

Board Meeting Minutes

The Vancouver Life Drawing Society

Monday January 28, 2019; Campagnolos at 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

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

Standing Items:

1. President's introduction: Agenda agreed
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved
3. Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that the financial situation is stable with little or no change compared to last year.

The Treasurer is continuing to monitor the balance of the Society's savings and chequing accounts as one affects the other and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Society's charity status papers have been filed with CRA.

4. Models

Alain indicated that there are lots of models available and interested in modelling. He has been providing free session tickets to potential candidates to allow them to observe typical sessions and understand model requirements. Wednesday morning sessions work well for introducing new models.

A back-up model list was discussed to avoid the need for Alain to be contacted when models don't turn up for sessions. Alain also indicated that he is encouraging models partners with others to arrange coverage in the event that they become unavailable for a particular session.

A model has recently suggested using a bean bag chair for reclining poses. It was agreed that this was not a good idea as it would likely encourage more of the less popular reclining poses and would also potentially obscure views of the model in these poses.

Old Business:

1. Session Manager Contact List

List is complete and has been issued. Some minor modifications are still required. It was agreed that relief session managers on filling in for a missing manager would receive 3 free session tickets. Previously, the arrangement had been for one free ticket for coverage on a normal day and three for coverage on a holiday. The preamble to the session manager contact list will be modified to reflect this change.

2. Monday Evening Sessions

Sessions did not take place as Milan was not available because of unavoidable changes in his work schedule.

It was also noted that the workshop proposed by Steve Williams didn't take place, and that the proposed Collingwood School session had been postponed.

3. Studio Cleaning

Recent cleaning of the studio floor by commercial cleaners was not entirely successful. Although it was agreed that the floor is almost certainly cleaner than before the cleaning it wasn't polished and doesn't look much different.

It was agreed that the same company would be retained to polish the concrete floor and if this proves successful they would be retained to polish the floor annually and clean the floor and windows quarterly. This would be in addition to the regular basic cleaning undertaken by Marlene.

It was also agreed that new larger recycling boxes would be purchased and improved recycling instructions would be posted.

New Business:

1. Proposed Saturday Afternoon Session

Jennifer Mitton has proposed a Saturday afternoon session. It was noted that traditionally Saturday afternoons have been used for exhibition set-up and take-down. It was agreed that while there would be a lot of interest in a new weekend session it was more important to retain the free afternoon for exhibition set-up. It

was also agreed that a new initiative to encourage more gallery shows should be undertaken and that the issue should be raised at the upcoming AGM to hear members views.

It was also suggested that Monday, Tuesday and Sunday evenings were available for additional sessions.

To encourage more member shows it was agreed to change the weekly rental fee from \$50 to \$25 as it was felt that one of the reasons for the significantly fewer shows over the last number of years may have been the increased fee.

2. Session Manager Handbook

Ron as made some additions to the handbook including:

1. Identifying the poses for each session,
2. The session fee schedule, and
3. Providing instructions on lighting, direction of the model etc. (these instructions have also been provided at the studio).

It was also agreed that the revised Handbook would be emailed to session managers along with the contact list.

3. AGM Date

Saturday April 13th was agreed as the date for the 2019 VLDS AGM.

There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.