

FAA Board meeting minutes  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 5:15 p.m.  
Film Co-op Board Room  
Charlotte Street Arts Centre

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

Absent: Heather McTiernan  
Guest: Charlotte Simmons

1. **Call to order** by Katie at 5:15

2. **Introductions**

No introductions were necessary.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Katie noted that we should move item 10 and discuss it when Charlotte arrives. Approval was **moved** by Will, **seconded** by Tony, and **carried**.

4. **Minutes of May 30 board meeting**

Will noted that he had arrived late rather than being absent, and Russ said he'd make that clear in the minutes. Approval was **moved** by Russ, **seconded** by Sabine, and **carried**.

5. **Treasurer's report**

Tony summarized the [June statement](#), which, along with the [forecast](#) and [cheque register](#), had been circulated online. He concluded that the spending season has arrived, but we're pretty much on course. Sabine asked if we really had \$36,000 on hand? Tony said yes, announced that Croatia had just beaten England in the World Cup semifinals, and **moved** acceptance of the report (though not the football outcome); the motion was **seconded** by Will and **carried**.

10. **Artists in Residence report – Charlotte Simmons**

Charlotte, who had arrived during the Treasurer's report, reported that the Artists in Residence seemed to be going very well. There's been a good response to the twitter postings (about twice a week) and to the Facebook presence. She noted that there had been a CBC news item about it. Sabine asked if CBC had simply shown up, and Charlotte said that she thought there was a connection with the fact that she is a friend of the current CBC summer intern. Will wondered we might use Charles LeBlanc's methods to create videos; he shows how you can do a lot of video very quickly. Katie noted that it would help to tag people on Facebook postings. Russ asked about CHSR interviews; Charlotte said that was in progress and transcripts were being posted to the blog. He wondered if that was linked from the FAA Web site; Russ said he'd make sure it was. Charlotte wondered if anything more had been done about posters; Katie said no, but that she would work on it ASAP. Charlotte wondered if Katherine Moller had phoned? Neither Katie nor Russ had picked up a call; Charlotte said she'd follow up. Katie wondered about Planet Hatch; Charlotte said that logistically it was much easier to work from home, so recently she hasn't been there much. Katie said it would be good to get there fairly regularly, so as to maintain our presence. She also said we need to discuss extending Charlotte's job beyond the end of the grant, on a part time basis, assuming Charlotte is willing. Charlotte wondered how many hours would be involved, as she is on the STU welcome committee and it's pretty time-intensive. Russ suggested we could ask Charlotte to estimate how much work was left at that point and how much she could afford to do. Krishna wondered about getting a sandwich board for the site; they are available online and can be

changed easily. He said he would check out sources and report back. There were no further questions for Charlotte, so she excused herself.

#### **6. President's report**

Katie said there wasn't much to report, other than that Charlotte was doing a fine job. Russ remarked that her writing – good to start with, but not exactly tuned to news releases – was a good deal better, due to some “Texas chainsaw” editing by Katie.

#### **7. Schools Program**

Will said that not much was happening, but that we'll be moving along in August as school term looms. It was agreed that the program needs promotion, among teachers but also among artists. Will wondered about a poster in the casemates promoting the program, as artists do tend to stop by the Artists in Residence site. He said he was tied up for the next week, but that maybe he and Katie could work on something next week. Allen wondered how widely the program can function; Katie said that we've had projects as far as Cambridge-Narrows and Oromocto. George wondered whether we've ever had one in Gagetown? Allen said he thought not. He also said when we promote it we should make sure to make it clear that the honorarium is now \$600. He pointed out that really it's the school district's responsibility to promote it among teachers. Katie said she'd write a piece for the *ARTSnews*.

#### **8. Grants**

No news.

#### **9. Streets Program**

No news.

#### **11. Gala 2018**

Sabine reported that the music is now set: Heather Fyffe for the piano opening, and Cat LeBlanc for a few numbers between that and the band. She also said that if people knew of folks who might be interested in donating art (whether their own or pieces they own) they should let them know we're interested. There was extensive discussion of the terms under which pieces are donated.

#### **12. Other business**

Katie noted that we have an election coming up, and we'll need to find a date for a forum (and a moderator – likely Susanne Alexander, along with Steven Peacock on the timing bell) – but that will depend on finding a date the auditorium is available. She said we'll need to put together some questions to spark discussion. George said he thought Amani had had a good list, [of] which he has a copy [of]. Sabine suggested Kitty might be good at generating questions; Kitty said she'd likely be interested in working on that. Katie said a good strategy might be to give all the candidates we can involve a list of questions and invite them to respond to any they'd like to, or reply to others' responses.

Russ noted that our next meeting, by convention, would be August 1, at 5:15, which was fairly early; it was agreed that we should move it to August 8 – as usual, in the Film Co-Op boardroom.

#### **13. Adjournment**

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58.

Russ Hunt  
Secretary