

Society of Fibre Artists of the Annapolis River (SOFAAR)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Call to order at 1:05pm with a quorum.

Leslie confirmed that everyone in attendance has paid to be able to vote.

Leslie pointed out the agenda, description of committees and info page are on each table.

Leslie introduced Board Members.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Sarah Overington

Seconded by: Lynn Weller

All in favour

II. a) Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2024 AGM

Moved by: Karen Thomas

Seconded by: Sarah Overington

All in favour

b) Approval of minutes of March 9, 2024 Board Meeting

Moved by: Diana Ackroyd

Seconded by: Ellen Ruggles

III. President's Report – Leslie McFarlane

a) Highlights are continued growth in membership, website improvements, Sofaar emails, the morning program, successful show at Macdonald Museum and Annapolis Valley Exhibition. Come play with us was very successful.

b) Leslie thanked the Board and the members.

IV. Financial Report – Rachael Cheechoo

a) We've had a good year financially.

b) We are no longer charging \$2 at Snips.

c) We made \$80 less than anticipated, but our expenses were a lot less. Total balance of the year is \$1539.16 ahead.

d) Bank balance is \$8,749.54

- e) Letter from our accountant confirmed all is well after reviewing our documents.
- f) Proposed budget 2025 – membership and programs and stash: \$2700.00. Expenses estimate is \$3437.00.

Motion to accept financial report as given: Marcia Ball

V. Membership Report – Grace Keating

- a) Last year, membership renewal was on members’ anniversary dates. As of now, we have one renewal date.
- b) We began 2024 with 102 members, and as of now, we are at 103.
- c) Grace listed the most popular categories of fibre art interest among the members.

VI. Annual Committee Reports

1. Program Committee – Rachel Ryan

- a) The morning program is popular. Typically 10 to 20 people attend.
- b) Workshops are at no cost to members, except for kit fees.
- c) Instructors hadn’t been compensated, but now we are offering a \$100 honorarium.
- d) Rachel thanked each individual instructor from the 2024 morning program.
- e) We are offering eight workshops a year.

2. Exhibitions

- a) The Art of Fibre in August 2024 was very successful. Eighteen Sofaar members participated in the event with 35 pieces on display.
- b) The Macdonald Museum is a great space, and there is no charge. We will be back again in 2025.
- c) Rachel thanked all the people who showed, and commented that the museum staff were very pleased.
- d) We have an upcoming show in the Flora Hall gallery. Twelve members are confirmed to display and sell work. The show opening is May 11.

3. Saturday Snips (Conni Whitaker) – presented by Leslie McFarlane

- a) We now have access to the plastic tables at Paradise Hall.
- b) The halls are booked until next December on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except summer months).

4. Communications Committee (Aprille Janes) – presented by Cindy Sherman

- a) Sofaar communications has expanded this year with the addition of an Instagram account.
- b) We continue to post regularly on Facebook and Instagram.

- c) We have updated the website.
- d) Diane Ingraham is creating the newsletters, and including events other than, and as well as Sofaar events.
- e) We have switched from Cyberimpact to Mailchimp.
- f) We have cancelled our P.O. Box.

5. Education and Resources Committee – Leslie McFarlane

- a) We purged the library, and updated the book selection on the website at the Members' Resource area.
- b) Try Before You Buy is available.

6. Come Play With Us Committee – Rachel Ryan

- a) We received positive feedback.
- b) The raffle was successful at \$362.00.
- c) The stash sale was successful at \$306.55
- d) Donations were \$362.00
- e) Rental cost of the Firehall was \$300.
- f) We have decided to make this a biannual event.

7. Hospitality Committee – Bernadette Miller

- a) Encouraged members to join as a "hospitality gem".
- b) Diana Ackroyd posts the recipes from members' goodies.
- c) It's fun!

VII. Election of 2025-2026 Board of Directors

- 1. The present Board retired.
- 2. The new Board was elected.
- 3. The 2025-26 Board is: Leslie McFarlane, Rachel Ryan, Rachael Cheechoo, Diane Ingraham, Bernadette Miller, Cindy Sherman, Diana Ackroyd, Karen Thomas, Janet Graham-Smith, and Myleta Ross.

Motion to accept the Board: Teresa Sanford

Seconded: Cheryl den Hartog

VIII. General Business

None.

IX. Adjournment

1:45pm

Move to adjourn: Mary Logan