Board Meeting Minutes

The Vancouver Life Drawing Society

Monday November 5, 2018; Campagnolos at 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm

In attendance: Douglas Smardon (president), Suzanne Saint Pierre (vice president), Ron Bijok (treasurer) from 8:15 pm, Paul Kernan (secretary), Alain Boullard

Standing Items:

- 1. President's introduction: Agenda agreed with one new item Additional cleaner
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved
- 3. Financial Report

The treasurer was not in attendance at the start of the meeting. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

4. Models

An incident occurred at the Friday evening session (Nov 2nd) when several artists disagreed with the pose agreed by the session manager and the model and after some heated discussion 3 artists left the session. The session proceeded without further incident. This issue was discussed in more detail later in the meeting (item 6, new business).

Old Business:

1. Session Manager Contact List

Almost complete – additional contact info. Added, some information still missing. Paul and Doug to follow up.

New Business:

1. Proposed Monday Evening Session

Milan Petrovic, the Tuesday morning session manager has proposed a Monday evening painting session which he would manage. The session would run until the end of 2018. After discussion it was decided that a painting session would not be appropriate as there are several other painting sessions which do not appear to be as popular as other sessions. It was agreed that Milan could manage a regular, or gesture, session on Monday evenings in December.

If Milan is agreeable to managing these sessions he should provide a notice or poster in the studio.

2. Teaching Session

Steve Williams is interested in renting the studio for a teaching session. It was agreed that this was acceptable provided attendees are not charged a fee.

3. Wednesday Morning Sessions

Attendance has not been as high as expected, and it's possible the session manager is losing interest. Alain suggested that despite this the session has been good for testing new models. It was agreed that the session would be allowed to run for another month and that Alain would work with the session manager.

4. Session Sign-in Sheets

New sheets are in use and Ron reports they are working well. Ron will have additional sheets printed.

5. Tenant improvements

Work is complete, invoices have been submitted to City and payment is expected.

6. Incident at Recent Session

In addition to the disagreement regarding the model pose, one of the attending artists did not want music to be played. It was agreed that Doug would discuss the situation with the session manager and artists involved and remind all parties that the choice of pose is to be agreed between the model and session manager, that the choice of music, or decision to have music, is to be decided by the model and session manager, and that only the session manager will instruct the model.

7. Studio Cleaning

There have been some reports recently suggesting that the studio needs additional cleaning. It was noted that Marlene has been away recently. It was also suggested that a new vacuum cleaner is needed and that some additional assistance would be useful to do a deep clean every month.

There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.