



General Membership Meeting September 23th, 2024

695 Riverside United Church, London

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting, 8:00 p.m. LAA Members Gallery

1. **Welcome Members:** Walt Klisht

a. On behalf of the Executive and the Convenors, I would like to give a warm welcome to our new members and returning members to our '24 – '25 season.

b. I would also like to welcome three new members on our Executive team:

Vice President Beth Stewart

Secretary(s) Margret Bullock and Elisabeth (Lisa) Staton

Art Show Convenor Cathy Bourgoyne

2. **Motion to the Floor:** Walt Klisht

a. There was a discussion of the LAA Policy and Procedure Amendment clarifying the status of selling photographic work in the annual Art Show and Sale. Chris Allaway explained that photographs could not be sold on their own but as part of a collage. Beth Stewart clarified that photographs used in a collage do not have to be your own.

b. A vote was taken to accept the amendment by show of hands, a majority accepted with five members voted against the amendment.

c. Chris Allaway and Eleanor Ovtsherenko explained that magazine photographs are acceptable in a collage as well as your own photographs. Lisa Staton read a definition of "collage." Robin Beretta asked for a re-vote however Walt Klisht explained that under our Constitution, the vote was cast and accepted.

d. President motioned to accept the May 2024 AGM minutes of meeting, Brian Glasspoole accepted the Minutes.

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3. Measure of Attendance: Walt Klisht

- a. The President explained there are two measures of attendance. One, in accordance with the Constitution. The second to participate in the Annual Art Show and Sale. The measures differ in start dates. The Constitution, membership attendance starts during September's Member's Meeting. Art Show, membership attendance starts during our May AGM.
- b. Mary Lou will record each of the meetings the members have attended. Ilona Burghardt asked if workshops could be considered as attendance. Walt Klisht indicated only Member Meetings, in accordance with our Constitution, are eligible. A Member in good standing attends three or more General Members Meeting of seven meetings held annually
- c. If a member is unable to attend a meeting due to health, family emergency or weather that Member is to inform the Membership Convenor.

4. Meeting Conduct: Beth Stewart for Ann Pigott

- a. Meeting Conduct General: Beth Stewart, stated that the Constitution refers to the meetings being conducted using "Robert's Rules". Beth Stewart gave examples of the rules ie: when a member could interrupt another member speaking and how motions work.
- b. New business: A two weeks lead time is requested for a member to add new business to our General Members Meeting agenda. If you are unable to give such lead time, then you may ask the President for recognition to present your item as a motion at the end of the meeting under new business. A second member is required for the motion to go to the floor for discussion. Be aware that your motion may only be considered if time is available.

Executive and Convenor's reporting on respective portfolios

5. Financial Review Report: Michele Stewart, CPA

An annual financial examination of the LAA finances was completed and Michele Stewart read her report. Annual examination is required in accordance with our Constitution. Michele Stewart checked that previous financials were consistent with other years, as well as reviewed bank statements. Michele Stewart gave the Secretary a copy of her report.

6. Treasurer Report: Brian Glasspoole

- a. Revenues were almost \$1,000.00 higher in 2023/2024 and operating costs were significantly higher. There was a higher membership fee last year of \$50.00 to pay for new stands for the Art Show and Sale.
- b. Membership fees came back down this year to \$30.00.
- c. One issue clarified is that the end of the year cash position of \$3024.00 is net of all operating costs, but the \$1,120.00 is membership and workshop fees for the coming year. This was identified as a reconciling factor to the true cash position. All payments have cleared the bank account. Insurance was paid in August.
- d. The current 2024/2025 insurance certificate had been issued to both Riverside United and Lambeth Unit Church.
- e. Storage fees are shared with the Brush and Palette Club reducing our costs from \$1,220.00 to \$820.00.
- f. The budget will be presented in October for the coming year. Revenue and operating costs for the Annual Art Show and Sale is the biggest expenditure as well as revenue maker followed by the workshops.

7. Membership Convenor Report: Mary Lou Ross

- a. Mary Lou reported that we have one hundred and twenty-nine members and six of them new. There are eight honorary memberships and thirty-three people on our waiting list. Note: Members have until midnight tonight to pay their membership fee.
- b. The new membership list will be coming out soon. Mary Lou asked members to give her their phone number and address if they had not yet done so.
- c. Mary Lou explained that LAA is trying to keep membership numbers to between 125 to 130 members. Walt Klisht said we would need a bigger facility for meetings if there were more members.

8. Show Convenors Report: Cathy Bourgoyne and Marilyn Coert

- a. Cathy and Marilyn were not present. Walt Klisht reminded membership that LAA will be celebrating it's 50th Annual Art Show and Sale Anniversary this year. The Executive will be looking at two retractable indoor floor banners placed at the entry and registration desk. Other promotional items are being considered to showcase our milestone year.
- b. Walt Klisht will be getting three quotes from vendors, the results of analyzing the estimates will be brought up later for our Executive / Convenors approval.

- c. 2025 Annual Art Show and Sale is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st , Friday, 2nd , and Saturday 3rd . Setup time is scheduled for the entire day of Wednesday April 30th.
- d. Signup sheets for Annual Art Sale and Sale Committees will be available at our upcoming meeting. Early sign up is encouraged for those who have preferred days and/or shift. All members will be required to volunteer at least three shifts.

9. Workshop Convenor Report: Beth Stewart

- a. Beth reported that three out of the six workshops are full and there are still spaces in the remaining other three.
- b. Registration for non-members will open one month prior to the date of a scheduled workshop.

10. Social Media Coordinator Report: Eleanor Ovtsherenko

Eleanor asked members to send their artist biographies and images of their artwork to post on our LAA website, Facebook and Instagram. Eleanor requests assistance with posting on Facebook and Instagram. Laura Leech offered to volunteer.

11. Programs Report: Chris Allaway

The next month's guest speaker will be artist Arale Vallely details will be posted on our upcoming agenda.

12. New Business

Blackfriars's Bridge Bash: Amelia Husnick

Amelia Husnik reported the weather was great, a good response by participating artists and sales were well received. Heather Peel asked the origin of the Blackfriars's Bash. John Miller and Kevin Byce started it. Joan Wolfe said there is an interest to schedule one for next year.

50/50 Raffle: Beth Stewart

Starting at the next meeting, 50/50 tickets will be sold to raise extra money to be used for the celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Tickets will be sold before the monthly business meeting and during the break at 8:00 p.m.

The draw will be made when the meeting resumes after the break. You may give your ticket to a friend if you have to leave early. Ticket prices to be announced.

13. September LAA Members Gallery Social Event

Enjoy fresh coffee and homemade cookies while viewing our Member Gallery and chat with Members.

Remember a travel mug for next meeting to enjoy during the guest speakers presentation.

14. Meeting Adjourned, 9:00 p.m.

15. Next Meeting

Monday, October 28th, Riverside United Church, doors open at our regular time of 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting was recorded by Secretary, Lisa Staton

Riverside United Church is a barrier free facility

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