

Minutes of Stained and Fused Glass Club Impromptu Board Meeting, 2 January 2020

Club Board Members Present: Jo Anne Bowman, President; Sue Watkins, Vice President; Debbie Brown, Treasurer; Nancy Jarvis, Studio Manager; Lisa Schulz, Secretary

Club Members Present: Nancy Eckhoff, Beth Allen, Joan Caine

Agenda:

Topic proposed by Nancy Eckhoff—

- Consider engaging Alysa Phiel of Wild Desert Glass as a guest teacher at our club facility.

Topic proposed by Beth Allen—

- Consider appealing to the SCOV Board of Directors to reclaim club studio space for our projects during the Monday hours presently forfeited for AA meetings by a previous agreement with Coco Sullivan, SCOV Facilities Coordinator.

Discussions

1. **Potential Guest Teacher Opportunity.** Nancy cited tremendous feedback for Alysa Phiel's glass classes in Marana, noting that Alysa also teaches in Saddlebrooke and that 26 of our Club members have taken her classes. She cited the convenience our members would enjoy not driving to Marana, if Alysa could instead come to us. Nancy brought samples of hummingbirds she made in Alysa's class to demonstrate the opportunity to learn a dichro extract technique that our instructors presently do not teach. Nancy had hoped to facilitate bringing Alysa on board by eliciting her interest in teaching here, and by talking with SCOV Facility Coordinator, Coco Sullivan about the process. Nancy then produced a contract approved by Coco for the purpose of bringing Alysa on board as paid instructor. However, since the issue had not gone before the Club Board, the contract was found to be premature and therefore invalid. Nancy having presented her case then withdrew from the meeting. The prospect of bringing Alysa on as a guest instructor will be considered by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Club membership would then be apprised of the possibility. Jo Anne took an action to contact Coco to cancel the void contract, and another action to contact Alysa.
2. **Revisiting previous studio space sharing agreement with Coco.** Beth Allen cited several mitigating factors which compel the Club Board to challenge the previous agreement to let AA Meetings continually occupy Club studio space during prime Monday. Our club has grown in terms of membership, hourly usage, and class bookings. The presence of ongoing AA meetings constrains our scheduling flexibility and access to our club projects, resources and studio time. Our space is more intensely used for club activities than when Coco persuaded the Board to share it. We don't have enough space to house all our kilns, and many of our projects require

longer, dedicated studio hours. Not having those prime Monday hours before 3 pm is disruptive as well as inconvenient. Many members have commitments on other days, making the prospect of additional Monday hours highly desirable. Finally, AA meetings are known to occur in other places which don't displace other functions or preempt club activities. Beth cited timely conversations with current SCOV Board President John Wilson and SCOV Treasurer Tim Kelley. They encouraged her to petition the SCOV Board to move the AA meeting elsewhere. The crafting of a formal letter of appeal will be a topic of discussion at the next Club Board meeting.

3. **Kiln firing schedule.** Joan Caine, scheduler of kiln firing volunteers, indicated that more Club members have been trained to participate in kiln firing and the firing schedule has been updated with new volunteers. She wants even more people trained and on the schedule to allow greater flexibility for all involved.

Next Stained and Fused Glass Club Meeting: Tuesday, 7 January 2020.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Schulz, 3 January 2020