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FAA Board meeting minutes
Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 5:15 p.m.
Film Co-op Board Room
Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Kitty Maurey, Tony Merzetti, George Strunz

Absent: Allen Bentley, Will Forrestall, Krishna Khaitan, Heather McTiernan, Penny Pacey

Guest: Charlotte Simmons

1. **Call to order** by Katie at 5:19

2. **Introductions**

No introductions were necessary.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Katie suggested we add Provincial Arts Forum to Other Business, and that we move Charlotte's report on Artists in Residence up to the beginning. Approval, as amended, was **moved** by Tony, **seconded** by George, and **carried**.

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

Charlotte reported on her work on social media posts, noting there have been four or five a week, on Facebook and elsewhere, and said that the process as a whole is going well. She also recommended that we set up an online application form for the use of artist applicants next year, and said she was working out a strategy for that. There was agreement that this was a good idea. Katie wondered if Charlotte had sent out an email to the artists regarding the exhibition; Charlotte said yes, she had, and she'd send it to Katie (she did, and Katie passed it on to the list; it's [here](#)). George wondered if the exhibition was to be at the library again; Katie said, no, it's going to be in the Arts Centre, at the Penny Gallery, and will be up from October 12 to November 12, so right there during the Gala. Sabine asked Charlotte who were her favourite exhibitors. She said it was hard to decide, but for the quality of the work, Dhanishta Ambwani, but for personality, Scott McAllister. Russ wondered if the booth has stayed open often during the Thursday Night Market, and how that had gone; Charlotte said that it's been open at least a couple of nights, and that Katherine Moller and Emily Lavoie had had 120 visitors during their Thursday night. Kitty said that she was there last Thursday, and it had been open. There being no more questions, Charlotte left the meeting.

4. **Minutes of July 11 board meeting**

George offered a grammatical challenge to a sentence in Section 12 where a sentence appeared which ended with a preposition, noting that this was a practice up with which he would not put. Russ said this was not the mountain he would choose to die on. Approval was **moved** by Sabine, **seconded** by Kitty, and **carried**.

5. **Treasurer's report**

Tony summarized the usual three items – the [July statement](#), the [forecast](#) and [cheque register](#), which had been circulated online. Sabine said things didn't sound so bad; Tony pointed out that even in a worst-case scenario we'll be okay, noting that the forecasts are all on the conservative side. Tony **moved** acceptance of the report; the motion was **seconded** by George, and **carried**.

6. President's report

Katie wondered if we want to make a Nomination to the city Arts Advisory Committee, as suggested by Krishna, who circulated [a link to the invitation](#) on the email list. George wondered who would likely be on such a committee. Katie said she thought Angela Watson for sure, and perhaps a councillor. Sabine said that Kitty would be a good nominee, and so would George. George said he'd be willing to serve.

Sabine **moved** that we should nominate George, Kitty **seconded**, and the motion **carried**.

Katie said that since we have vacancies on the Board (there will be at least two after the AGM), we might want to post our needs for a Board member on the [ConnectFredericton](#) bulletin board, as we were invited in [the email she had circulated](#) earlier from the Volunteer Bureau. Do we want to approach this? And what would be the skills we would be looking to add to the Board. Kitty said she thought there had been a similar proposal last fall. Katie wondered, if we were to post on it, what skill set we'd be looking for. Russ noted that we haven't had anybody from the theatre community for a while, nor music. Katie said we might look for someone outside the usual suspects: we can invite particular people, if we want disciplinary representation, but in this case we'd be expecting someone to be approaching us, and likely from contexts we don't anticipate. That's how we got Krishna, and Tahlia. But we do need to know what we're looking for. Having someone comfortable with numbers, for example, is a good thing, as is having a lawyer on the Board. Business person, a doctor, etc.? Interest in the arts would be a given, we would expect. Russ thought we might specify IT skills – someone better at it than he is. And Russ isn't going to be on the board forever, Katie noted. There was some discussion of Valerie Hillier, at the Playhouse, as a possible board member. Katie pointed out that we could invite her specifically; this opportunity is to find someone we hadn't thought of. After some further discussion it was agreed that one thing we should mention is IT skills, and Katie said she would be willing to draft something. Kitty said there would be a meeting on September 10 to introduce people to the concept and publicize the online tool. She **moved** that we should post our needs, including IT skills, Sabine **seconded**, and the motion **carried**.

7. Schools Program

Nothing new.

8. Grants

Nothing new.

9. Streets Program

Nothing new.

11. Gala 2018

Sabine said there had just been a meeting of the Gala committee and there was not much to report: we have a designer working on the poster, we've settled on a caterer – Edwina – for the food, and everything seems to be moving along.

12. Other business

Arts Forum for September election

Much of the discussion from the last meeting was repeated. Sabine said that Susanne Alexander is aware we're planning it. Katie noted that we need to find out when other fora are being planned; she'd do that, and then check to see when the CSAC auditorium will be available. It's agreed there should be one representative per party, which will make planning a bit easier. There was some discussion of adding people to a committee to generate questions to ask the candidates – for instance, a practicing artist.

Kitty said it might make more sense to ask people for suggestions rather than inviting them to sit on a

committee, and tthat it might be a good idea to ask the membership generally for suggestions for questions and issues. It was agreed this should be done, via the *ARTSnews*.

It was agreed the next meeting should be on September 5, at the usual time and place.

13. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Russ Hunt
Secretary