

CWS BOARD MINUTES
August 25, 2010
Terrey Harrod's Home
2220 W 56th Ave., Denver, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER: Past President, Sydney Eitel, opened the meeting at 4:25 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sydney Eitel, Chuck Danford, Arleen Brogan-Smith, Kathy Fraughtnaugh, Diane Fechenbach, Terrey Harrod, Kate Wyman and Paul Foster.

Sydney began the meeting by having Board members present a short narrative on themselves and their backgrounds.

OPENING REMARKS: Sydney announced that there are three members who are eligible for Signature Membership status: Lynn Daignault, Nevet Montgomery, and Melissa Barrett. Signature Memberships can be awarded in June and in September each year.

MOTION: Sydney that Lynn Daignault, Nevet Montgomery, and Melissa Barrett be awarded Signature Membership status. Chuck Danford, second. Motion carried. Chuck Danford will induct these three members at the September meeting.

Sydney announced that she had received a letter from Exhibition Official, Pat Foster, that the Republic Plaza representative, Andra Archer, was not happy that CWS requested wine not be served at the Republic Plaza for the New Trends Show. A discussion followed on why CWS had stopped serving wine at show receptions. It was determined that no ruling had ever been made prohibiting serving wine at receptions and that Sydney would suggest that Pat give Andra Archer the go ahead to serve wine at the New Trends reception if she would like to take responsibility for doing that. Arlene Brogan-Smith will do some research on the pros and cons of serving wine at future receptions. Pat also wondered if CWS could ask participating artists to bring cookies or finger foods to the reception. Diane Fechenbach suggested Pat Foster buy some hors d'oeuvres.

MINUTES: The Board approved the June 15, 2010, Board Minutes as written.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Treasurer Report: Arleen Brogan-Smith reported that CWS has an asset balance of \$44,120.47. There is some concern that, because CWS accounting is on the cash basis of accounting the financial numbers are not as informative as they could be if the accrual basis of accounting was used. Arleen plans to use a hybrid method of accounting which will utilize accrual accounting in several instances to more accurately match revenues to expenses in the period in which they are incurred. This will provide more accurate information to the board as to the financial position of the organization. Tax returns will still be reported on the cash basis of accounting. She will work up an financial statement example for the Board with the changes she would like to implement. Arleen reported that Janice Hanson, past Treasurer, will present the financials at the September general meeting.

Membership Official: Kathy Fraughnaugh talked about the Notice of Dues Renewal form which is on the CWS website. Kathy is planning to change the form with respect to the format used to enlist members for volunteer jobs. She asks the Board to please review this form and report to her at the next meeting as to any changes they feel would be helpful. Kathy and Chuck Danford will review this information and notify Sean Willard of any changes to be made.

Member at Large: Diane Fechenbach reported on thank you notes received as well as get well and sympathy cards sent out. Diane clarified that when a CWS member dies, a \$25 donation is made in their name to the scholarship fund.

VP Programs: Terrey Harrod reported that the Peggy Stenmark workshop is the next workshop coming up. There are presently only two registrants. Terrey will send out an e-blast to the membership for this workshop. The Virginia Cobb workshop presently has 18 registrants and the Stan Miller Workshop has 9. The Soon Warren workshop, scheduled for next year, has no registrants as of yet.

VP Programs: Paul Foster distributed a list of programs for this year. The Barbara Moore program, scheduled for October, is uncertain. The Board talked about possible replacement programs for October. Paul will look into organizing a critique with four jurors much like one that was done two years ago and well received by the membership. Paul outlined for the Board how he envisions the November program, "Show, Tell and Sell" to be set up. He also is interested in having an off-site for the January meeting to the Denver Art Museum and will check out with that museum how this could work. Next June's meeting is going to be a panel discussion called "Let's Talk Art."

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sydney Eitel, Diane Fechenbach, second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wyman
Recording Secretary

DISTRIBUTED DOCUMENTS:

Colorado Watercolor Society Balance Sheet, June 15, 2010
CWS Reimbursement Sheet
CWS Programs Outline
Notice of 2011-2012 Dues Renewal Form