

Minutes - Business Meeting - online via Zoom

Amended 2020/05/16 - Section 5.2.1

President: Bob Wallace

Vice-President: Christine Malone

Treasurer: Martin Sollanych

Secretary: Helen Ramsay

Show Coordinator: Dianna Veenhof

Members present: 13

1. **Call to Order** 7:10 p.m.

2. **President's Report** - Bob Wallace

1. Welcome to Everyone! The first Zoom meeting was a scheduled business meeting but was casual/social; no Minutes. Tonight has an agenda. Our AGM is June 10th and the executive have chosen to stay on at this time. If you would like to nominate someone, please email the name to Helen Ramsay. We plan to keep in touch over the Summer.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - Martin Sollanych

1. Two \$30 cheques were deposited for membership. We expect the scholarship money to go out soon at \$250/each. Gaming account is at \$850, Scholarship at \$1,063, city account \$1,753. City funds won't be spent on workshops or demos so we will need to consider if we can have online demos. Gaming account was saved for storage and we hope to receive the gaming grant. We've paid all our expenses so far for this year and will have a society bill and insurance in the Fall.

4. **Committee Reports**

1. Port Moody Art Association and Garibaldi Art Club Updates - Helen Ramsay
 1. PMAA has cancelled their Fall show as well as all meetings through the end of 2020 with a planned return January 11, 2021. Generally speaking, they

have closed until next year. Garibaldi Art Club has had their executive meetings via Zoom but no other meetings as their club has about 90 members and Zoom is not suitable. Their June art show is cancelled as is their AGM and Summer dinner. They may hold a “socially responsible physical distanced, picnic party, plein air session” but that is wait and see. They meet at The Act which is closed since mid-March and will be closed for some time including the Gallery. They discussed having a virtual exhibition on their website for early Fall. Their Fall show (in November) is on hold and they will make a decision closer to the date. Many members paint at home but many also said they can't put their minds to it. Federation members are still painting. Generally speaking, the club is “on pause”.

2. Helen's comments were that the note from Port Moody stated they cancelled the Fall show because they make plans for it during this time everything is shut down and they are not able to meet in person to plan for it. Helen's experience from the club is that most of the year is dedicated to discussion about the show whereas AFAA doesn't begin plans until September. Helen said she found it sad that some members at Garibaldi are not painting. She commented that each club will make their own plans based on their members and/or executive decisions and she encouraged our club to stay connected, possibly have some physically-distanced plein air over the Summer and plan as usual making decision calls that are time appropriate; stay connected online and through our Zoom meetings and encourage our members to keep on painting and look to the future.

2. Publicity & Demo Committee - Christine Malone

1. If we have any demos, they should be cancelled month by month, as needed. There won't be any publicity until things are back on.
2. Re. demos, Bob mentioned that perhaps artists such as Michael King (who has youtube videos) could possibly do an online demo Mylene noted that it should not be open to the public as we could get Zoom-Bombed. Christine noted that \$150 is too much for an online demo for only a few members, we would need at least 15 people to watch it. Dianna does not think that online sessions will work and Christine suggested to wait until September to see how it rolls out. Whenever we apply for grants, we need to justify that we spend money on demos and Port Coquitlam citizens can join us.
3. Cultural Roundtable - Linda Macbeth (absent) - No report.

4. Social Committee - Val Bordian
 1. The June Wind-up was discussed. Val asked if people want to have one. Bob will send out a questionnaire to members to ask if there is interest and if they want it at lunch or dinner time; Val suggests over lunch. Castle Park was suggested or Rocky Point Park (Port Moody) or Peace Park, or perhaps a back yard or cul-de-sac, etc. A discussion ensued where it was agreed that it needs to be distanced and have a washroom so a back yard was not recommended as it's using someone's personal washroom. Castle Park has clean washrooms but we would need to check what the restrictions are, the picnic area is roped off. Also we would bring our own chairs and food/beverage. Val will create an email with choices and Bob will send it to the members. Shery Razavifar thanked Val for the idea and suggesting plans.
5. Outside Hanging Committee - All artwork shall remain in place until further notice.
6. Sunshine Committee - Christine Koenders (absent) - No report.
7. FaceBook Co-ordinator - Teesa Christie (absent) - No report.

5. New Business

1. Grant Application - Visual Art Show - Debbie Halyk
 1. Debbie advised that with the help of Christine Malone and Bob Wallace, they put together a grant application with the idea of having a virtual art exhibition. They are thinking of getting online with the City, get a graphic artist and a videographer/photographer to help set the stage because we need to engage the citizens of Port Coquitlam, e.g. photograph some of the iconic buildings in Poco and have the virtual art exhibition in a virtual Leigh Square. Also to engage the citizens of Poco, thinking of having one art piece from the members to reference the environment or landscape in general of Poco. If the members agree, Debbie will submit the grant and we would get information if we received the grant by late Summer. Debbie suggested (like the Riverview Project) something that references the Poco landscape and environment. Alternately, engage the citizens by having a walk-through of photographs on a front page then walking through the virtual Leigh Square, We need a quote and budget from a videographer and graphic artist, We

have one year from receiving the grant to make it happen. Members in attendance agreed to the grant application.

2. June Workshop & AFAA Website Updates - Mylene Dayrit-Kubicek
 1. (Amended) A continuation of last week, Topics 4-6. Zoom has many videos on their website where you can learn and practise being Live. With three or more people and over 40 minutes has a charge but two people is free with no time limitation. Mylene will do a workshop on June 3rd. She will also get an account that the Committee will reimburse payment.
 2. Our website has been updated to reflect the current situation. The first page shows that the club is still holding online meetings for members but in-person meetings are cancelled. The AGM will be online June 10th. The year-end dinner is tentative.
3. AFAA Executive Nominations for 2020/2021 season - Bob Wallace
 1. Helen will create an email about sending in nominations and the current executive will stand for another year.
4. Zoom opened to members for their ideas., questions or input - Bob Wallace
 1. Bob will hold a few Zoom meetings over the Summer to keep in touch and say Hi.
 2. General discussion and comments from members. All expressing enthusiasm to continue with club ventures and painting.
6. **Adjournment** 8:55 p.m..
7. **Next Business Meeting:** AGM/Business Meeting on ZOOM - **Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

Minute-taking by Helen Ramsay

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