

**Exeter Arts Committee
Meeting Minutes for 2/20/17
Meeting Called to Order: 635p**

In Attendance: Marissa Vitolo, Sharon Marston, Scott Ruffner, Karen Desrosiers, Karen Noonan, Kathy Lewis-Thompson

Absent:

Guests: Pat Nickerson, Todd Deluca, James Dupree, Bruce Jones

Item	Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
1.	Approve January Minutes	Item #11-2: “younger” to “newer” Item #11-4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify by adding: “Working with a corporate non-profit like PPAF was a potential conflict of interest with our mission/bylaws” • under “Discussion Ensued” add “not all members agree” 	Approved with changes
2.	Pat Nickerson back-room usage	Mondays from 9am-3p 4/3/2017-6/5/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing and oil painting classes • will send in another request for continuation of classes for another 10 weeks 	Approved
3.	James Dupree back-room usage	Wants to use backroom for Les Mis performance on 3/24-25/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that gallery be open on the 25th before curtain call and during intermission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EAC member needed from 630p-830/9p 	Approved Marissa to add the 25 th to the sitting schedule
4.	Todd Deluca – Lincoln Street Arts Festival 2017	Exeter Chamber interested in collaborating with EAC in some capacity for this event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/16/17 or 9/23/17 • Artist demos and artist vendors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TD mentioned using our email list to get vendors ○ Will artists participate and/or donate after hearing about last year’s fair? • LSS participation via scarecrow contest • Two stages for music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern raised over what musicians would be used – local or other • Transportation demos • ECC to get volunteers and sponsors (EAC will not lose any money by participating.) • Art Auction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECC dinner at Exeter Inn with auction possibly curated by EAC ○ EAC to set parameters for artists/buyers ○ EAC to create, set-up, work the auction on night of dinner ○ EAC to procure art ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can EAC members spend the time needed to do this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very time sensitive ▪ Do all the EAC members want to work with ECC due to past events? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAC cannot be seen as part of LSAF ▪ Who will donate art to this – how do we get artists on board? ▪ Who will actually buy the art? ▪ Does this WHOLE event sound like an art fair or a generic festival? 	Karen D. to send SurveyMonkey to artists in EAC list to see if they would be willing to participate. To be voted upon in March meeting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the branding of the event effect donating artists? ▪ What will Chamber provide EAC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Todd D. stated that they will promote all of our events where as they have not in the past. ○ Bruce Jones shared his 2016 experience from attending the dinner (no auction last year) – cost \$20 for food but could get free tickets at his bank; stated it was a dismal turnout 	
5.	25Below	<p>2/18/17 music event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$250 in total donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$150 split amongst three members of Cold Engines ○ \$100 directly to EAC <p>2/25/17 artist pop-up event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Music – receipts provided to treasurer signed by EAC member so artists can get paid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100 to Chelsea Paolini ○ \$200 to be split between other five musicians 	<p>Treasurer to collect receipts for 2/18/17 and 2/25/17 and reimburse</p> <p>Sharon M to send out reminder email</p> <p>Karen D to create baked goods for donation table</p>
6.	Youth Art Month	<p>Chair: Marissa Vitolo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hang: 3/8/17 from 3p-7p ▪ Weekends: 3/11-12; 3/18-19; 3/25 ▪ Pick-up 3/26 from 12-2p ▪ Music put together by Deb Wheeler-bean (LSS Art Educator) – David Corson and student volunteers ▪ Possible new Montessori school to participate 	
7.	Spring Show	<p>Chair: Kathy Lewis Thompson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hang: 4/4/17 4pm-7pm ▪ Weekends: 4/8-9; 4/15; 4/22-23 ▪ Music: NH Fiddlers 	Kathy to create call to artists, etc...
8.	TEAM May Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EAC removed from application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also off bandstand application ▪ John H from May's photo show will coordinate music in gallery that Saturday 	Members agreed to help market TEAM event. Scott agreed to give EAC publicity.
9.	NHSPA 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members want to expand show out of the 4 week range that EAC normally allows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Run from either 1/13/18-2/18/18 or 1/13/18-2/11/18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EAC members prefer the five week time frame if NHSPA truly has to expand ▪ NHSPA to understand that there are no guarantees ▪ Concern that changing the EAC four week format could disrupt possible February opportunities. 	Karen D to relay our thoughts over extension. She will tell them that we prefer the 1/13/18-2/11/18 time frame but cannot guarantee an extension this early on.
10.	1 st Friday and Wednesday Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First Friday dates: 5/2017-9/2017 ▪ Wednesday music TEAM only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ cooperation between EAC may be possible at some point 	<p>Approved EAC sponsoring First Fridays</p> <p>Scott to get Treasurer list of musicians</p>
11.	Officer Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair – Marissa V nominated by Sharon M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not enough votes to carry – dead ○ SM, SR, MV in favor with KLT, KD, and KN opposed ▪ Vice Chair – Sharon M nominated by Marissa V <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved by majority vote – no opposition ▪ Treasurer – Karen D nominated 	<p>(actions listed under each officer)</p> <p>Karen D to find out about professional secretaries</p> <p>Scribe officer vote tabled until March</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved by majority vote – no opposition ▪ Scribe – no one nominated because current system of two co-scribes needs to be revamped <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott R mentioned an app that can record/type ○ Karen D mentioned that other committees use secretaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very costly ○ Minutes will still be written by Karen N and typed by Marissa V until further notice 	
12.	Emailing EAC Business	Review bylaws about what can/cannot be emailed in regards to EAC business	
13.	Bylaw Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to create two year terms for all officers that begin when officer is voted into office. Officers will not hold office for more than two consecutive terms unless no suitable replacement has been found. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen D suggested possible “grandfather clause” ○ Vote taken on original motion (as written above) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion failed ▪ SM, SR, MV in favor with KLT, KD, and KN opposed ▪ Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why are term limits an issue? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karen N suggested maybe a three year term versus two year. ○ Bylaws change prior voting thus we would need to re-vote on officers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some members okay with this but with even number of members, tie votes will keep occurring. ▪ James Dupree clarified how this term limit change affects officers as relate to Robert’s Rules. ▪ Could Dan Chartrand (EAC Selectman) give proxy vote? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not written into bylaws, this cannot happen. • Could Town Selectman Bylaws be used in this case? • Dan C has expressed his disinterest to some EAC members, so we cannot rely on his tie-breaking vote. ▪ Can we get a new Selectman to move the committee forward? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2017 Selectman elections may change our town representative. ○ Order of agenda items in relation to term limit/officer changes was brought up – Why did we vote on officers before the term limit changes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some members frustrated that officer role changes and initiating term limits has taken too long based on when these agenda items were proposed (November 2016). 	<p>Motion to be reopened at March meeting.</p> <p>Karen D to contact Don Clement (Selectman) in regards to Don Chartrand’s vote.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some members feel that a lot of time and effort was spent trying to make these agenda items happen when the Special Meeting was planned with Don Clement (January 2017). ▪ Russ Dean suggested possible committee split to Scott R if items cannot be resolved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would that look/work? 	
14.	One Off Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does EAC have a contact sheet we use in case EAC members need to contact anyone at the town? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any numbers used are listed on the town website. 	

Meeting Adjourned: 820pm

Submitted by Karen Noonan and Marissa Vitolo