Waterway Art Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023

Call to Order

President Bonnie McIver called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Welcome - Bonnie

Bonnie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Reading of the Minutes

Motion to waive reading of the minutes. Seconded

Treasurer's Report - Janet Payeski

As of the end of March there is $11,800 profit. All spending begins this month (approximately $10,000). Due to Nancy's fundraising for the show, we will have an $1800 profit.
We have $28,000 in the bank. That will leave us with $18,000 in the bank after the $10,000 we spend from now until the end of the year. Our money market account, at 3%, made $58 this month. Last month it made 17 cents.

Membership - Janet Payeski

Currently we have 82 members, the best we have done since Covid. 21 new members; The renewal rate is 68%.

Workshops - Bonnie

Janice Castiglione's watercolor workshop is next week. It is full but there is a waitlist.

Website - Bonnie

Seeking a web administrator.

Art Show - Nancy Miller

Last year there were 94 pieces of art. This year we will have 123 pieces. The show went from 47 entrants last year to 64 this year.

Work labels are available. Last minute registrations will be accepted today.

Art Enthusiast donations forms are available.

Art drop off is Saturday, April 22 from 10:30-noon

Bin Art - 5x7 paper with listing of the art and the prices

5x7 raffle can be dropped off if you have not done that yet

Reception - April 28, 5-7 pm; awards, music and food

Publicity - Georgia Dalzell

Sassee Magazine - WAA has a full page in the magazine.

The Rourk Library display case is promoting the art show. Thank you to those members who donated pieces for the display.

Press Releases - print media (Southport Pilot and Brunswick Beacon)

Chamber of Commerce -

It will be beneficial for WAA to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce.
There would be a ribbon cutting at WAA which will be published.
Their website will link with our website, Facebook and Instagram page.
Perks after Work is an event held once per month which we can attend.
Morning Third Thursday Coffee at Brunswick Electric Co. allows members to network and speak about their organization.
The membership cost is $325.

Thank you to Jean Billie for all the work she has done to get the word out about WAA and the art show.

Art in the Park (March 29) - Bonnie

The Art in the Park at South Brunswick Library was a great success.

New Business - Bonnie

Discussion of Slate of Officers for next year.

Due to no one coming forward to be treasurer it was proposed and voted on by the board members at the last board meeting that the bylaw which states a member can serve only 2 terms in a position be waived. Janet would continue as treasurer. This sparked a discussion about waiving by-laws and the final result ended with Vic Guarino agreeing to be treasurer under 2 conditions:

1) He agrees to be treasurer for one year
2) The treasurer business will start at 11:30 a.m. during board meetings because he wants to paint at Paint In.

The Slate of Officers for 2023-2024

President - Bonnie McIver
Vice President - Nancy Miller
Secretary - Tony Francisco
Treasurer - Vic Guarino

The vote for officers will take place at the May 17 general meeting.

Brunswick Electric Grant - WAA was denied.

Brunswick Arts Council

Mary Beth Livers , executive director, will give a short program at the May 17 general meeting.

Upcoming Art Shows

June 17 - Southport Solstice by the Sea; 10am-5pm
Sunset Vision Art Show - August 24, 25 and 26 at Free Spirit
September 2 - Oak Island Arts and Crafts Festival; 9am-4pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded; Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Buck,WAA Secretary