

HMWG Board Meeting July 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Meeting held via Google Meet

Present:

- Michael Wagstaffe
- Anita Joldersma
- Sarah Farr
- Christine Carleton - Arrived a little late
- *Regrets - Shane Clair*
- *Regrets - Stan Barber*

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the HMWG board meeting held on May 15, 2023, were reviewed for errors and omissions.

With no errors noted, Anita moved that they approved. Mike seconded the motion. All were in favour.

Website Updated

Mike has updated the website and took out some duplicate entries. He has made some basic updates to keep the website current, and has updated the calendar.

The approved Board minutes are now on the website as well. A number of people have requested to join the Guild through the website, and Mike has been able to respond to these people. Many people have asked to have their membership listed on the website.

- Do we want the membership listed on the website? Currently, it is private. A poll will be initiated or we will ask at membership application time.

Promotion of Book 6 and Bi-Weekly Meetings

A launch for Anthology VI was discussed. It could be held at TerryBerry, possibly during a bi-weekly meeting. A date needs to be set for that. Mark Newman from Mountain News will be invited. An email will be sent to participants in Book 6 once a date for the event is decided.

Attendance of bi-weekly meetings has been fluctuating throughout Summer. Anita noted that the majority of people attending are new visitors.

Guild Instagram Account

The last password available was tried and it did not access the account. Mike is to contact the person who initiated the account to see if access can be granted.

Not-For-Profit / Government of Canada annual return / board member update

We are hoping to connect with Shane on this matter but he has unfortunately been unwell.

- Each publisher is supposed to submit a book to LAC. We are unaware if the four previous books have been provided to them. Sarah is going to the archives in October so could potentially take the books with her.

Anthology VI Typos

Mike has noted some typos in the book. He will send them to Sarah and she will review the doc to correct them.

Gifts for Anthology VI Editors

It was agreed that gift cards were not necessary this year, and the allocated funds would be used for other HMWG initiatives.

Gifts for TerryBerry Workers

There has been some consternation from library staff regarding meetings running over time. Mike will discuss a measure of appreciation of their work with Garvin. It is likely library staff cannot accept gifts, but a thank you would be an appreciative and kind gesture.

Outstanding Membership Fees

As of today, HMWG has seventeen paid members. Mike will send out an email to Board coordinators to see if more fees can be rallied up.

New Business

- Anita suggested a Group 8 as a means of coordinating information to writers who are not yet committed to a team, or those who just want to be involved without officially joining a team. This will be considered an interim group so that people are included on emails while they wait to get connected with a team. Christine suggested the name 'The Green Room.' The remaining Board thought this was a great idea.
- Authors in the Park - Sunday, August 6: Sarah will look after this.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting is TBD.

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 6.59 p.m. on a motion by Sarah, seconded by Christine, with all in favour.