



General Membership Meeting Feb. 24th, 2025

Minutes of Meeting

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1. President Walt Klisht called the meeting called to order at 7:06
 2. President Walt Klisht moved to accept the minutes from the last General Members Meeting, January 27th. Accepted by Ann Pigott.
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Executive and Convenor's reporting on respective portfolios

3. **Policy and Procedure Amendment**, Beth Stewart, Vice President

Members were asked to vote on whether to accept the proposed amendment of changing the wording under the "Duties of Officers" section for the Treasurer where the word "audit" is used. The word audit implies a formal review done by a CPA who is paid for the service. While LAA finances are reviewed, they are not audited.

Following a show of hands in favour of changing the wording of the document, Beth asked for a motion. Michele Stewart motioned and Gail Gifford seconded.

4. **Nomination Committee**, Ann Pigott, Former President

- a. Ann Pigott announced that the Nomination Committee consists of herself, Beth Stewart and Patty Fisher. The Nomination Committee will present a new slate of officers at our AGM meeting in May.
- b. The upcoming 2025 - 26 vacancies needing to be filled are:
 - 1) Secretary (shared position with Lisa Staton) – record minutes
 - 2) Program Convenor (could be a shared position) – book guest speakers
 - 3) Vice President – support President

Full descriptions of positions are available on our website.

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- c. Ann also announced that Heather Peel has taken over the Webmaster Position and is looking for an assistant. Margret Bullock has assumed the Social Media Position (Facebook and Instagram).
- 5. **Show Submission Convenor Position** previously held by Mary Lou Ross, will be led by Brian Glasspoole and assisted by Kelly Millard.
- 6. **Treasurer Report**, Brian Glasspoole, Treasurer
 - a. Brian Glasspoole sent his regrets, President Walt Klisht presented the February Financial Statement, indicating the increase in annual hall rental fee.
 - b. Walt Klisht opened a discussion to members on the topic of offering a 10% discount to last year's buyers as well as members at our spring 2025 art show. Walt pointed out that the cost of our hall rentals and postage has increased. He also mentioned that the 10% discount is deducted from the 12% commission fee that the club charges the artist, so the club is left with only 2% per piece when discounts are applied. Three options were presented and the floor was opened for discussion of the following options:
 - 1) the future of the discounts
 - 2) the possibility of raising the commission fee to 15%
 - 3) the possibility of raising membership fees

Beth asked by a show of hands who would be in favour of discontinuing the discounts. A small majority were in favour. However, following a lively discussion new information was revealed and it was determined that further investigation is need. It was decided that no change should be made this year.

Marilyn Thompson asked for a motion to rescind the previous vote. Although no earlier motion had been made (it was just a show of hands), Chris Allaway made a motion to rescind. This was seconded by Lois Fuchs.

- 7. **Membership Convenor Report:** Mary Lou Ross, Membership Convenor
 - a. Current membership status: 131 active members, 8 honorary members, with 63 members in attendance this evening.
- 8. **Show Convenors Report:** Cathy Bourgoyne, Show Convenor
 - a. Cathy reported that the 50th Annual Art Show and Sale Anniversary committee has planned balloons and other decorations.
 - b. Show committee signup sheets were made available prior to the meeting and at break. Cathy reminded members that they will be required to volunteer for a minimum of 3 shifts. There are still spots that need to be filled.

- c. Post cards and poster were available and members were asked to each take 10 postcards. More postcards will be available at the March meeting. Members were asked to take a poster only if they knew of a spot to place it.
- d. Promotional show banner design is pending final approval.
- e. Show Submission information is available on the website under the Members Login. (On the banner at the top of our website go to "More" click on "Member Login" and enter the password. The "Submission sheets" for entering your artwork into the show is under the "2025 Show Information" heading)

9. Workshop Convenor Report: Beth Stewart

- a. Beth announced that February 8th "The Beauty of Birds" Angela Hardy workshop was a success and she plans to bring Angela back for future workshops.
- b. March 8th "Linoleum Printmaking" Susan Perry workshop is full.

10. Social Media/Webmaster Report:

- a. Former President, Ann Pigott thanked Eleanor Ovtscherenko for her work on the LAA website and Social Media. The position has become too large for one person and is now split into Social Media Coordinator headed by Margret Bullock and Website Administrator headed by Heather Peel.
- b. Margret and Heather both requested that images of member's artwork be sent in to be shared on Facebook, Instagram and the website. We need to start promoting our show. Anyone having problems or needing help uploading images can consult with Margret or Heather.

11. Programs Report: Chris Allaway

- a. Tonight's guest speakers were Sharon and Dan Brassard who work in various mediums, including Powertex and Polymer for sculptures. They kindly donated a sculpture as a raffle prize.

12. New Business

"50th Anniversary Initiative" Raffle: Beth Stewart

- a. Proceeds from the evening's 50th Anniversary Incentive draw: Dianne Paquette took home \$50.00 and the club gained \$49.75. The sculpture donated by the Brassards was won by Penny McLaughlin.

AGM Dinner Meeting

- a. Members were asked for their preference of restaurant for the AGM dinner meeting scheduled for Monday, May 26th. Beth Stewart asked members whether they would prefer to return to the Mandarin, try the Palisade facility or try somewhere else. By a show of hands it was decided to rebook the Mandarin.

Coffee and Homemade Cookies

Thank you once again to Lynn Lavoie for supplying homemade cookies and fresh brewed coffee. Members were asked to make a small donation to offset costs.

13. Next Meeting

Monday, March 24th, 2025, Riverside United Church, doors open at our regular time of 6:30 p.m.

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

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LAA '24-'25 Workshop

