

Minutes - Business Meeting & AGM via Zoom

President: Bob Wallace

Vice-President: Christine Malone

Treasurer: Martin Sollanych

Secretary: Helen Ramsay

Show Coordinator: Dianna Veenhof

Members present: 17

1. **Call to Order** 7:00 p.m.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

1. Any additions: None.

3. **Approval of the previous meeting Minutes on February 12, 2020**

1. Adopt previous meeting Minutes: Moved by Andrew Carroll, Seconded by Dianna Veenhof.

4. **New Members:** None.

5. **Announcements/Correspondence:** None. No access to Outlet mailbox however Christine Malone received mail that is picked up twice weekly from City staff.

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

1. First ever AGM on Zoom. Executive has done their best to keep everyone involved and thank you. The club has almost 6 months to decide about the Fall Art Show. Cheques have been mailed to the art scholarship winners; they are invited to attend AFAA for one year. Mylene, thanks for the website updates. Tuesday morning at 10:00 for Summertime Plein Air starting next week and throughout the Summer. Washrooms and parking will be priority to choosing the site. A few roles to be filled. Thanks to all members who stepped in to fill the roles and workshops.

7. Treasurer's Report, Martin Sollanych

1. As attached.
2. Approved by Doris Patko, Seconded by Wendy Russo.

8. Committee Reports

1. Publicity Committee - Christine Malone

1. Thank you, Martin for helping with the Gaming Grant.
2. Mylene's new, refurbished website is in the Poco Arts Council webpage, on FaceBook; sent to the Arts people at the City.

2. Demo Committee - Christine Malone

1. Nothing has been cancelled, September artist is Mark Pytlos if the Outlet is opened.

2. Cultural Roundtable - Christine Malone

1. Discussed what they had been doing since the shutdown, most activities shut down, some via Zoom, Highlight - invited guest from the City of Richmond that put on a virtual art show which is what we'd like to do.

3. Community Events - Helen Ramsay

1. Creative People Talking - Tomorrow on FaceBook.
2. Nothing else to report due to Covid-19.

4. Social Committee - Val Bordian

1. Wind Up - June 17th, noon at Lions Park. Food nearby, picnic tables, shade trees; bring your own chair. No alcohol, bring your own food, tv table and/or umbrella for shade if you need it. No floral bouquets to be given out because everyone on Executive is staying in those roles. Helen suggested Mylene receive flowers for her exceptional work with the website.

5. Outside Hanging Committee

1. All hanging is currently on hold; no changes. At the Dialysis Clinic, all paintings are Andrew's and he will go in on Friday to bring his paintings home. 8 spots are available though due to Covid-19, people are not putting in replacements.

9. Facebook Co-ordinator - Teesa Christie

1. Posted art from various members about every two weeks. Updated the website and email address. Will do an announcement about these changes. Teesa will post artwork if you wish and if she sees any posted online, she sometimes posts those.

10. Old Business

1. Website Update - Mylene Dayrit-Kubrik

1. We have our domain name and mailbox. We have the Premium Unlimited Plan - unlimited bandwidth so it's fast. 10GB storage (a lot). One video hour that we could upload videos; recommends no more than 30 minutes. Advertisements of our club can go on Google and Bing (ad vouchers). Site Booster app that helps drive people to our site. To do the SEO (Search Engine Optimization) for key words which helps push us to the top of searches. Wix banner is removed. Domain is free for one year and we are signed up for two years. 1-2-3-Form Builder app to collect contact information and generate more leads - we need to have ideas to utilize this, e.g. survey?. If used, Wix needs to know within 60 days.
2. Sidebar: Demos by Zoom - concerns re. \$150 paid and perhaps only a few people tuning in. Discussion ensued. Christine will check with Mark Pytlos who is scheduled for September to see if he can do a Zoom demo. Bob suggests a member (in house) do a demo (not needed to be 2 hours) to offer it. Mylene suggests sending an email to everyone on our list offering them to see the demo. Bob suggested the AFAA member could record their Zoom demo and send it by email to the list.

2. Grant Update - Debbie Halyk

1. Encouraged by the website update. Debbie submitted a grant proposal to the City of Port Coquitlam for ongoing program delivery, also specifically identified doing a (VAE) virtual art exhibition. In the exhibition, Debbie identified that members could submit work but one of their pieces could be any genre, a piece of work of a landscape of Port Coquitlam. Carrie Nimmo replied that we probably would know until late August or September. The City of Richmond had a virtual exhibition for their artist guild on their webpage. We wondered if the City could assist with the VAE on the city website. Debbie suggested we have a survey on our website for a Best in Show.

11. New Business

1. Gaming Grant - Martin Sollanych

1. Spend close to \$800. Possibly purchase a camera. Another idea was logo aprons. We need new brochures which also need to be updated. After discussion and a vote, it was decided to purchase lights for the show.
2. Membership fees: Could we offer a rebate or a discount on next year's membership? Discussion ensued and in support of leaving things as-is; business as usual.

12. Filling club positions - Assistant Treasurer - filled by Christine Koenders; Workshop Coordinator; Assistant Show Co-ordinator - filled by Rae Yano; Coffee - Wendy/ Marilyn to continue with Christine Malone as back-up; Linda MacBeth has left the club so we need someone for Attendance. Amy Siddaway will help Christine Malone with the brochure. Please consider if you can take on a role.

13. **Adjournment** 8:37 p.m..

14. **AGM** - 16 members, call to order.

1. No additions to the agenda.
2. Moved by Rae Yano, Seconded by Christine Malone.
3. Financial Report - Martin Sollanych
 1. See attachment.
 2. OK to pay membership dues (\$50) e-transfers; cheques mailed to Martin.
4. Call to Vote for Executive - Andrew Carroll
 1. Votes & Confirmed - Bob Wallace, President; Christine Malone, Vice-President; Martin Sollanych, Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer, Christine Koenders; Helen Ramsay, Secretary; Dianna Veenhof, Show Co-ordinator.

15. AGM Meeting Closed 8:57 p.m..

16. **Next Business Meeting:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Minute-taking by Helen Ramsay

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