

Board Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2009

In attendance: Anna-Maria Potamiti, Doug Smardon, Doug Janzen, Jim Yang, Cyprian Libera, Sharon Klein, and Joel Libin

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm

Review of the previous minutes

As per article 27 of the VLDS Constitution and Bylaws Doug Janzen was appointed as the Treasurer on the board. Peter will transfer the signing authority to Doug as soon as possible. Doug will be sorting out the cashing issue some models are having regarding the printed cheques.

Gallery

Effective January 2010 (following the members small pieces show), artists for the private member shows will be charged a \$200 hanging fee to offset the expenses during the opening. The artist will also be responsible for covering the cost of food for their openings. The member group show is not affected by this. (Such as the annual member show and the small piece show.) These costs passed onto the artist will be in addition to the 20 % commission the gallery charges on work sold. It is estimated each opening costs the Society approximately \$450 for insurance, food, invitations, liquor licensing, advertising and alcohol. The proposed hanging fee will help offset some of these costs to the Society. It should also be recognized that no costs associated with operating the studio such as rent, phone and hydro are being accrued to the operation of the gallery.

Friday night session

The session is now reinstated and will start up again on November 27th. (The first week after the Crawl) Cyprian Libera will be the session manager.

Monday Morning Sessions

It was decided not to reintroduce these sessions until a need is demonstrated by over whelming attendance at the Friday painting sessions.

IB Programme

It was decided that this Board recommend to the next Board that schools be charged a rental fee in addition to the modeling fee. Churchill School has requested and been granted another session for the afternoon of December 3, 2009.

Call for volunteers

We are now looking for volunteers to help out in advertising and studio maintenance committee. If anyone is interested in helping out on either committee, please contact Joel Libin

Responsibilities:

Advertising committee - Deals with media publication, and other venues to promote Basic Inquiry.

Studio maintenance committee - Deal with hardware maintenance of the studio. (such as changing light bulbs, attaching covering panels for the outlets, cleaning/patching the walls after group shows... etc). This committee could also explore ways to improve lighting in the studio.

Increase in fees

Effective starting December 1 various fee will be raised to help cover the operation cost for the society. (The last time fee was increase on 2005 December 1) The changes are listed below.

Drop-in fee	Non-member	\$14
	Member	\$11
Tickets	Book of 10	\$90
	Book of 5	\$50
Monthly pass		\$80
Memberships		
	Regular	\$40
	Students	\$20

These prices will be charged year round; no more probating of fees. Memberships will go on sale

February 1 and are good until the following April 30.

Business card

We are now discussing the printing for more business cards, session tickets, membership cards, 30 day pass cards and pamphlets.

Upcoming board member for next year

Jim Yang (Secretary) and Anna-Maria Potamiti (Vice President) will be resigning after the upcoming AGM. We are now looking for anyone who is interested to fulfill these positions.

Model Booking

Alain Boullard will be taking over booking the models from Anna-Maria Potamiti. Many thanks to Anna-Maria for the time and commitment she gave to this task. Alain is looking forward to carrying out his duties to the satisfaction of all artists and is welcoming feed back and input. He can be contacted at aboullard@lifedrawing.org.