

**MINUTES MFAA ANNUAL MEETING September 10, 2023**  
**Centennial Museum Sheguiandah 1-4 pm**

Present: Ruth Heiser; Judy Boyd; Paulette Saganich; Coni St. Pierre; Cara Best; Rochelle Neal; Marian Barnett; Lamar Hyatt; Pam Jackson; Sue Cairns; Ingrid Spletstoesser; Leslie McDermid; Christie Pearson Anderson

**1. WELCOME AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Christie read the Sep 6 email from Cliff Jewel advising that with regret he was resigning from the club and as MFAA President and was not able to attend the AGM.
- Our VP, Ingrid Spletstoesser, has gracefully stepped up to accept the President's position in his place and chaired the meeting. Thank you, Ingrid.
- Ingrid introduced herself and welcomed everyone
- Introductions around the table

**2. APPROVAL OF 2022 MINUTES AND DISCUSSION OF MATTERS ARISING**

- Status of potential new venue (Karen Rodgers). Karen did not attend the AGM so this is has been tabled.
- Status of Little Current ladies nights (Judy Boyd) - Judy was attending but nothing has happened with this. She explained some artists are meeting on Thursdays at the Sheg Museum 11 to 3 during the spring and summer and in the Lions Den in Little Current in off season. This is open to all artists, not necessarily just MFAA. Museum held a show for the artists who attended these meetings last June. Judy questioned whether there was a need for another social event.
- Small change to 2022 minutes – Re. Member's Show – there were 10 paintings sold during the show.
  - *Moved by Sue Cairns; Seconded by Coni St. Pierre - Carried*  
*THAT the minutes of the Sept 2022 meeting be approved with the change to page 1 re. 10 paintings sold.*

*As the Committee Reports had been sent out by email along with the agenda, the reports were not read at the meeting.*

**3. VICE-PRESIDENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT - Ingrid**

- As VP Ingrid explained her role had been to assist various committees as needed – she coordinated the Members Show and provided input in a few other areas – art tour; membership forms, review minutes, assisted with board decisions, etc.
- With Ingrid moving into the President's role, we will need a new MFAA Vice-President.
- Also due to Cliff's resignation we need a new Social Media Coordinator. Sue reminded the group that the MFAA Facebook page is a private page for only MFAA members.

**4. TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORT (Christie)**

- Christie went over the financial report explaining various expenses versus income. *(Discussion on a few areas are under the reports)*
- Attached to her report distributed at the meeting were the letters from our accountant, Jill McDougall, indicating, after a couple of small adjustments she found no concerns with the financial reports for 2020; 2021;2022
- The 2023 report will be reviewed by Jill McDougall this fall
- *Need to get Bank info updated with new board plus updating cheque signers (BMO paperwork).*
  - *Moved by Christie Pearson Anderson; Seconded by Pam Jackson; Carried*  
*THAT the financial report be accepted as presented.*

## 5. STUDENT AID FUND (from financial report discussion)

- In the interest of fostering student artists into our club, Ingrid questioned if there were art competitions on the Island. Discussion re. feasibility of MSS (Manitoulin Secondary School) in M'Chigeeng or Wikwemikong high school holding juried art shows and having top awards being displayed at the MFAA members show or expanding our bursary awards to give an award to wiki secondary as well as MSS.
  - *Moved by Sue Cairns, Seconded by Judy Boyd, Carried*  
**THAT we do a bursary to Wasse-abin High School (Wikwemikong, 34 Henry Street, 705 859 2870) of \$200 to a student continuing education in an art or design-related field, or who excels in art – to be presented at their annual awards ceremony.**
  - *Moved by Sue Cairns, Seconded by Judy Boyd, Carried*  
**THAT we amend the criteria of our award for the MSS bursary of \$200 to a student continuing education in an art or design-related field, or who excels in art – to be presented at their annual awards ceremony. (to match the above Wiki award criteria).**

