

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - THE VANCOUVER LIFE DRAWING SOCIETY

2 July 2024 / 6:00-8:00 PM / At the studio, 1011 Main St.

ATTENDEES:

Chair: Lindsay Towns

Attending: Kilian O'Reilly, Kevin Hartwig, Bryce Baril, Sarah Heng Hartse, Lindsay Towns, David Johnson, Christian Geiser (via video call)

Guests: none

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Meeting called to order: 6:06 pm
2. Adoption of agenda: Adopted
3. **Financial report:** May (prepared by Dave Boal): +20k from last year.
4. **Secretary's Report:**
 - a. AGM debrief
 - i. The AGM went well - Lindsay's only critique was that the projector needed to be set up ahead of time.
 - ii. The flow of the event went smoothly
 - iii. Voting went smoothly with the adjustment that the voting of positions would be selected from the top down (ie, President voted in first). This method was a success and will be adopted for future voting.
 - iv. Positive feedback from attendees about the meeting
 - b. Communications Coordinator (CC) Position
 - i. Cheree Lang volunteered as the new CC. Lindsay and Sarah met with her to go over the position and suggest how to gather news and information. She will start immediately with a newsletter to be coming mid-July.
 - ii. Suggestion: post weekly schedule on social media

- c. The society's registration has been submitted and paid through BC Registries by Lindsay.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Robostrar Replacement Update

- a. Square account has been set up for the upcoming Workshop with the help of Ron Bijok and Bryce. Will explore this as an option for replacements. Might take a bit of custom development.

2. Culture Crawl Update

- a. Lindsay has requested that participants set up a meeting time to set up the space
- b. Everyone who is participating in the event has registered through the East Side Culture Crawl site.
- c. Board has talked about the possibility of having a clothed model during the event.

3. Extra Long Pose Update

- a. Square set up. Payments went to Basic account.
- b. Ron is hosting and is not taking a fee for the sessions. Workshop filled up quickly, thanks to members who were already committed and a media push for the remaining spots to all members.
- c. Questions were raised for future sessions - can there be a way for members to choose their seats, and who might run these workshops if Ron doesn't want to?

4. Easel Replacement Project Update

- a. Possible lead of carpenter fell through. Bryce is still looking for options.
- b. Suggestions for easels off of Amazon, however they are heavy, may be less manageable for some members

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paying Models GST

- a. A model has come forward with a request that GST is added onto their payment, as they are a professional model whose income comes primarily from modeling. They have paid the GST out of pocket for the last few years which, when added up, comes to a significant amount during tax season.

- b. Basic Inquiry as a charity is not obligated to pay GST, however after discussion the board has agreed to do so for models who can provide their business license and/or GST/HST Registration number.
- c. Part of the issue is the model not receiving tips as frequently to cover the GST. The board agreed that this is a separate issue that was addressed in part last year with the pay raise from \$100 - \$115 per session. There will be further future discussion on methods to help encourage tip donations for models.
- d. This GST payment could be paid in one lump sum to the model once per year, or included in each session's payment. Lindsay is reaching out to BI accountant Jaime for recommendations.

VOTE: Pay GST to those models who can send an invoice with their GST/HST registration number and/or business license ONLY if easily implemented via payment processing and does not add a huge amount of extra effort on the accountant's part. (6 in favor, 1 against)

2. (10 min, Bryce) Proposal: Special Event Board & Template

Post a new bulletin board that is only for proposing special sessions with provided special session template pages that people can use to suggest new sessions. Template is here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17WeZ0FDxgct1nux7J3CFW4G6GzZ5WVZqvZ-240YGH10/edit?usp=sharing>

Board suggestion is to have a coordinator organize both special sessions and workshops and set up the Special Session board in the studio. Upon Lindsay's recommendation, Kevin has stepped up to lead the effort.

3. (10 min, Killian) Proposal: Vancouver Fan Expo is February 21-23 2025

Killian has proposed that BI sign up for an exhibition table at the Vancouver Fan Expo (Feb 21-23, 2025). This would raise awareness amongst young artists as well as local, established artists. 2 members would be present to man the table on each day. A standard table is \$275 for the duration of the con.

Board approved Killian going forward with researching and implementing this initiative.

4. (5 min, Lindsay) Status Update: Celebration of Life

Studio space has been requested to hold a celebration of life for a longtime attendee who has recently passed. Lindsay has responded with a yes, along with an offer to post a memorial on the website, but hasn't heard back yet.

5. (10 min, Bryce) Discussion: Alain's Drawing Lessons & Decor

Alain proposes to feature a rotation of traditional master copies in the front gallery to reflect Basic's roots and always have something of interest for guests. He has also brought in several plaster casts and a statue for artists to draw and paint.

VOTE: Keep artwork and statues from Alain in the studio (unanimously approved)

ACTION ITEMS:

Lindsay

- ~~Schedule next Robostrar replacement meeting~~
- ~~Ask Jaime about how payment would work with adding GST~~
- ~~Follow up on the Celebration of Life to see if they still want to book the space~~

Kilian

- Reach out to Vancouver ComicCon about getting a standard table to promote/showcase

Bryce

- Follow up with easels
- Look into GST complications for models

Kevin

- Initiate Special Session and Workshops proposal board

Sarah

- Touch base with Cheree about newsletter, determine delivery date

David

- Board Dinner Coordinator for August

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm