sessions, with models booked by Ezra and Chieh, we now have three people

booking models. Alain's concern is that this may reduce his ability to fairly allocate sessions to models. This discussion continued in item 1, Old Business below.

### **Old Business:**

1. Portrait & Costume sessions (Tuesday evenings):

Nick indicated that he would discuss Alain's concerns (previous item) with Chieh and Ezra. Nick also indicated that he would announce at each session that feedback on these sessions should be provided to the session manager. Nick also indicated that both Ezra and Chieh should have back up plans for models.

2. Sunday morning session management:

This issue has been resolved, Shelly Feng is managing the session.

3. HVAC repair:

This issue has been resolved, the HVAC system is currently working.

4. Handyman position:

Tabled, pending resolution of studio move issue (item 7 below).

5. WiFi for studio:

Tabled, pending resolution of studio move issue (item 7 below).

6. AGM:

The AGM is scheduled to take place on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The following items were suggested for the agenda:

- Lease on 1011 Main Street Studio.
- BC Artscape Chinatown studio opportunity
- Revised studio rental policy
- Possible raising of modelling fees
- New Tuesday sessions
- Election of officers

7. BC Artscape Chinatown meeting:

Doug indicated that the application to BC Artscape had been made, as previously agreed. The application does not commit the Society to leasing space in the building but is more of an expression of interest. The potential studio space at the Keefer Street building was discussed and photographs of various spaces within the building were reviewed. It was agreed that a sub-committee of the Board, consisting of Doug and Paul would continue discussions with BC Artscape. In principle, a decision to move from 1011 Main Street would be based on the following considerations:

- Improved quality of space for a new studio
- Larger studio and gallery space
- No significant increase in non-lease costs
- Easy access to the space after normal opening hours

**New Business:**

1. Proposed Rental Policy:

The issue of the current and possible new rental policies for the Basic Inquiry studio were discussed at length.

2. BC Artscape - Tennant application form

Item discussed above under old business.

3. 1011 Main Street lease:

The lease on the 1011 Main Street studio expires at the end of May 2017. The President indicated that discussion have been initiated with the City of Vancouver concerning renewal of the lease. Initial indications suggest that the lease will be renewed. The lease period will depend on a decision regarding the BC Artscape option for a new studio.

4. Randal Cullen - Resignation:

It was noted that Randall has resigned his position on the board. The Board recognized the significant contributions Randal has made over the last 7 years, and noted in particular his role in managing corporate memberships.

There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.