

ARCAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 9, 2016 7:30PM

Present: Niki Clark, Ted Lind, Brian Muszkie, Liz Lore, Connie Lowe, Suzanne Lee, Janel Wormington, Board Members, and Sophie Paskins, Gallery Director

The meeting was called to order by Chair Niki at 7:30pm

Minutes of AGM March 24, 2015 were emailed & circulated as submitted by past Secretary Sherry Caldwell.

A member from the floor (John Bottomly) pointed out the wording in item 3 of the Financial report: "credit cards are an expensive way to negotiate." He suggested adding the word "transactions" to the end of the sentence.

Chair Niki asked for a motion:

Judy Lind moved to add the word "transactions" making the new statement " Credit cards are an expensive way to negotiate transactions." This was seconded by Nancy Dick. A vote was taken and all were in favor/APPROVED.

FINANCIAL REPORT/Ted Lind (emailed prior to meeting):

A review is being conducted by Chris Tibbs, as instructed in the by-laws. Ted explained the sessions that were held with Deb Pevril (non profit specialist) on how to manage budgets, present monthly summaries and yearly statements. Ted recognized Kevin Burnell as ARCAC's book keeper and that Nancy McCabe does the deposits. She has knowledge of ARCAC's history and can give advice/input. A wonderful donation was left to ARCAC by Janina Weisenhagen. Scotiabank has been great support. Ray Tynski from Scotiabank says our budget is in good shape. Ted explained to the members the consolidation of moving everything from RBC over to Scotiabank into a contingency fund, rather than spreading monies to two banks. This was recommended by Debi Pevril. GICS were opened to consolidate funds to pay the Endowment & Scholarship Funds, which had been restricted. Ted reported that as of today the debt to the Endowment Fund had been paid off in full. This great news was applauded from the floor.

Wayne Boucher asked if Nina Cropas had been informed of this great news. Ted thanked Wayne for the question and replied that notification would be given to her.

John Bottomly moved to adopt the Financial Report, seconded by Wayne Boucher. A vote from the floor passed the motion/APPROVED.

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR NIKI:

A special thank you to Heather McCormick for her hard work at fundraising and making possible all of the wonderful improvements at ArtsPlace facility. She discussed the security of the council, the diverse membership, and reminded the members that some committees still need more volunteers.

Another special thank you to Sophie, who is in her 8th year, for her time, patience & generosity.

Chair Niki mentioned that the Council refers to its mandate regularly, which was reviewed at the Board Retreat in February 2016. We are moving forward on the 3 year Strategic Plan (2014-2016), the majority of which is nearly complete. Other than the Membership and Volunteer committees being a bit weak, things are in focus for 2016. A detailed marketing analysis by Liz Lore describes our strengths & weaknesses which will help with putting our energy toward growth and work toward being an organization that deserves funds. The membership is a huge part, as well as donations. "Paint the Town" and the "Going Once, Going Twice" Auction both meet our mandate. Especially "Paint the Town" has room to grow, providing opportunities & giving the community access to artists.

Chair Niki expressed her thanks to everyone and opened the floor for discussion:

-Membership for 2014 was around \$4000, membership for 2015 was around \$5000/stable but room for more.

-CYAP/Cultural Youth Activity Program Grant

-Janet suggested to change a comment in Sophie's report from average daily visitors to approximate daily visitors

Ted presented a slideshow Reviewing 2015.

LOOKING FORWARD/PLANS FOR 2016:

Chair Niki shared the important projects we've identified that require funding:

Critical repairs: windows throughout (remove some in the Chapel Gallery), heat pumps, replace storage facility for large items, Mym floor needs stabilizing, and a stair lift as a MAYBE.

Ted/Niki are seeking an ARTSVEST GRANT.

Liz/Niki/Sophie are seeking GRANTS FOR PROMOTING PtT.

Ted, PROGRAMS: at the end of April a workshop with Wayne Boucher (5 spaces left), May "Reel Time Video Conference/partnership, New York city group trip (MOMA), plan Broadway shows/museum visits, connect with Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), getting teens involved on program committee/ budget, further partnerships with Kings Theatre. Chair Niki added Artist in Residency potential formats with our space.

Janet commended the Arts Council with their response to her environmental concerns by changing to non toxic cleaning supplies, etc.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS/Connie Lowe: Connie introduced the current Board and named the nominations from the same, other than Janel Warmington who is stepping off after a 4 year term. Returning: Brian Muzskie, Ted Lind, Connie Lowe, Liz Lore, Niki Clark, Suzanne Lee.

New nominations were asked to stand: 1. Kevin Comeau from Meteghan (Sculptor/multi-media artist)
2. James Lightle new resident in Round Hill (sculptor/painter/glass work artist)

Chair Niki called 3 times for further nominations from the floor resulting in none. She then asked for a motion to approve the new slate of Directors.

Janel moved to approve the new slate of Board Directors, seconded by Ian Curry. A vote carried the motion as APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm for a meet & greet and New Board of Directors meeting to follow.

Minutes submitted by Connie Lowe, Secretary.