

FAA Board meeting minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 5:15 p.m.
Planet Hatch, Crowther Lane

Present: Allen Bentley, Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Will Forrestall, Russ Hunt, Krishna Khaitan, Kitty Maurey, Heather McTiernan, Tony Merzetti, George Strunz

Absent: Penny Pacey

1. **Call to order** by Katie at 6:20

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Russ suggested adding the *ARTSnews* to the Other Business item; with that change, approval was **moved** by George, **seconded** by Allen, and **carried**.

3. **Minutes of March 7 board meeting**

Approval was **moved** by Russ, **seconded** by Krishna, and **carried**.

4. **President's report**

Katie reported that she had just received an email from Tahlia resigning from the Board, as she has found that she is too busy to continue, and expressing her gratitude for the chance to serve. Katie expressed the regret of the Board. Russ asked whether that would affect our having space at Planet Hatch for summer students; Katie said she'd spoken to the folks in charge and they were happy to have us there, whether Tahlia was on the board or not. She said that there was nothing she had to report beyond that that wasn't already on the agenda.

5. **Treasurer's report**

Tony summarized [the statement](#), which apparently hadn't been circulated via email; he said he would send a copy of that and [the current cheque register](#) to Russ for the minutes. He also reported that, pursuant to Krishna's suggestion at the last meeting, he had explored moving our account to one that could earn interest to replace our current Demand Savings Account. There is a "Community Savings Account" at OMISTA which would pay 0.5% interest on a balance over \$25,000 (and lower interest for smaller balances). He read a **motion** that Fredericton Arts Alliance set up a Community Savings Account at OMISTA Credit Union, **seconded** by Allen, and the motion carried. He also reported that paperwork relating to the CRA and other government documents was being upgraded to reflect the changes in Board membership and the executive. He **moved** acceptance of the report and George **seconded**. The motion **carried**.

6. **Schools program**

Will and Allen are to set up a meeting of the Art in the Schools committee to begin organizing to use the remaining funds in the grant. There was some discussion of whether George is on the Artists in Residence or Art in the Schools committee, as it was not clear from the minutes of the March 7 meeting. It was agreed he would remain on the Artists in Residence committee. Heather asked about the status of the funding: Katie explained that we had received an extra matching grant from the city, which we haven't expended yet, but which the city has agreed we should keep for further work on the program. The committee is to get an announcement of the next round of the program together, and it was agreed that they would meet at 2:00 on Monday at Allen's (527 Albert).

7. Grants

Heather noted that we'd received the \$4000 from the city for Artists in Residence (we asked for \$5000, but usually get less). Kitty wondered if we'd heard from the government about the summer student grants; Katie said we haven't heard as yet about the regular one; we know we've been accepted for the SEED program, but the students themselves haven't been told yet whether they've been selected. Katie wondered whether there were other grants pending; Heather said no, not usually in the spring.

8. Streets program

Katie said that Warren Maddox is interested in having a drawing class offered. Sabine said there were some possibilities of people who'd like to teach it, but she hadn't receive a firm commitment. Will said he would be interested if she didn't find someone else. He didn't expect to be paid; he would, as Katie proposed to do last week, donate the honorarium back to the FAA. After some discussion, it was agreed that he would approach the artists Sabine had talked with – beginning with Stephen Scott – and if none of them were interested, he would take it on. Katie noted that we're still looking for someone willing to do a basic woodworking class, because we have the grant specifically for that. Heather wondered whether we'd previously had a formal process for securing artists for the program; Katie explained that it's difficult because we need to wait and see what Warren thinks the current population are interested in, and then respond to that. George wondered whether we could extend the program to places like Transition House; Katie said the grant is specifically for the homeless shelter.

9. Artists in Residence

Katie said that we need a call for proposals, modelled on last year's, with the difference that this year the theme is the river. She said she'd draft it. Sabine wondered if there weren't a way to attract more exciting artists, ones whose work was more active and interesting to passersby and tourists. There were suggestions; Russ said it seemed there were really only two ways to attract them: general publicity, and personal contacts from members of the Board, encouraging artists to apply. Katie said that we need to begin thinking about who might serve on a jury; a number of suggestions were offered, but it was agreed to wait to select a jury till the call has been circulated.

10. Gala 2018

Sabine said the committee is to meet after this meeting, so there's not much to report. Katie said she'd been in touch with CSAC about possible dates and had tentatively put a hold on October 18 and 25 and November 1. Heather said she thought there were some conflicts with November 1, especially because the CSAC is upended for Hallowe'en. Sabine said the committee would discuss dates as well.

11. Other business

a. Summer Students.

It was agreed this had already been dealt with.

b. ARTSnews and Facebook

Russ said that we need to find a replacement for Cynthia as the main maintainer of the Facebook page; only Heather and Katie currently are authorized to change the page. More important, he said that he's become concerned with the penetration of the *ARTSnews* to the community, as there have been a number of occasions where organizations have failed to notify us of events, suggesting that we're not seen as central. He also said the (perhaps unreliable) statistics from MailChimp suggest that a pretty small minority of the 1600 subscribers actually read the email, and an even smaller number click on the PDF and read the newsletter itself. He wondered whether it would be useful to try to find out from the subscribers what their experience was, perhaps with a survey. There was some discussion of the unlikelihood of getting enough

responses to a survey, of various board members' experiences with the newsletter, whether there were alternatives, and whether people were turning to other sources of information. Russ said he thought it seemed to be something to hold a meeting of the Website committee about, and said he'd try to arrange one before our next meeting and report back.

12. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16.

Russ Hunt
Secretary