



## General Meeting Minutes | November 12, 2014

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

One item added to New Business on the Agenda.

Two amendments were made to the October 8, 2014 minutes as follows:

Change "The Website Committee....have met with Gomez..."

To "The Website Committee....are going to meet with Gomez..."

And

Change "SAPVAC commission of sales with increase to 30% to align with Wares"

To "SAPVAC commission of sales with increase to 25% to align with Wares"

MOVED that the Minutes be accepted as amended by Terry R.. Seconded by Alice S.

**President's Report:** Dan Nardella gave his regrets.

**Vice President's Report:**

The website committee met with Marnie and Derek Gomez of Gomez Design on November 9, 2014 about the creation of a website for the Guild. Three things came up during that meeting that the committee wanted to share with the membership.

- 1) Biographies: The plan is to have the website include biographies of guild members who wish to be included. The biography can include a photo of the artist, if they want, and can include a short written description of whatever information the artist wishes to include. Lastly, the intent is to include a selection of 4 to 6 photographs of pieces produced by the artist. The membership is asked to start thinking about what they would like to include – keeping in mind that participation is voluntary.
- 2) History: One of the sections on the website is going to include the history of the Guild. Members are asked to provide the executive copies of any information they may have about the origins of the Guild.

- 3) Logo: An issue has arisen with the current Guild logo. The logo was created prior to the electronic age and the version we have was hand drawn and then scanned. The web designers indicate that it will not work on the internet. The two options the Guild has at this point is to either recreate the existing logo in an electronically compatible format or use the opportunity to make a change and create a new logo. Further discussion is needed before any decision is made.

**Secretary's Report:** Yolande Stark gave her regrets.

**Treasurer's Report:** Teri Trainberg

The accountant that we had been using for many years, Dennis Visser, has retired and it appears that as a consequence it took longer to get our books back and it cost us more this year than last. A laptop and QuickBooks have been purchased for \$1050; Mission Computers has been hired to help set the accounting software up. The report from the accountants is finally in and it appears that the cost of doing the accounts for one year (\$892) is about the same price as the computer and software. This means that it is expected that doing the accounts ourselves will almost pay for itself in the first year. It was suggested the accountant be asked for an electronic copy of the accounts as it may assist with setting up the new software.

**Program Report:** Tanis Tetreault gave her regrets.

**Communications Report:** Tamara Rolls

There were questions about the details around the Christmas party coming up on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Sambas (St. Albert Minor Baseball Association). Looks like set up is from between 3 and 5 pm, with things starting around 5. There are still 2-3 people needed to help with clean up. It was decided that Tamara would contact Tanis and find out if there was information she could forward to everyone to clarify all the details.

**SAPVAC Report:** Caroline Robertson & Willie Renema

A sign up sheet was passed around regarding the upcoming sale.

**Supply Report:** Diane Gwilliam

A new Talisman sieve has been purchased for mixing glazes. Members are directed to contact Diane if any additional supplies are needed. It was brought up that the hair dryer in the glaze room no longer works well; Caroline offered to donate a hair dryer she no longer needed.

**Clay Report:** Elene Hartman

New boxes of clay have arrived and the rogue boxes have been found and are being added to the inventory; the prices have been updated.

**Library Report:** Edith Sinnema

New magazines have been added to the library – two copies of Pottery Making and one new Ceramic Arts magazine. Yolande had bought a book that she plans to submit.

**Capital Equipment Report:** Diane Gwilliam

No report at this time.

**Glazes Report:** Gene Brenda

Members are encouraged to keep an eye on their glazes as there has been heavy use by the Guild members as they prepare for the sale. Leach brown, Chinese Oatmeal, Timoko, Satin White, LB Blue, Purple Haze and RH Red are all in need of attention.

**Raku Report:** Rene Parenteau

Report by Margaret Belec for Rene indicated that she has held two Raku glazing workshops and three Raku firing sessions.

**Housekeeping Report:** Nell Sadee & Marnie

Most of the cleaning has been done; a few things remain. Good work everyone. Thank you.

**New Business**

Margaret noted that on the Facebook page was posted the following: Blue Gem & Friends Christmas Sale Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 10:00am Hosted by Blue Gem Studio who was inviting Guild members to include their work for sale.

Betty Lou Kindleman & Mary Hutchings let the group know that they had attended the County of Strathcona workshop. The presenter was from Plainsman clay, drawing on 21 years of experience as a chemist to talk about the chemistry of glazes. The workshop was very detailed and very interesting.

Mary Hutchings husband has arranged for the old VCRs to be transferred to DVD; an invoice will be submitted once completed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.