

#### **LAMBETH ART ASSOCIATION**

Minutes from the Annual Meeting – 2023

May 29, 2023, 7:00 - 8:08 p.m. at Riverside United Church

- 1. President Ann Pigott welcomed the members who were present. The seating was facing south with 3 wide rows to improve sightlines and volume from the podium.
- 2. Ruthanne McLagan (filling-in for Lois Fuchs) read:
- a) the secretary's report from Lois Fuchs as follows "I stepped in as assistant secretary in December 2019, and took minutes for the Zoom executive meetings until the club began meeting again in the fall of 2022. During the summer of 2022 I attended executive meetings and recorded minutes; when the club began meeting again in September of 2022, I recorded the minutes of the meetings as well as the executive meetings, with the exception of my absence at the November meeting. I have maintained records of these meetings as well as keeping records of treasurer's (and other) reports. I also have on file the original signed copy of the current Constitution."
- b) the Minutes of March 2023 Meeting.

The Minutes were approved and accepted.

- 3. Brian Glasspoole presented the Treasurer's Report as follows: There is no need for a status change; LAA is already a non-profit organization. In September 2022 we had \$7,316 cash. Though this year we had \$11,215 revenue and \$10,179 expenses. The net profit for the period of September 1 2022 to May 29 2023 is \$1,036. As of May 29, 2023 we have \$8,352 cash.
  - F.Y.I. The proceeds of the sales from the Annual Art Show was \$18,790 and cheques are being received by the artists for the sale of their paintings.
- 4. Ann Pigott mentioned the on-going business items:
  - a) The constitution has been updated and is on file

b) The Policy and Procedures, as well as Code of Conduct, are under review.

5. Amelia Husnik presented the Show Report with thanks to all convenors and helpers including those who worked behind the scenes transporting stands, posting publicity, and displaying signs. There is a new plan for how to attach the wall labels to the paintings to prevent damage to the



front of the paintings next year. Brush and Palette Club owns 9 new stands and LAA owns 2 new stands. A total of 20 new stands is what is needed for the display space at Lambeth United Church. Brush and Palette Club could purchase one more and LAA could purchase 8 more new stands. If we empty the storage space of the old stands (and get rid of the old stands), we can store 20 new stands along with the lighting bins and the wooden racks that Brush and Palette Club own for displaying matted works. We have been paying \$1200 per year for storage so if we share the space with Brush and Palette Club, the cost for LAA would be only \$600. The cost of 8 new stands is  $$600 \times 8 = $4800$ . This amount could be raised as a one-time levy of approx. \$30 - \$38 from each member, or the amount could come in part or whole from the LAA cash.

Amelia made the motion to purchase the materials for 8 new stands with the details of the funding to be worked out in the fall. This motion was seconded by Sue Johnson. The motion was passed by the membership present at the meeting.

- 6. Annual Reports:
- a) Ann Pigott presented the President's Report of the three year term (May 2020 May 2023).

  Highlights included: website with artists' galleries established in 2020: on-line shows,
  workshops, and a fundraiser for Ukraine in 2021; in-person meetings, participation in
  Harvestfest, spring art show, relocation to Riverside United Church for meetings, and the update
  of the constitution.
- b) Mary Lou Ross presented the Membership Report stating there are 126 members (including 10 honourary members) and 54 people are on the wait list. 35 out of the 126 members are new members who joined since September 2022, and 18 people of the 54 on the waiting list had their names added since September 2022. Please send any updates of email addresses and contact information to Mary Lou so the file is current.
- c) Ann Pigott presented the Program Report since we do not have a member in-place as coordinator. Thank you to all who gave suggestions of speakers, guest artists, and the "bring-apainting" evening we had in September.
- d) Beth Stewart presented the report on Workshops to review the success of 5 workshops completed this year and the planning of the pencil crayon workshop for June 10 (only 2 spots left as of May 29th). If there are suggestions for media such as silk painting or printmaking for workshops next year, please contact Beth.
- e) We thank Michelle Stewart for all her dedicated work to the LAA Website over the past years.

  Michelle presented the Website Report with emphasis how the website helps promote the annual art show through the artist gallery pages and social media posts. Currently 54 artists



have gallery pages. Please remember to update the artwork. People wanting to join the association make requests on the website and people wanting to buy artwork can make requests. Information for members only (such as the constitution, minutes of meetings, show convenor names and job descriptions) is accessed through the Member Login.

- f) Eleanor Ovtscherenko will continue her work on LAA representation on Facebook and Instagram and will also take on the LAA website. Eleanor presented the Publicity Report expressing that a helper would be appreciated, and that we can all help by sending images of new paintings to Eleanor or LAA Facebook page, and starting/updating your gallery of the LAA website in the fall and winter.
- g) Rhonda Addeman presented the Phone Report and said that each month she would continue to contact the 3 members who do not have computer access.
- 7. Brian MacKenzie asked for volunteers and nominations (and also names of people who are interested in an executive role in the future) from the membership to fill the vacancies of
- a) Vice-President(s) assistant to president as a president in-training,
- b) Program Convenor(s) co-ordinator of 5 6 programs of speakers or workshop leaders for the 40 minutes after each monthly meeting.
- 8. Brian MacKenzie read the proposed 2023/24 LAA Executive as each stood to be recognized:

President: Walt Klisht

Past President: Ann Pigott

Vice- President: vacant (Ruthanne McLagan expressed interest for this role in the future)

Treasurer: Brian Glasspoole

Secretary: Lois Fuchs and Ruthanne McLagan

Membership Convenor: Mary Lou Ross

Program Convenor: vacant

Workshop Convenor: Beth Stewart

Social Convenor: Brenda Sweetman

Show Convenors: Amelia Husnik and Marilyn Coert

Website and Publicity Convenor: Eleanor Ovtscherenko

Telephone Convenor: Rhonda Addeman

Brian MacKenzie made the motion for this roster of LAA Executive 2023/24 to be accepted as introduced. Gail Gifford seconded. Membership who were present voted on acceptance. Motion was passed.

- 9. New President Walt Klisht thanked Ann Pigott for her dedicated years as President, thanked the executive and general members, honoured the foundation of LAA in 1974, and as a first year member himself, Walt expressed appreciation of the success (and positive response from the public) of the art show and sale.
- 10. Deborah Stephen announced she would continue to update and use the email-address-bank she created for our members who have emails so that mass emails could be sent out easily and accurately.
- 11. Walt Klisht adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.
- 12. Program Presenter was Ron Pearce www.ronpearcesculptor.com ronpearce@rogers.com

Minutes submitted by Ruthanne McLagan