

**Fredericton Arts Alliance
Special Board Meeting
NB Film Co-op Board room, CSAC
August 18th, 2009
Minutes**

Present:

*Katie FitzRandolph, Maria Bourgeois, George Strunz, Renée Davis, Leo MacNeil,
Meredith Snider, Sabine Campbell*

Absent: *Kim Vose Jones, Tony Merzetti, Larry DeLong*

1. Call to Order: 5:05pm

2. Charity Application: The Charity Directorate has determined that we currently do **not** qualify for charity status. But if we are willing to change our purposes in both our by-laws **and** in our incorporation papers to the following (see below) they are willing to reconsider us without us having to re-apply. They want us to change By-law 4 in the incorporation papers and also in the objectives in the By-laws (pg 1) to the following:

To organize studio tours, art exhibitions/workshops and other educational programs and activities for the purpose of educating and advancing the public's understanding and appreciation of the arts, and to educate artists through participation in such exhibitions and related workshops

They also want us to make a minor change to item 5 (vii) of the incorporation papers--to now read: *to do all such things that may be ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the above objects.*

We have three options:

- 1). To withdraw our application
- 2). To change the by-laws and incorporation papers
- 3). To withdraw our application and to re-apply ASAP in early September.

After some discussion, which determined that the new wording is not in conflict with our goals and that charity status should help us more readily reach our fundraising objectives, the following motion was made:

Amend and seek to change through an application for Supplementary Letters Patent By-Law 4 in the incorporation papers as well as the objectives in the By-laws (pg 1) to the following:

To organize studio tours, art exhibitions/workshops and other educational programs and activities for the purpose of educating and advancing the public's understanding and

appreciation of the Arts, and to educate artists through participation in such exhibitions and related workshops.

Moved by George

Seconded by Sabine

Motion carried unanimously. New version of by-law 4 duly enacted by the Directors of the company.

It was further moved to make a minor change to item 5 (vii) of the incorporation papers also to be included in the application for Supplementary Letters Patent --to now read: *to do all such things that may be ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the above objects.*

Moved by Renee

Seconded by Meredith

Motion carried unanimously. New version of by-law 5 (vii) duly enacted by the Directors of the company.

2. Art Trek Update: Maria explained that Karen LeBlanc had been chosen as the consultant to do a strategic planning session for Art Trek. This involved two meetings. The first was a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the potential future of Art Trek. All agreed Art Trek should go ahead and suggested improvements. The Second was a Focus group to formulate a strategic plan. Since only one member of the current Art Trek committee was available, a working committee was then struck to assist with the final details of the strategic plan and to begin preparations for this year's Art Trek --with the intention of adding the new committee members (Margaret Bannister and Marilyn Mazerolle) to the current committee. Hence the criterion for the application was changed according to recommendations and the *Call for Artists* has gone out. Fundraising will begin shortly. The Strategic Plan is now in draft form and the final version of the document will be available shortly. Some of the recommendations were discussed. It was clarified that the planned fundraiser, to be held on the 16th of October is actually the launch for the Art Trek as well as a fundraiser for the event. The board agreed to invite artists to participate in this year's Art Trek program. It was also moved, that since Karen volunteered her time she should receive a gift; a book of special interest to Karen about the *History of the Bobbin* as well as some wine. (Sabine volunteered to pick up the book).

Moved by: George.

Seconded by Renée.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adjournment: George moved to adjourn the meeting. Second: Leo. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted: Maria Bourgeois, Coordinator

I CERTIFY that the new version of By-law 4 and also the new version of By-law5 (vii), as stated above, has been duly enacted by the Directors of the company.

DATED at the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick, this 20th day of August, 2009.

Per: _____
Secretary

Per: _____
President