

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - THE VANCOUVER LIFE DRAWING SOCIETY

2 February 2025 / 6:00-8:00 PM / 1011 Main St

ATTENDEES:

Chair: Lindsay

Attending: Kevin, Bryce, Killian, David, Christian

Guests:

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm
2. Adoption of agenda: adopted
3. **Financial report (Bryce):**
 - a. Stripe access has been restored after hunting down official document from BC Societies. Withheld payment has been released
 - b. Year to date generally stable, slight loss due to purchase of equipment and other expenses
 - c. Rent has increased with renewal of lease
4. **Secretary's Report:**
 - a. Cheree is away for February, so will take over the weekly IG schedule for her as well as the newsletter duties while she is gone
 - b. Reschedule Volunteer party
 - c. Website outages throughout the month; according to web guru, may be caused by host

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ads at the Rio Theatre (Lindsay)**
 - a. Decide on a night to film empty studio with one "actor" and one model

- b. Friday morning/ Sunday evening best times for Killian
 - c. Shoot for end of February due date
- 2. Volunteer Appreciation Night (Figure out over Discord asap)**
- a. Majority vote over email to postpone due to snow.
 - b. Budget update
 - c. Tentative date for party- First week of March
- 3. Special Sessions (Kevin)**
- a. Ann and Guy will be modelling for a duo session on Wednesday, Feb 19th from 2-5pm!
 - i. Ron Bijok made the posters for this session!
 - b. Ann would like to do a flapper themed session. Spring would be best to space them out.
 - c. Veronika or Rebekah were interested in holding a shibari themed session
 - i. Shibari sessions would need a higher price point (\$40-50) in order to be profitable. This price is standard at other venues.
 - ii. If we want to do this, we'll need to find a more local shibari artist. Harvey Chan may be the one to ask.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Alain Statue Proposal (Lindsay)**
- a. Alain reaffirmed that he would generously like to donate his statues, art books, and paintings to Basic Inquiry.
 - i. Killian strongly suggests having Alain formally include any items he wishes to donate in his will or estate planning.
 - ii. Board is concerned that there isn't space for another statuette in the studio

- b. Lindsay wants to float the idea of doing a can and bottle drive through Return-It to raise the funds for the statue. According to their website, an average bottle drive pulls in about that much funding, and it would give members a way to participate directly in acquiring the statue.

2. Hosting renewal decision

- a. iPower annual fees are due Feb 27th. They seem excessively high (\$328.81 vs competitor's \$129 annually). As iPower was part of the reason for the website being down recently, can we ask for a discount given the fact that they may not be performing to our expectations? If not, would it be worth the migration to a different server?
 - i. For long term solution, Bryce and Sarah would like to have the server or website built in to a registration system, as part of Robostrar migration plan.
 - ii. For short term, we will stay with iPower.
 - iii. Bryce notes that they are now owned by BlueHost, who presumably offers lower rates that can be negotiated for.

3. Website

- a. Nick points out that we may not use the website to its full potential
 - i. Lindsay thinks that we have two choices- prioritize new users as a informational page (introduction to Basic) or prioritize existing members (shows, calendar, Robostrar links)
 - ii. Bryce ponders a low pri item of adding resources for general life drawing (how to become a model, art resources) for lifedrawing.org since it's such a centralized domain name. Kevin agrees and adds that he'd like to see art-related events on a tab or feed.

4. Studio Resets after Sessions

- a. Bryce wants to remind all session managers to empty trash/recycling, do a light clean up, and put seating back in a general circle.
- b. Certain sessions, especially on weekends, have left the studio in total disarray.

c. Lindsay will write the email.

5. ELP 6 (See Ron's email)

a. 4 sessions, \$60 for members/\$75 for non-members. Tuesday nights 6-9PM 4 weeks over Mar 11, 18, 25, and April 8

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 pm