## 6. NOAA REPORT (Pam Jackson)

- Thank you to Pam for stepping up into the NOAA rep position and attending the NOAA AGM. Thanks also to Linda Williamson who has done this position for many years.
- **Highlights from the NOAA AGM:**
- For the juried exhibition there were 90 works submitted from 15 clubs; 38 accepted; Our members Richard Edwards; Sue Lampinen; Ellen Lewis; Pam Jackson – Pam received the Agnico Gold Limited. Congratulations to all!
- **Touring schedule:** Sep to Oct -Kirkland Lake; Nov – Soo; Jan -Timmins; Feb - Iroquois Falls; Mar Temiskaming; Apr - North Bay; May - Sudbury; **MFAA June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 29 2024 at the Centennial Museum Sheguiandah**; Jul - Cochrane; Aug - Moonbeam; ending up in September in Burks Falls.
- **Next AGM in Burks Falls (Magnetewan) September 6-7 2024 - the NOAA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Anyone interested in attending are welcome.**
- **Visiting Artists Program** will pay up to \$300 if clubs want to have a workshop;
- **NOAA Bulletin** is published every year containing reports from the 15 clubs over Northern Ontario; due to Covid the past few bulletins have been online only on the NOAA website (noaa.ca). For 2023 they printed / sold a few to members who requested them; next bulletin will be funded by advertising. *(Christie: Deadline for the MFAA Club Report to be included in the NOAA Bulletin is January 31<sup>st</sup>. MFAA needs to solicit ads from their area for the Bulletin to help offset printing costs by this deadline as well - info package to follow from NOAA. We also need to recommend a MFAA Featured Artist for the Bulletin for next year. Submissions for suggested Featured Artist for the NOAA Bulletin must be received by the Selection Committee consisting of 4 NOAA Directors – sent to the Committee Chair, Christie Pearson Anderson, no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year bulletin – email: [christiebestpearson@gmail.com](mailto:christiebestpearson@gmail.com). Christie to send copy of guidelines to Pam.)*
- **Letters and Pins** – If you have 5 accepted works in juried show you have the right to use the letters NOAA after your name and get a pin. *(Christie: List of these in the bulletin. NOAA working on a feature of those who have had over 50 pieces accepted.)*
- **Critiques:** For all work entered in the juried exhibition (both selected and unselected) the jurors give you a critique on your painting (for those accepted as well as those not accepted).
- **Handbook:** They are working on the NOAA handbook to make it easier
- **NOAA calendars:** \$20 for a calendar – we earn \$5 from sale; *(Christie: this year we purchased 20 – all spoken for at this point. We need to choose our club Featured Artist for the NOAA Calendar. The piece of art work and info for the MFAA Calendar Featured Artist must be emailed to Brigitte Bere email: [brigitte@nickelacme.com](mailto:brigitte@nickelacme.com) before May 31<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for our club calendar order is June 30<sup>th</sup> – calendar orders must be prepaid to the MFAA Treasurer @\$20 so she can send one cheque to the NOAA Treasurer.*

- (Christie: We need to recommend a MFAA Featured Artist for NOAA Bulletin for next year as well as choose our club Featured Artist for the NOAA Calendar. Submissions for suggested Featured Artist for the NOAA Bulletin must be received by the Selection Committee Committee to Chair Christie Pearson Anderson no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year bulletin – email: [christiebestpearson@gmail.com](mailto:christiebestpearson@gmail.com); The piece of art work and info for the MFAA Calendar Featured Artist must be emailed to Brigitte Bere email: [brigitte@nickelacme.com](mailto:brigitte@nickelacme.com) before May 31<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for our club calendar order is June 30<sup>th</sup> – calendars must be prepaid to the NOAA Treasurer - \$20 each.
- **Discussion on originality** – decision to keep the requirements not allowing use of others photos
- NOAA wants to be increase their visibility within the clubs and urges reps to encourage members to become involved
- Members also encouraged to post on the NOAA Facebook page
- At the NOAA AGM the President indicated that the NOAA rep duties are a big responsibility and Pam welcomes others interested in helping her with the NOAA rep position to please let her know.

