

# **YAS Annual General Meeting - Minutes**

**July 25, 2022 5:30pm**

**Meeting Held Online via Zoom**

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present: Natasha Henderson, Jane Isakson

Members Present: Tedd Tucker, Lauren Maloney, Garrett Cluett, Amanda Ackerman, Annie Broadhurst, Katie Coneybeare, Anne Gilbert

Member present by Proxy: Anik Fernandez (proxy Jane Isakson)

Staff Present: Edward Peghin, Keitha Clark, Amberley Cooke

## **MEETING BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order:** 5:36 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Jane, seconded by Natasha. Carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes from 2021 AGM**

Moved by Jane, seconded by Natasha. Carried.

**4. Annual Report**

a) Year In Review

This year has been busy with ceramic studio activity, art workshops, art supply sales, art sales and increasing online presence for exhibitions and artwork, as well as Artist in The School. Covid restrictions have, however, continued to have an impact; thankfully we have qualified for government financial assistance for Covid Relief.

b) Upcoming Activity

We will continue to focus on getting members (and the general public) back into workshops, and in offering more workshops. With a greater online presence, we will continue to market digitally as well as in-person.

**5. Financial Report**

a) April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Jim Walker was the YAS Treasurer until February of 2022 this year, and he oversaw the books (along with John, the bookkeeper in Toronto.) After Jim left the Yukon, we had a brief period with no Treasurer, then George Dimsdale joined the Board as our Treasurer, until he recently resigned. Thus the financials were overseen by previous Treasurers on the Board, as well as the ED and bookkeeper. ED and bookkeeper are confident the current budget and financials are accurate.

As noted in the financial report, we ended up with a deficit of \$13864. This would be for a number of reasons, not the least of which are ongoing Covid restrictions, but definitely we will need to tighten our belts and promote workshops (and other revenue streams) in the upcoming year.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the fiscal year April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, as well as April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 be approved; motion made by Jane Isakson, seconded by a majority vote. Approved.

b) April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. (see above)

c) Proposed budget 2022-23.

Budget for this coming year takes into account that Covid could still have an impact on foot traffic, although we are of course hopeful and confident that things are improving. Our advertising budget has increased this year, which will be offset by a Government-provided rebate of 60%.

Ceramics expenses (in the budget) are for any consumables used in the ceramics studio. Eg, glazes. Clay is not included in this, as clay is sold by Arts Underground. Clay sales should be counted in the budget as inventory/supplies for sale.

A big change in the new fiscal year, our ED will stop taking a salary, and will volunteer at least four hours a week until December 2022. In the meantime, there is a new employee, who is hired to be an office manager, part-time. The ED will volunteer his time to assist in training this person with admin work. The ED will also file applications for upcoming funding deadlines, while training others to do this. He will continue to work at networking ideas and funding sources. He will also allocate his other workload/duties to other existing employees.



With the current change in the ED role from paid to volunteer (until the end of December), we will need to post the (paid) job for ED by early December.

## **6. Waiver of Requirement for a Financial Review by a Professional Accountant**

It was recommended by the previous Treasurer to waive the financial review this year, and instead do it next year. Move to waive the financial review for this year, moved by Jane, seconded by the needed majority vote. Approved.

## **7. Elect Directors**

Lauren Maloney, Garrett Cluett, and Amanda Ackerman all are new candidates to be on the Board. Lauren Maloney is nominated by Jane Isakson to be on the board, and this is unanimously approved. Garrett Cluett is nominated by Jane Isakson to be on the board, and this is unanimously approved. Amanda Ackerman is nominated by Jane Isakson to be on the board, and this is unanimously approved. Welcome new board members!

Jane Isakson and Natasha Henderson are both stepping down from the board after their two-year terms. Alexis Johnson also is stepping down from the board. All three retiring board members are available to help the new board, should any questions arise. Also previous Chairs are available in town, if further assistance is needed. Thank you to the previous Board members!

## **8. Members' Questions**

No questions at this time

## **9. Adjourn 6:42pm**

Notes taken by Natasha Henderson

