

FAA Board meeting minutes
Monday, May 5, 2014
NB Film Co-op Boardroom
Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Renée Davis, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Jean Rooney, Cynthia Ryder, Natalie Sappier

Absent: Allen Bentley, Sabine Campbell, Dan Gleason, Marie Maltais, Penny Pacey, Susan Pierce, Barbara Roberts

1. Call to order by Jean at 4:15

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, adapted from the April 7 one distributed by Jean, was moved to be adopted by Katie, seconded by Russ, carried.

3. Election of officers

Left over from this item was the consultation about the vice-presidency; Jean reported that she hasn't had time to contact Penny about the provisional election of Sabine as vice-president. This was agreed to be postponed to the next meeting.

4. Adoption of the minutes of last board meeting

Moved by Katie, seconded by Russ. Jean pointed out that the minutes don't record that we had decided on dates for the Artistis in Residence program. It was, however, stated that it would be continued for the full 12 weeks of the summer tourism season unless the finances (or the number of artists applying) didn't support it. The motion passed.

5. President's report – Jean

ARTSnews – Jean reported that post dated cheques have been issued to Bridget and that arrangements are in place for her to invoice the FAA production of the ARTSnews. She is also interested in doing the supervision of the Artists in Residence program, but noted that she will be away for the month of July. There was discussion of a replacement; it was agreed that Jean should ask Bridget what she has in mind for the ARTSnews for that period (it could be suggested that if she needs to find a replacement she might ask Amani). Russ reported that Amani is in the process of trying to terminate the artsnews@nb.sympatico.ca email account, but may not be able to complete that till later this week. Amani is to let us know what it cost to keep it active for the final period.

Regarding the AIR Exhibition 2014 (2015) – Jean has written to the Lieutenant Governor' Secretary Tim Richardson to accept their offered of a time slot for February –

March of 2015 for the exhibition, and suggesting that it be made a biennial event. She hasn't heard back yet.

Arts and Cultural Committee Meetings – Jean reported that the final process had gone quite rapidly, without much feedback, and that Cat and Tony of the Film Co-op have been quite positive. She had passed on Russ's suggestion that the whole matter of promotion and publicity for the arts hadn't been sufficiently addressed in the report.

Artists in Residence – Jean reported that there have only been a few applications so far. Russ wondered whether we had sent press releases to the media; Katie said she'd been waiting for a decision about what email address they should come from, and said she'd contact Lori Gallagher at the *Gleaner*. Jean said that one of the applications had been from Sarah Petite, who raised in her letter the question of whether it was really necessary for her to go through the whole process, including finding references, since she's been part of the program for so many years. After some discussion it was agreed that we should be reasonable about this – but that after all our problem is that we can't keep applications on file, so normally we'll need everything to make a decision. The question of precedent setting was discussed and it was agreed that we would informally let it be known that long-term participants might ask for similar consideration, but that the jury could ask for more information if that seemed necessary. It was agreed that Jean should tell Sarah that that was how we're going to handle it.

Some discussion of issues raised by other applications ensued – there was a question about scheduling evenings during Culture Crawl, which will affect only three participants, and about how much equipment we might supply other than the space and the opportunity (none).

Adoption of the President's report was moved by Katie, seconded by Cynthia; motion was carried.

6. Treasurer's report – Cynthia

We still have money in the bank, Cynthia reported, and there was not much in the way of revenue to be reported. The bill from CRA has arrived, for \$250, which seemed a bargain. The financial statement has been delayed. Cynthia moved, and Renée seconded, adoption of the Treasurer's Report; motion was carried.

7. Programs/issues

a. Artists in Residence had been discussed already.

b. Gala. Katie reported that the Gala committee has tentatively set the date for October 23, pending final agreement with Alex Bailey (who has agreed in principle). It was also suggested for the 2015 Gala we might approach David Myles or Measha Gosman, in which case we might want to look for a larger venue.

c. Art in the schools. Katie reported that it's up and running, and documentation and

publicity is being encouraged. Jean asked if we've asked for reports on each of the project; Katie said that that's in train and is – like much else – being handled by the school district. Jean reported that the problem with Peter Gorham's application is in the process of being solved; although the artist he had in mind has now committed elsewhere, Peter is putting together a new application which seems quite strong.

d. Art on the Street. Jean reported that there was nothing to report as she's been too busy to work on it.

8. Other business

There was a discussion of Renée's question about whether we had a quorum. It was noted that meetings which don't have a quorum can have decisions ratified at the next meeting which does – although in this case no such decisions had been taken.

7. Time and date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday, June 2, at 5:30.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Russ Hunt
Secretary