

**VIRGINIA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY**  
**MINUTES FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2008**  
**SHENANDOAH CLUB, ROANOKE, VA SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Vera Dickerson who welcomed attendees and circulated the agenda. Companies and individuals who donated favors for the Gift bags were acknowledged and noted that the painting aprons with VWS logo were a gift from the hosting Roanokers. She also called attention to the information included to point out places of interest and suggested restaurants in downtown Roanoke.

Evie Robison read the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting and they were approved and accepted with the following corrections:

- Shenandoah Club instead of Shenandoah Valley
- Change of date from week of 9/15-9/22/08 to week of 9/19-9/26/08
- 80 paintings instead of 100

Martha Rhodes gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Jack Hooker. The balance on hand for VWS business checking account as of August 31, 2008 is \$25,143.87. This reflects receipts of \$9,380 and disbursements of \$4,584.51. Balance on hand in Creasey/Johnson Educational fund as of August 31 is \$10,331.49. The total amount on hand is \$35,475.36.

Martha Rhodes, Membership Chairman, reported there are currently 405 VWS members and 24 of them entered this year's show for the first time. Seventy two members in and around Roanoke joined this year. Martha thanked our Co-Presidents for doing such a fine job of promoting VWS.

Jane Iten reported on the Creasey/Johnson Fund. One change was made to the rules, i.e.: moving the date for giving grant applications to January 31. The fund balance \$10,331.49. Serving with Jane were Vera Dickerson, Nancy Newhard, Susan Smiler, Gerrie Brown, and Nancy Midgette. She thanked the committee for serving. She had publicized the grants through word of mouth by members. She stressed that it is a one-page application and can be downloaded from the VWS website. Four applications were received this year and three grants of \$2983 were funded. Two grantees had received grants in the past and a repeat for Lisa Gooden for Elkton middle school, Tracy Moyer, a partial grant of \$660.00, Martha Yanky for Elkton, VA K-4 art camp, noting that although Elkton is near Harrisonburg but not close enough to be convenient. Also, Sandi D'Alessandro received grants both years. All three were very successful and documented. Although these amounts are not huge, they are very helpful to the schools receiving them.

Nancy Stark presented a request for change in state residence to qualify for VWS membership. After discussion it was felt that artists who had been VWS members and had moved out of state should be allowed to retain membership in VWS. The motion to approve was made by Patrice Reece and seconded by Vera Dickerson.

A motion was made by Nancy Newhard to grandfather people who have moved out of state. It was seconded by Judy Bates and passed.

Vera addressed the question of whether VWS should have lifetime membership depending on involvement and length of membership. Vera asked for a committee to work on this. Ellie Cox and Bev Perdue have been asked to research the possibility. There was some discussion about qualifying and no action taken at this time but should be reviewed and presented at the next meeting.

Nancy Stark relayed a request brought up in Hampton regarding the submission procedure for VWS juried exhibitions. In the past, format for entries has been left up to the juror to offer two options. This year's judge feels it should be one. Switching from slides to CDs or photos is a difficult comparison. A discussion followed and it was felt that format should be up to the current exhibit committee and juror. It was presented for vote and approved.

Nancy Stark gave particulars on this year's show. She complimented the Shenandoah Club for being so cooperative and helpful in the planning. The show will be open Saturday 9:00 to 11:00 and 2:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. If you wish to have lunch while there, call Beverly at the Club. Beverly has been very helpful and planned activities at the Club to bring more members in to see the show. Posters have been placed all over the city and local TV station WDBJ Channel 7 will cover the show which may be seen on the Morning Show with Bob Greeve at 5:00, 6:00 and 6:30 a.m. on Monday, September 22 or on the station's website.



Door prize numbers were drawn for the following prizes: Cheap Joe Tote, Painting Apron, Dowler Rowney WC set, Winsor Newton WC set, Daniel Smith WC set, and \$50.00 Cheap Joe Gift Certificate.

The following slate of officers for 2009 was presented by Vera Dickerson:

Co-Presidents: Gwen Bragg and Rachel Collins

Co-Vice Presidents: Marilyn Milici and Liz Roberts

Secretary: Brenda Barthell

Exhibition Treasurer: Deborah Conn

Directors at Large: Tricia De Weese, Jean Gill, Amanda Lee, Terri Rea and Harriet Westfall

Motion to elect was made by Nancy Stark, seconded by Gari Stephenson and unanimously passed.

The meeting was turned over to new Co-President Gwen Bragg, and Co-Vice Presidents, Marilyn Milici and Liz Roberts who praised this year's workshop with Donna Watson and the Show. They thanked the Roanoke members who worked so hard on all preparations for these events. Vera turned over responsibilities to Gwen Bragg who accepted the post and announced that next year's show will be held at Lorton Arts Facility (opening this weekend in Lorton). It was formerly a prison for D.C. The show will be held in their gallery and the work-shop as well. Lorton is a little south of D.C. with less traffic to maneuver. The workshop will be held Tuesday through Friday, dates not yet set. She has committees in place and they're already working hard. She thanked members for the honor bestowed on her and on Rachel's behalf.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved.

After a short break, Donna Watson, introduced by Sandi D'Alessandro, gave a presentation.

Officers for 2009 Exhibit:

Co-chairs: Gwen Bragg, Rachel Collins

Secretary: Brenda Barthell

Treasurer: Deborah Conn

Workshop: Marilyn Milici

Entries: Jean Gill

Hanging: Amanda Lee

Accommodations and banquet venue: Tricia DeWeese

Prospectus and publicity: Liz Roberts

Hospitality: Terri Rea

Awards and door prizes: Harriet Westfall

Standing Board Members for VWS are:

Postal Secretary - Gari Stephenson/Roanoke

State Treasurer - Jack Hooker/Roanoke

Membership Chair - Martha Rhodes/Roanoke

Historian - Judy Bates/Salem

Others:

President Ex-Officio - Jim Dees/Hampton

Exhibition Treasurer - Peggy Brandt/Roanoke

Waterlogue Editor - Pam Ogden/Salem

Creasy/Johnson Fund Chair - Jane Iten/Ridgeway

Webmaster - Karen Schwartz/Williamsburg