

## Winnipeg Sketch Club Annual General Meeting

Sunday Feb. 4, 2024

Attendees: Thomas Steur, Linda Olzewski, Mike Weretyk, Gail Hillier, Wanda Slawik, Nicholas Burns, Kathleen Black, Richard Berube, Jean Gallagher, Robert Sim, Mark Kosatsky, Karen Armstrong, Jim Pollack, Vinh Nguyen, Dan Bulloch

1. President's Message: Thank you to all present and outgoing Executive members. Thanks also to George Tanner re: website, and Cindy B. for the newsletter.

New studio space at Archwood seems to be working out.

The President would like help with dispersing items that have been given/ inherited by WSC. Nicholas B. offered to assist.

2. Treasurer's Report:

February bank balance - \$14,108.68 Investment Acct. (Mutual Fund) - \$22,204.84

Rental at Archwood C.C. is only for the dates that WSC uses. \$528 worth of equipment was purchased for use at Archwood.

The following motion made in 2023 will stand for the year 2024:

Motion: That the Treasurer examine other options for investment and that the Executive be empowered to move funds as appropriate.

Moved by Sharon Routley, Seconded by Robert Sim CARRIED

Motion: That membership fees be raised from \$85 to \$100 as of January 2025.

Moved by Thomas Steur, Seconded by Dan Bulloch CARRIED

Motion: That drop-in attendees can apply up to 3 visits to a full membership for the first year.

Moved by Karen Armstrong, Seconded by Rob Sim CARRIED

Motion: If it is possible under the constitution to change the financial year beginning in Jan. to beginning in Sept. of the year.

Moved by Karen Armstrong, Seconded by Thomas Steur CARRIED

3. Model Convener's Report:

Rob S. will be away for ¾ weeks after Feb. 15. Mike W. and Rob S. will work out a model schedule. Drop-in fee will continue to be \$10.

Jean G. indicated that it is important for all attendees to sign in rather than just check off their names.

4. Social Convener's Report:

No report.

5. Vice-President's Report:

Membership is at 49 members. Implemented a sign-in procedure for drop-in artists.

6. Exhibition Committee Report:

Nicholas B. reported that the date for judging is March 1 at the Assiniboine Park Pavillion. Hanging will take place on March 2. Opening Reception will be on March 10.

Discussion re: media exposure, video, etc. Also, possibly including a live sketch session in the afternoon during the exhibition.

Reminder that the committee needs to plan further ahead for locations.

7. New Business:

Suggestion to have another show of art work, but less formal. Nicholas B. to explore other venues, e.g. pop-ups, art crawl. Thomas S. will put that in the newsletter.

Discussion re: continuing to explore a new venue for the club. The club requires good accessibility, adequate sq. footage, lighting, and storage.

The following motion from 2023 will stand for 2024:

Motion: That the Executive be authorized to move the Winnipeg Sketch Club venue and to keep the membership informed by email.

Moved by Rob Sim, Seconded by Gail Hillier. CARRIED

8. WSC Executive 2024 – 2025:

Recording Secretary: Dan Bulloch

Treasurer: Jen Gallagher

Vice-President: TBD

Member at Large: Nicholas Burns

Model Conveners: Robert Sim and Mike Weretyk

Past President: Karen Armstrong

President: Thomas Steur

CARRIED