

CWS BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Present: Carol Newsom, Beatrice Trautman, Tim Brenner, Mary Jo Ramsdale, Karen Hill, Priscilla Greenbaum, Shanthi Kumar, Linda Palmer, Lynn Nebergall, Kathy Cranmer, Jay Breese.

Absent: Suzanne Droney, Sandy Day Selbert, Patti Bowler.

Guest: Linden Kirby

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5 PM. Jay Breese took notes for this meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

The minutes from the November meeting were approved by the Board.

Carol Newsom reported that Suzanne Droney has resigned as Recording Secretary. The Board approved Jeremy Jones to fill her vacancy. He graciously agreed to be in this position for the rest of this year.

The Center for the Arts Evergreen has asked us for a \$500.00 contribution toward awards for its Rocky Mountain National Watercolor show this year. Carol will meet with the Center soon to discuss this, as well as the possibility of using the Center as a future venue for a CWS show. The Center has recently not been responsive to our calls seeking it as a venue.

Carol recently contacted Pablo at the Chatfield Botanic Gardens to remind the Gardens we would like to arrange another Plein Air Paint Out this year, probably in June. We are entitled to use their facilities one more time without additional cost. Just like last year, the Paint Out will not be limited to CWS members. A chair for this event will need to be found.

Priscilla Greenbaum submitted an up to date Treasurer's report that included all the numbers through September 1, 2019. Priscilla has sent out 1099 forms to those members who had received \$600 or more in proceeds for sales in CWS shows this year. An individual made a very sizeable donation to CWS that will be acknowledged. Carol will contact the donor to thank them and also to ask if they wish to remain anonymous.

Beatrice Trautman was thanked for her hard work on three projects: First, she oversaw the Susan Schmitt Instagram workshop (which was very successful). Second, she arranged for the CWS Field Trip to the Coors Art Exhibit at the Western Stock Show. This had about 20 attendees who were guided for over an hour by a curator of the show and included meeting several of the artists. Finally, Beatrice made all the arrangements for tonight's general meeting program about watercolor materials, with representatives from Guiry's Art Store and Dr Martin's Watercolor Inks.

Beatrice discussed possibilities for other upcoming programs. She also asked for our help in selecting 2 paintings from Colorado to enter the NWS 50 stars exhibition. The artists must be members of NWS to enter. CWS artists may join NWS before the deadline to enter. NWS members who are not yet CWS members may also enter through Bea if they join CWS before the deadline of March 1. We agreed to help in this effort. Beatrice will take the lead by sending out a notice about the event to those eligible. It will indicate each person may submit up to 2 entries with a flat entry fee of \$20, payable to the CWS. She will find three jurors to make the selections and will follow through with the process. Those selected will also be responsible for paying any NWS entry fees and shipping costs, etc. for the NWS exhibit itself.

Mary Jo Ramsdale reported on her efforts to find a replacement for Linden Kirby as Collage Editor. Linden has agreed to oversee two more editions (through the May-June-July). Some time ago Brian Serff prepared an excellent flyer, summarizing the duties of Collage Editor. This will help those interested in being the Editor to learn what is involved in production of the Collage. The Flyer was passed around at the general meeting and will be posted on the website. Linden reiterated he will help the new person as much as possible with all that he has learned. The deadline for the next Collage edition is April 6th.

Tim Brenner, Members Show Chairperson, reported there were over 60 members in the show and that two paintings were sold. He thanked Kathy Cranmer, Jeremy Jones and others who helped hang the show. A special award was given for the best painting by a new CWS member (there were about 20 such new members in the show) All agreed this had been a good idea.

Kathy Cranmer, Exhibitions Officer, reported that we have reserved venues for all of our shows this year, however jurors need to be found for all of the shows (except the State Show—Juror will be Sterling Edwards). This year's shows are the State Show (Foothills Art Center, April-July); The Splash Show (Gunnison, around July 4th), New Trends Show (Red Rocks August 28-October 9); and the Members Show (Lakewood Cultural Arts Center; November and December) As far as next year is concerned, Kathy has secured the Curtis Center for either the Members Show or the New Trends show. She is actively looking for venues for the other shows next year. Jurors are also needed for all of next year's shows except the State show, which will feature Stephen Quiller as the juror.

Mary Jo Ramsdale is seeking contributions for awards for the state show. She noted the opening reception for this year's state show will be April 23, not April 24 as the prospectus had indicated.

Parliamentarian Jay Breese reminded the Board of the upcoming May elections. We need to be conscious of the various approaching deadlines so we can give required

notices to our members. He prepared an outline of this process and will send it to Carol. He will stay on top of this process.

Karen Hill spoke of preparations for the Splash Show in July. A juror needs to be found. Karen is also hoping to have a workshop during the show if workshop space can be found. Karen also discussed the possibility of a second show this year on the Western slope. Karen is trying to find new members for the CWS on the West slope. Tim mentioned there is a good brochure about the CWS that Brian Serff had prepared. Circulating this would inform artists about us and might encourage new members to join. Tim will contact Brian and have the brochure reprinted. The Board approved this action.

The Board also authorized Karen to contact businesses and individuals and solicit donations of money for CWS and/or prizes for winners of Splash awards.

Shanthi Kumar gave the Board updates on website progress. She reported that Elaine Campbell had put in a lot of time making improvements. Now if a person searches an artist's name on the CWS website, there is a direct link to that person's website. There was a discussion about whether CWS members could advertise the classes they might offer. After much discussion it was decided that there was no easy way to accomplish this and to keep track of updates, etc. One thought was that a flag could be attached to an artist's information in the Roster, indicating the artist teaches. Then an individual could quickly see who offered classes and could contact the artist directly, or check the artist's websites to learn of classes being taught.

Carol announced that Chuck Danford brought some watercolor paper tablets to donate to CWS. It was agreed these would be raffled during the general meeting tonight.

Corresponding Secretary Linda Palmer is writing thank you notes to those who helped with the Coors Art Show tour. She is also in the process of obtaining new keys for the CWS mailbox. Linda will also send a card to Patti Bowler who had a death in the family.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Breese