

The Colorado Watercolor Society

Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2015

The CWS Board meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by President, Greg Chapleski. Marsha Ambraziunas, Kathy Cranmer, Sharon Wink, Diane Fechenbach, Art Beck, Mary Jo Ramsdale, Tim Brenner, Gary Nichols, Terrey Harrod, Marcio Correa, Cheryl Annett, Greg Chapleski, were present. Vicki Tucker was absent and excused. The April Board Meeting minutes were corrected, and then approved.

Art Beck, Parliamentarian, says we need 15% or 74 votes for the board election which is tonight.

President Greg Chapleski reports that we have 490 members. There are 36 members who pay \$10 to get the Collage mailed to their residence. Signature Members will receive certificates in June. There is a CWS Memorial Scholarship Fund. When a longtime member passes, CWS puts \$25 in the fund. CWS member, Gayle Higgins, passed and \$25 was put in the fund. Currently there is \$400. Past President Marcio Correa suggested that a CWS workshop be awarded to a deserving student participating in the Scholastic Art Show in this amount. Members pointed out that a student may not be "free" of school obligations to allow them to participate. The board moved to make a \$50 Award at the Member Show from the Memorial Scholarship Fund. The member then can use this money to apply towards a future workshop if they choose. The show juror will select the painting to receive the award.

Gary Nichols, Exhibition Officer, explained The Member Show will be at Skylite Station Gallery. Every member may hang a painting. The juror will select paintings for awards. The space costs \$375 to rent. The show prospectus will be e-mailed in the next few days. The New Trends Show will be in the fall at the Art for Life Gallery, owner Ken Knudson. The 2016 CWS State Show at the Arvada Center will be the same opening night as the Western Fed Show, June 9th. Both shows will hang for three months. Gary

and Greg are talking with Healing Arts Program at Parker Adventist Hospital in Littleton and Castle Rock about the possibility of hanging a show. Gary is working with Micheon Oklar to update Facebook.

Marsha Ambraziunas's treasurer's report was reviewed. The balance in the bank as of May 12, 2015 was \$47,645.00. The checking account balance is \$19,364.45. Marsha requests that any person making a deposit send her a copy of the deposit and identify what it is for.

Greg reported for Vicki Tucker that the meeting date for June is the 4th Tuesday due to a conflict with the Church's schedule. June's program will be a critique.

Kathy Cranmer, Membership Officer, pointed out that the on line membership form does not have information about whether or not the member wants The Collage mailed to their home, which costs \$10. Marcio and Jason will work on this clarification. We currently have 490 members, with 233 renewed. Once again, we will offer a drawing for a free workshop for all members getting their dues in June 1st. She will take renewals on line or mail them directly to Kathy.

Workshops: Terrey Harrod has arranged the following workshops: Tom Jones June 8, 9, 10, 2015; Judy Patti July 14,15,16, 2015; Arleta Pech October 6,7,8, 2015; Carrie Waller July 2017. Sterling Edwards will be here twice in 2016. The Tom Jones' workshop has 11 attendees and Tom supplies all paper and paint. Judy Patti's workshop has 5 artists signed up. Sign up online at our website. Check each artist's website for more information and painting styles and sign up to take a class with some terrific artists.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo Ramsdale is exploring an on-line art show. She will have a conference call with other board members and The Philadelphia Watercolor Society. Possible dates would be September or October. Members would pay \$5 to enter and a juror would select awards for the show. Sales are between the purchaser and the buyer. She reminded the Board that they can be reimbursed for the food they provide board members each month. The limit is \$50. She wanted to recognize volunteers with a Thank You Certificate for \$5 for stepping up and volunteering in a variety of ways. The Board felt that the amount was too little. She reminded everyone to contact her if volunteers are needed.

Diane Fechenbach, board member at large, sent several get well cards and a sympathy card to Gayle Higgins family. The Recognition Committee presented as candidates Sharon Rouse and Terrey Harrod for recognition by the board for their many years of service to CWS. The Board made a motion and approved the candidates who will be presented to the membership at the June meeting.

Sharon Wink, corresponding Secretary, read a letter from Joe Beckner and she will respond to his issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

General Meeting

President Greg Chapleski welcomed the membership and explained that we have 490 members. Membership renewal is June 1st, forms are on the back table. You can give your check to Kathy Cranmer tonight. Greg said next month the meeting date has been changed to June 23, a critique is planned; please bring a matted picture, no glass and no frames. The painting should be "in progress". The critique is an opportunity for improvement. See the

guidelines in April Collage, last page. Signature members will be recognized and we will induct the new board. We adjourn for the summer and will meet again in September; an ice cream social is planned. The Rocky Mountain National deadline has been extended to May 27; see the Foothills website.

Art Beck, parliamentarian, conducted the board election. The slate of officers was elected.

Workshops, Terrey Harrod has arranged the following workshops: Tom Jones June 8, 9, 10, 2015; Judy Patti July 14, 15, 16, 2015; Arleta Pech October 6,7,8, 2015; Carrie Waller July 2015. Terrey said that Tom Jones provides 350 pound Arches paper and Rembrandt paint for his students in his workshop. Sign up online at our website. Check each artist's website for more information and painting styles and sign up to take a class with some terrific artists.

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Gary Nichols, Exhibition Officer, explained that July 1-31 will be the Member Show and each person is allowed to display one picture and if there is space, a second might be hung. It will be at Skylite Station Gallery, 910 Santa Fe Drive, Denver. The juror will select paintings for awards. The show prospectus will be e-mailed in the next few days. The New Trends Show will be in the fall at the Art for Life Gallery, owner Ken Knudson. The 2016 CWS State Show at the Arvada Center will be the same opening night as the Western Fed Show, June 9th. Both shows will hang for three months.

The program for the evening was a demo by Steve Griggs.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Annett, Secretary