

# **The Vancouver Life Drawing Society Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

Meeting held at 1011 Main Street, Vancouver  
Sat, February 12, 2011

Meeting called to order at 2:07 pm.

## **Last years minutes read and accepted**

## **President's report read and accepted:**

- Changes in board of directors mentioned, presently board consists of:  
Douglas Sardon, President;  
Randal Cullen, Vice President;  
Doug Janzen, Treasurer;  
Melissa Delamar, Secretary;  
Elizabeth Nichols, Member at large.
- Special thanks to Treasurer, Doug Janzen, who stuck with Basic Inquiry all year, and worked to get much of the society's files on to Google docs. He also did an excellent job getting the Financial Clerks's position up and running and liaising with Quantum Accounting Services Ltd, who were brought on to do book keeping.
- The Board amended the benefits session managers receive to include gratis membership for all full time volunteers.
- In an effort to reduce the work loads of volunteers, the Board also took a few administrative steps like the retaining of Quantum Accounting services to do the book keeping, and the re-writing of the Gallery-Artist contract to follow a more do-it-yourself approach, with the artist absorbing the work and cost in putting on their own shows. Needed was a position of Gallery Coordinator.
- Two more stage lights had been installed in the studio, as well as two more stereo speakers.
- Studio Rental: Basic saw continued use outside the regular sessions.
- Special events: Elizabeth Nichols coordinated Basic's participation in the Drawn festival, Ingeborg Raymer's show in honor of a well respected and long time member, as well there was the East Side cultural crew.

- Ingeborg Raymer very generously donated at the Board's request, her painting of Gerry Kelly, which has been given a home over looking the sign in desk.
- The board then took a moment to remember Yeana Kim. She was our Thursday evening Session manager who suddenly passed away in January. The board then viewed a minute of silence in her honor.

### **Financial Report read and accepted:**

- Update given by Doug Janzen
- All documents have been moved to Google Docs, including spreadsheets provided by financial clerk, Jaime Jones.
- Doug Janzen noted that a \$5000 term deposit had been made this year, and that in the coming months, another deposit could be made.
- Revenue for this year was up by about \$5000, while expense was down about \$5000, with a surplus of \$7,946.

### **New Business**

- Motion to renew Alliance for Arts membership – after a vote, it was decided that the society will renew it's membership with alliance for arts, but it was agreed that the board will look into it further, and make sure the society is properly represented on the website.
- Motion to increase the modeling fee \$5 per session from \$65 to \$70. The group unanimously voted in favor of raising the modeling fees, in order to stay competitive and continue to attract quality models to the studio.
- Motion to add a Monday morning Portrait session on a 3 month trial basis from March 7 to July 4, with Veronika Bekker as the recommended session manager. The result was unanimous in favor of adding the session for a 3 month trial.
- Motion to increase Board Member benefits where every term completed an out going board member will receive 3 months of gratis sessions and membership. The Motion was unanimously granted in favor of adding the added benefits.

### **Floor Opened up for questions or comments**

- The heater currently being used for the models creates a bright glow that is quite a nuisance for the artists. A new heater needs to be purchased for the studio.

### **Election of a New Board of Directors**

The following were elected as Directors of the Society, and graciously accepted their respective positions.

- President: Doug Smardon
- Vice President: Randal Cullen
- Treasurer: Jo-Ann Turford
- Secretary: Melissa Delamar
- Member at Large: Alain Boullard

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm. Many thanks go to all who were in attendance and to Doug for an excellent job as President.