

**Virginia Watercolor Society**  
**Minutes of the annual business meeting**  
**Glen Allen Cultural Center**  
**May 15 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by co-president Bev Perdue who welcomed all the members in attendance.

Minutes from the 2009 meeting had been previously circulated and were approved unanimously with no corrections.

The treasurers report was presented by co-president Sue Stuller. as ~~Miss [unclear]~~ <sup>Jack Hooker</sup> was not present and the report was approved unanimously. The balance is ~~\$36,214.30~~, of which ~~\$28,000.00~~ is in the business account.  
*28,019.02 (See Hooker's note)*

We currently have 378 members. There are 20 first time members in the show and we have 7 new signature members to announce.

*as of April 30 2010 (see Jack Hooker's report)*  
The Creasy Johnson fund has \$8,195.00 on hand after making two grants. \$1000.00 went to Blacksburg where the school roof collapsed destroying not only all the art supplies but also the senior portfolio work. The second grant for \$750. went to Elkton and River Bend elementary schools for a summer program. Since we have funded this program for 3 years, it was decided that this would be the last year to fund that request. Jane Iten was commended by Pam Ogden for doing a terrific job. *Total amt. on hand for above 2 accts \$36,214.30*

Bev Perdue announced that we had received 594 entries for this year's exhibit of which 90 were accepted. We will have 21 awards including a peoples choice award which will be announced in one month's time after the public has had a chance to vote. Jeremy Seftor has made a video of the judges walk through. This video will be shown during lunch today and will be combined with images of the award winners and all the paintings accepted into the show and will be offered for sale at \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for postage if mailing is required. Contact Pat Angevine or Jeremy Seftor if you are interested. A sign up list will be available at the entrance table.

Old Business included a discussion of the proposal to add a life time membership category to the by laws. Patrice Reese moved approval for adding the category which includes artist members of 20 years or more or those who are 75 years or older and have been artist members for at least 5 years. Dues would be waived. It passed unanimously.

Upcoming annual exhibits were announced:

2011 Kilmarnock - 2012 Hampton - 2013? - 2014 Northern Virginia

It is very important to have these dates set several years in advance as many of the preparations require a long lead time.

Help is requested to obtain a site for 2013.

Sue and Bev thanked their board for all their hard work:

Ellie Cox and Kathy Miller for the reception and diner; Jill Chafin as treasurer, Linda Holland secretary. Pat Angevine computer, slide reception and acting secretary, Jan Delsack and Lori Wilson hospitality, Bill Kinsey receiving and shipping; Christopher Wynn prospectus and Gari Lou Upton welcoming and Salon des refusés and a special recognition of Marti Franks who remarkably raised over \$13000.00 in a down economy

Karen Schwartz presented her proposal for making changes to our web site and data base. The total cost to create the new data base, information forms and reports would be \$1800. The annual cost for the domain name and web hosting would be increased to \$110. Karen will continue to provide her volunteer work at no cost as before. There was a lively discussion from the membership. The membership list would be on line but would be protected so that only the committees could make changes not the general public. We have been collecting an extra \$5.00 in the membership

dues to pay for computer expenses; so we already have the funding. It was thought that substantial savings could be achieved in the cost of information dissemination. Pat Angevine congratulated the members on almost 80 of them being able to upload their images to a web site. She talked about the probable coming requirement for digital entries which would result in a seamless transition of images and data between the various committees and judges. Karen's proposal would be an integral part of achieving this goal. Karen had presented her proposal for discussion only; however, Pam Ogden said there was no reason not to vote on the issue now. Anita Baker moved we adopt the proposal and Pam Ogden seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Pam Ogden gave us corrected figures for the treasurers and membership report. ~~Jack Hooker~~ announced that Jack Hooker was leaving as State treasurer and a search was on for a replacement who would likely be from Roanoke because of the necessity to quickly write checks.

Marti Franks responded to a comment from the audience about printing costs and stated that last year's catalogue had printed all the images in the show at a lower cost because three bids had been solicited rather than just choosing Walters Printing. Pam Ogden told the group that the reason Walters had done our printing for the past 30 years was that Creasy and Walters had been friends and business partners. Pam believed that Walters had not been asked to bid last year but that was disputed by several people and it appears that, in fact, he submitted two bids but was not the low bidder. Chris Krupinski had volunteered her services for lay out which is about a \$3000 value and this impacted the cost. There was again a lively discussion on the printing of the catalogues and the Waterlogue which included a proposal to perhaps print them while the show was going on and sell them during the exhibition. Nancy Lockwood moved that from now on we request bids from at least three reputable printers and print the full show in the catalogue. It was seconded by Margaret Alderson and passed unanimously.

The standing officers and directors of VWS were recognized:  
State treasurer Jack Hooker; Membership chair Martha Rhodes; Waterlogue editor Pam Ogden; Postal secretary Gari Stephenson; Webmaster Karen Schwartz; Historian Judy Bates; Johnson Creasy fund Jane Iten.

Marge Alderson was introduced as the new president for 2011. Her vice presidents are Anna and Johnny Hayes, the treasurer is Leila Lee Edwards.

The show will be held at the Rappahannock Art League in Kilmarnock which has over 400 members to help support this effort.

Next years dates are: May 2 - 6 class; May 7th, opening.

There will be a Salon des Refusés at the same location.

Johnny Hayes gave us a brief history of the gallery, the area and local attractions and told us they have already arranged all the venues and are negotiating with a juror, yet to be announced. It will be the smallest venue we have ever had but they are hopeful they will have room for 80 paintings.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Pat Angevine  
Acting Secretary

*Corrections made per  
Jack Hooker's (State  
Treasurer) request - pms*