

Board Meeting Minutes
The Vancouver Life Drawing Society

Tuesday January 19, 2021; 5:00 PM

Meeting held via Zoom.

In attendance: Douglas Smardon (president), Ron Bijok (treasurer), Paul Kernan (secretary), Alain Boullard, Nick Jackiw (technology manager)

Regrets: Suzanne Saint Pierre (vice-president), Dean Gazeley,

Meeting Chair: Doug Smardon

Standing Items:

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM
2. Agenda adopted
3. Minutes of previous meeting: December 10, 2020 minutes were approved.
4. Financial Report
No formal report at this time.
However, Ron, as treasurer, noted the very gratifying response to the President's request for donations to support Basic Inquiry through the challenging times created by the pandemic. All gave so generously.
5. Tech Systems Report
No formal report at this time.
6. Models Report

No formal report at this time.

Old Business:

1. Online sessions update (committee)
 - a. Nick reported on ongoing challenges in getting internet service in the studio. Various solutions were discussed.
 - b. Nick also reported that several models have already expressed an interest in modelling for these sessions, and that most of the necessary equipment is available from various sources.
 - c. The evolving nature of online drawing sessions was discussed and camera locations, lighting and session formats were discussed. A possible trial session for board members to test these options was proposed.
 - d. The challenge of collecting fees for online sessions was discussed. Nick indicated that the Robostrar software could be used for this purpose, but recommended that online sessions be kept separate from other drawing sessions at least initially.

2. Tax Deductible Donations follow up. (Note this discussion included item 1 under New Business - see below).
 - a. The most appropriate way to publicly recognize the contributions of individual donors, in addition to tax receipts, was discussed. Notices on the webpage, a listing of donors in the minutes, and an announcement by the President at the AGM were discussed, but it was also agreed that permission to release names would be required from each donor.

- b. Further discussion was tabled until such time as absent board members can express their opinions.
- c. Item 1, under New Business was discussed at this time as it related to the earlier discussion.

3. 2021 AGM

- a. It was agreed that an annual general meeting would be held on Saturday March 27th, 1:00 - 3:00PM.
- b. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meeting will be held via Zoom.

New Business:

- 1. Charitable Donations (discussion — Nick). Note to Board Members, see agenda item for additional information.
 - a. See discussion in Old Business 2 above.
- 2. Remuneration for development of Software (in Camera, Nick to be excused, discussion - Ron)
 - a. Discussed in Camera

Next Meeting

It was agreed the next board meeting would take place on February 23rd, 2021, at 5:00 - 7:00 PM via Zoom. Following this and prior to the AGM, a meeting will be held on either March 23rd or 16th.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.