

Board Meeting Minutes

The Vancouver Life Drawing Society

September 19, 2022 — Meeting via Zoom 6:00 - 7:30PM

Chair: Doug Smardon

Attending: Alain Boullard (member at large), Nick Jackiw (treasurer), Jaime Jones (member at large), Doug Smardon (president),

Standing Items

1. Call meeting to order at 6:05pm.
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Approval of the August 2022 Minutes
4. Financial Report. We revised the standing transfer.
5. Tech Systems Report

Old Business:

- 1) Lease Update. The President has now physically signed off on the new lease and we are waiting for the City's confirmed copy.

New Business:

- 1) City of Vancouver: Possible Rent Relief Opportunity.

One of the city contacts unearthed by the Lease Renegotiation Subcommittee has encouraged us to apply for possible rent relief on an urgent Oct 6 deadline through the City's Affordable Spaces initiative.

Nick and Doug will apply for \$6000 for 2022 paving the way for a request or up to \$50K in subsequent years. Nick will have a draft proposal by October 2 for Doug's review; together they'll finalize October 3-5.

- 2) Storage Slots

In discussion, the Board agreed to allot the storage slots to *active volunteers* with Society Membership in good standing. Jaime will contact people whose names are currently on the slots and ask them to remove their contents, and contact volunteers to see if any who are members in good standing want to claim a slot. Currently there are

13 volunteers of whom 10 are members in good standing.

3) Volunteers who have not purchased a membership: do we address them?

In response to personal emails after last month's discussion, one of the two session managers with lapsed membership renewed membership promptly and one has yet to do so.. The Board agreed that it is awkward and tedious to police, on a month by month basis, the Basic rule that volunteers must be *current* members of the Society. In discussion, we agreed to restrict the allocation of volunteer *benefits*—specifically, free drawing privileges and free storage lockers—to volunteers with members in good standing assessed at the moment Basic grants the privilege. For free tickets this can be done on a weekly basis automatically by Robostrar; for other benefits it must be managed by Board member.

4) Would-be participants who for whatever reason refuse to register: how do we deal with them?

The Board unanimously agreed that Robostrar and pre-registration would remain non-optional routes for session registration. In addition to providing reliable, adjustable capacity control and contact tracing during the pandemic, Robostrar has permitted Basic Inquiry to (1) *significantly* reduce volunteer workload by removing ticket sales, manual attendance taking, receipts accounting, cash management, and banking from Session Management and Financial Clerk responsibilities; (2) offer non-cash means of payment to participants; (3) guarantee that *all* session attendees agree, in advance, to be governed Basic's terms & conditions of participation; (4) significantly improve the quality, accuracy, and security of our financial accounting, and non-financial record keeping.

5) People who register under clearly bogus or impersonal credentials: do we care about them?

Some registrants sign up for Robostrar using email addresses and/or names that are clearly fictitious, or that clearly identify groups or corporations rather than individuals. Such credentials may be at odds with the warrants of Basic's current Terms & Conditions to which these registrants agree at the time of registering specifically that they

... agree that the tickets, passes, and other digital entitlements purchased through [their] account on Robostrar are for [their individual] personal use only, and [they] agree not to sell, re-sell, rent, sublicense, barter, or otherwise materially profit directly from these digital assets.

That said, the Board is not aware of any particular abuses or violations of these terms at present, so unanimously agreed not to initiate any action against registrants with bogus or impersonal personal Robostrar credentials at this time.

Set next meeting date

It was agreed the next meeting would be 14 November, 2022, held in person at the Basic studio.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.