## 7. MEMBERSHIP AND EMAIL REPORT (Jon Butler)

- To date we have 37 artist members and 29 artisan members totalling 66 active members for 2023.

## 8. CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP AND ART TOUR FORMS

- Moved by Judy Boyd, Seconded by Sue Cairns. Carried  
 THAT the following changes be made to the Art Tour Registration Form:
  - **We change the deadline date for registering for Art Tour to April 1<sup>st</sup>, There will be no extensions on this deadline.** Deadline for refunds to be March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Rewording re. art tour site location to: ‘ \_\_\_ I do not have an art tour site location at this time. My preferred area of the Island is. \_\_\_\_\_ ’
  - ALL information to be sent to MFAA Secretary-Treasurer ([manitoulinarttreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:manitoulinarttreasurer@gmail.com))
  - For each of the locations that are hosting artists, one of the artists registered for the tour at that location needs to be a primary contact.  
 Add ‘By submitting your fee you agree to provide information to the art tour organizing committee promptly, be available at your site for art tour hours and do signage appropriate for your location. If you choose a specific location site, you are responsible to coordinate with that host site and with the Art Tour Committee .’

## 9. WEBSITE - Dylon Whyte to continue on as Website Tech Master

## 10. MFAA ANNUAL EXHIBITION MEMBERS' SHOW (Coordinated by Ingrid)

A group picture was taken

- (Lisa Hallaert was not at the Museum on Sunday so we didn't get attendance numbers, although there were 54 entries of individuals/groups in our sign in book at the show)
- *MFAA Viewers Choice Award (\$100) to: DONNA KANERVA For: THE GARDEN SHED*
- *Centennial Museum Award (\$50) to GAIL MEEHAN for SUMMER*

## 11. ART TOUR REPORT (Sue)

- There were 53 artists and locations registered; 35 locations on the map.
- Discussion on having central site or individual studios – consensus to continue as is – individual sites and studios.
- To take the pressure off the Coordinator the committee has been reorganized as follows:
  - Art Tour Chair: **position open**
  - Advertising Coordinator (newspapers, magazines) – **position open**
  - Bio and Images – **position open**
  - Facebook Coordinator – Petra Wall

- Distribution Coordinators (cards, maps, signage):
    - Espanola-Sue Cairns
    - Gore Bay- position available
    - Little Current, Sheguiandah, Manitowaning-Judy Boyd
    - Kagawong, Diane Carriere
    - Mindemoya-Linda Williamson
    - South Baymouth-Brenda White
  - Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator – Ingrid Splettstoesser
  - Social Media Coordinator (radio & computer) – Leslie McDermid
  - Map and Pamphlet – position available (coordinating with OJ Graphix)
- Ingrid stressed that **if we do not have an Art Tour Coordinator or Chair then there will be no Art Tour in 2024**. Sue and Judy to meet to draft an email to send out explaining the committee and urging members to become involved. **PLEASE RESPOND BY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> KEEP THE ART TOUR GOING**
  - It was suggested that job descriptions for positions be posted on the website.

## 12. MFAA BOARD – RATIFICATION or ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS

- Moved by Sue Cairns, Seconded by Judy Boyd that the Board as currently filled be accepted. Carried.
- BOARD MEMBERS
  - President: Ingrid Splettstoesser
  - Past President: Sue Cairns
  - Vice-President: *Position open*
  - Secretary-Treasurer: Christie Pearson Anderson
  - NOAA Rep: Pam Jackson
  - Art Tour Chair: *Position open*
  - Social Media Coordinator: Leslie McDermid

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

- Email Coordinator: Jon Butler –
- Website Technician: Dylon Whyte

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

- Moved by Pam Jackson, Seconded by Sue Cairns. Carried.  
*THAT a budget be set aside for the next Art Tour of \$3000 for use by the Art Tour Committee subject to the position of the Art Tour Chair being filled.*

## 14. ADJOURNMENT