

Cardigan Mountain Art Association
Membership Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2007

A membership meeting was brought to order by new President Josh Trought, who introduced himself and gave his contact information—phone (603) 786-2366 and e-mail joshtrought@yahoo.com. Twenty members were present and there were introductions around the room.

The first order of business was expanding our Board of Directors in order to satisfy the requirements for our 501C3 status, which has not, in fact, been acquired. Josh suggested that we find some people in the community who are good at accounting and data entry or have other useful skills. Duties would include meeting with the Board at least quarterly, maybe 6 times a year, oversight, “signing off” with the IRS, and participation in our activities when possible. Rosemary Hanes reported that the SCORE representative that she met with suggested that the Board not be composed mostly of members. Josh asked members to think about what they’d like of the Board. Rosemary would like people who “help get the word out.” The membership came up with a list of people who will be asked to be on our board and members volunteered to ask these people as follows: Rich Blair will ask John Dowe, Barbara MacAlister will ask Amy Thurber, Debbie Crowell will ask Rainey Kelly, Marilyn Johnson will ask Jim Laffin, Kathleen Peterson will ask Andy Mulligan, Jeanette Stillson will ask Doreen Wyman, and Candi Canton will ask Phillip Cronenwett (Elizabeth’s father) and John Carr. Josh asked people to come to him after the meeting if they have any serious reservations about any of these people.

Ginger Armstrong then arrived, making the number present 21.

Rosemary then presented us with a summer calendar of events and an entry form for the next gallery show, explaining a label to verify that we know our work will not be insured. The upcoming events are the following.

On June 30th there was to be a one-evening, 3-hour show at the Meeting House to celebrate the opening of the Meeting House, which Gary Hamel would help to hang. Work was to be dropped off on June 29th and would be brought back to the Gallery after the show. Rosemary had labels for this show.

Gary announced that work should be dropped off for the Red Roof Gallery Flower Show on July 17th and 18th.

Work for the Old Home Days Art Show at the Meeting House August 4th and 5th was to be dropped off between 9 and 10 am on August 3rd. Rosemary urged that we need more of a presence at this show than in the past and suggested that each person bring 4 pieces. Members who volunteered to help were Rich Blair, Jeannette Stillson, Barbara MacAlister, and Gary Hamel. Jewelry should be in a lockable case. The show is to be open 3 hours on Saturday and 3 hours on Sunday. There will also be a Tent outside the Meeting House from 1-4 on Saturday for CMMA’s demos, display, and sales. Candi Canton and Liz Houghton will be in charge of the children’s activities at Old Home Days.

These will be free, except for the face painting. Candi will be the point person for these activities. Gary wants to organize a float. The theme is Saturday Morning Cartoons. Candi is interested in working on the float.

The CMS July 4th Celebration was discussed. Debbie Crowell described last year's activities with face painting. Rich Blair, Candi Canton, and maybe Ramona Helf will help and Candi will contact Dee Rogers who led this activity last year. Susan Rives at 523-4283 will call the Headmaster of CMS to find out if this activity would be welcomed at the school.

A Garden Show and Tour is being organized for August 12th with a rain date of August 19th. Debbie Crowell has lined up 6 gardens on Canaan Street and 6 painters to work outdoors in the gardens: Candi Canton, Gary Hamel, Larry Howard, Ramona Helf, Sue Pearson, and Joanna Anderson. Starting at 10 am, passes will be purchased for \$5 each at the front of the Cardigan Gallery on Depot Street under a market umbrella. Fans made by CMAA members from old postcards from receptions will be passes to the tour. Clay flowerpots, each uniquely decorated by a member and with a plant, will be sold at \$10 each as an additional fundraiser for CMAA. Each will have a card saying "Garden Show and Tour." Barbara MacAlister and Joan Thomson will raise houseplants from slips. Linda Wilson will do the press release and Rosemary will provide information. Joan and Carrie Fradkin will collaborate on a brochure describing summer classes and other summer events, especially the Garden Show and Tour.

Next there was a discussion of a new lease with Rich Shatz. Rich has agreed to make some repairs in exchange for some graphics for advertising his place, which Rosemary came up with. However, he seems to have come up with some other graphics. Candi volunteered to write him a letter saying that physical safety issues need to be resolved by July 4th so that we can go ahead with the lease. Jeannette expressed the concern that he would change the locks on the doors. It was decided that the lease would be rewritten, that Candi would take it to her landlord, who is a lawyer, for review, and then that Josh and Rosemary would take it to Rick for signing.

Sue Pearson, Jeannette Stillson and Rosemary Hanes then reported on their meeting with a SCORE representative. Sue has checked into why we didn't get our non-profit status. Rosemary reported that the by laws need to be shortened by a lot! The Mission Statement needs to be rewritten, a business plan needs to be made, a look needs to be taken at our cash flow, and we need to have a plan for dissolution, a back up plan for the gallery and classes, and we need to determine our customer base. Rich Blair volunteered to make a form for recording gallery visitations and happenings.

Gallery sitting needs were discussed. Elizabeth Cronenwett volunteered to take care of our website and put our gallery schedule on it. Jeannette expressed an interest in forming a committee to rewrite the by laws and scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, June 27 at 1 pm.

The minutes were discussed. They need a disclaimer that they are not approved, before they can be posted. The schedule for producing them needs to be tightened up. Elizabeth Cronenwett offered to post them on our website. They also need to be available at the Gallery.

Rosemary mentioned jobs that need to be filled; that of a supply person for the gallery seems to be the most important. Barbara MacAlister volunteered to be the supply person and it was decided that Sue Pearson would continue to make deposits. Natalie Webster volunteered to bring our mailing list up to date.

The next membership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 19th. The opening of the next show on July 13th was brought up. Barbara McAlister and Rosemary Hanes would coordinate this opening.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm.

These minutes have not been subject to an approval process.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Thomson
Recording Secretary, CMAA Membership