



Village Arts Coalition

Minutes: VAC Board Meeting 30 May 2013 at the home of Susan Smith. Called to order by Larry at 7:09 PM.

Present: Melba Shepard, Deborah Howard, Caroline Stepanek, Susan Smith, Susie Reisser, Larry Utter, Rick Thompson, Steward Hartman, Willard Crary, Chuck Palmer. A quorum was present.

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the May 2 Board Meeting:** Wait until next month to approve the minutes of 5-2-13. Susie will send the latest version.
- 2. Standing Reports**
 - A. Treasurer** - Deborah - nothing to report.
 - B. Avalon** – Steward – about a third of the floor is nailed down. Work party this weekend to continue the floor installation. There won't be another work party until August due to travel.
 - C. Avalon Manager** - We have new Wi-fi, faster speed. We are looking at a slow summer, a few cancellations. Tess has been ill, but we have covered her with little extra expense. Board expressed strong will to have separate VAC manager's credit card.
 - D. Web Site** – Calendar went down. Judi fixed it. Reminder – please CC Marshall Shapiro on any board topic that might lead to a web site or Facebook action item.
 - E. STOMP** - no report.
- 3. Business**
 - A. Annual Meeting Minutes Approval** – "I move we approve the minutes of the annual meeting of 2013." Motion - Susan, Deborah - 2nd. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.
 - B. Boulder Dance Capital Call** - "I move that the board approve the \$7,000 share of the Boulder Dance \$50,000 capital call." Rick - motion, Susan - 2nd. Motion passed with one abstention.
 - C. New Accountant** - Deborah has spoken with two candidates, and neither is able to work for us. We need more names. Chuck suggests we reapproach Dick Buckingham about quarterly reports and annual filing. We should pay and not expect it pro bono. We should get estimates about what it would cost to pay an accountant.
 - D. International Festival** – See attachment.
 - E. Future of STOMP** - Susan will talk with Caroline and Mary Kay about the STOMP future, so that they can present recommendations at the retreat.
 - F. Retreat** – Sunday, August 11, 10 AM-3PM, with a potluck lunch break, at Susie's house, 1630 Ivy St. Denver
 - G. Discussion of the AED** - Automated External Defibrillator. \$1,000 has been donated toward its purchase. Chuck thinks we need a basic unit. We should buy the box, place it up front, where everyone can find it. Chuck feels we need a commercial unit. "I move that Chuck purchase an AED for \$3000 or less for the Avalon." Willard – motion. Deborah 2nd. Passed with one abstention.

H. Rod Memorial - no progress. Melba suggests we purchase a beautiful clock as a memorial to Rod, to be placed in Sodal Hall. Discussion followed about whether we should even have a memorial. Move discussion of memorials in general to the retreat.

I. Chuck - John Wilds - he does grounds work and polishes stone for Bob Sievers. Chuck is requesting that John have a key. If he stays overnight, he must return the key. He cannot use the burners on the stove. The sense of the board is he can have a key with those conditions. Will give it a trial.

- 4. Adjournment** - 9:16 PM. Rick- motion, Melba – 2nd. Motion passed. Next meeting, July 11, Susan's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Reisser
Secretary

Attachment – International Festival Report from Jim Schwarzkopff

Boulder Body Wear has paid for a Mesa level sponsorship at \$300.

29 proposals were submitted. Three have said *Ano*, one *Ayes*, and there is still follow-up to do next week on the rest.

Vendor sales move along - we've sold 20 spaces to 16 paid vendors (two vendors have purchased double-sized spaces) plus two trade-out spaces for Daily Camera and Eldorado Water. Très Snap is a new vendor and Equitorial Enterprises is a return after at least one year off, but I think all the rest are returning from 2012 - and many are long-time vendors, I believe. The site plan for our block from the City of Boulder appears to allow us 23 spaces on the 1300 block. So we have three spaces left to sell. I gave vending applications to six vendors at Old South Gaylord Street Fair last weekend and I'll distribute more at Peoples Fair this weekend. We had scouts at Creek Fest, but I haven't heard if they turned up a possible vendor for us. I'm confident we will sell the remaining three spaces.

The **entertainment line-up** is very close to final. For more than a week there has been one nagging blank spot that Bev's has struggled to fill

Barbelfish to play for Saturday dance. The group sometimes has several members at camp in Mendocino during International Festival; this year only James Hoskins (gudulka/cello) will be at camp, but Meg York (clarinet;kaval/flute) is also unavailable to play. However, original Barbelfish member Amy Sebesta Self (clarinet/kaval/flute) is available to join Jesse Manno (percussion), Loren Olds (vocals), Steve Mullins (mandolin, tambura, guitar, many-a-stringed thing), and Julie Lancaster (vocals, tambura, accordion) for this performance. Barbelfish has been a regular at the festival in years past and, although the band plays primarily Balkan dances, they always make sure to play a few waltzes and swing tunes at this festival, along with (mostly easy) line dances.

It feels to me that right now there are **two million loose-ends** to tie into a tidy event, but I realize there are maybe only half that number and they will get done one by one as the days tick past.

However - a very real loose end to be concerned about is the status of volunteers for the event. I have verbal commitment from a handful of people, but they are all people who will work the

booth and help at the event. The major work of setting up and putting it all away is still uncommitted. These are the time slots that need attention:

Thursday June 27th from 3:00 - 5:00pm (four people)

Friday June 28th from 3:00 - 6:00pm (ten people)

Sunday, June 30th 6:00pm - 8:00pm (ten people)

Please talk-up these times with potential volunteers. There is some heavy lifting involved, but with enough people it won't be too much for any one person - and the time commitment is quite small at two to three hours. PLUS - volunteering earns a ticket to the after party on Sunday which will make a worthy reward - we will see to that. Anne is making presentations at BIFD at the moment and I will go when she leaves town in a week.

ALSO - tell me where I should go to make a pitch for volunteers - are there events at the Avalon or member groups of the coalition that should be contacted? Help focus my efforts and I'll go talk to people.