

# Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group

## Annual General Meeting

November 26, 2016

**Present:** Helma Rogge-Rehders, Jeanne Gougeon, Germaine Gougeon, Victor Enns, Debra Dusome, Ann Timonin, Dorothy Adrian, Pam Larner, Curtis Heinrichs (elections officer).

### Agenda

1. **Adoption of minutes from the 2015 AGM** (Debra, Helma. Carried)
2. **Adoption of agenda** with 2 additions: i) Sale of Voices and j) Mailings (Jeanne, Pam. Carried)
3. **Directors' Reports:**
  - a) **President** - Jeanne
  - b) **Treasurer** - Debra
  - c) **Editor** - Maurice
  - d) **Publication** - Tyra
  - e) **Contest** - Jeanne, Tyra
  - f) **Membership** - Ruth
  - g) **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - Debra, Ruth
  - h) **Poetry Workshop with Di Brandt** - Jeanne, Ruth
  - i) **Sale of Voices** - Jeanne Gougeon
  - j) **Items mailed in 2016** - AnnTimonin

Move to accept all reports: (Pam, Helma. Carried)
4. **Election of officers:**
  - a) **President** - Maurice Guimond (Jeanne, Debra. By acclamation)
  - b) **Vice-President** - N/A
  - c) **Treasurer** - Jeanne Gougeon (Debra, Pam. By acclamation)
  - d) **Publication** - Tyra Masters-Heinrichs (Jeanne, Debra. By acclamation)
  - e) **Editor** - Dorothy Adrian (Jeanne, Pam. By acclamation)
  - f) **Secretary** - Pam Larner (Jeanne, Germaine. By acclamation)
  - g) **Membership** - Ann Timonin (Jeanne, Pam. By acclamation)
  - h) **Directors at large** - Helma Rogge-Rehders (Ann, Jeanne. By acclamation), Conni Cartlidge (Jeanne, Debra. By acclamation), Germaine Gougeon (Jeanne, Pam. By acclamation), Debra Dusome (Jeanne, Dorothy. By acclamation).

Jeanne declared the elections closed.
5. **We need not address this since a new executive has been elected.**

**Adjournment: 2:20 pm**

## Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group

Annual General Assembly, November 26, 2016

### President's Report

This year the Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group had many irons in the fire which required hours of planning on the part of our Executive members. Aside from regular monthly Executive meetings, we successfully planned and ran the following activities: the publication of *Voices* (Volumes 15, No. 2 and Volume 16, No. 1), the celebration of our group's Twentieth Anniversary, a poetry workshop with Di Brandt and our annual Write on the Lake contest. Since these events will be reported separately, I will only give a brief overview of each one.

We've made changes in the number of copies of *Voices* we print, from three hundred copies to one hundred copies. This was done to ease the financial burden that a bi-annual printing was exerting on the finances of the LWWG. The change came into effect for the fall launch of Volume 16, No. 2. We will have to study the viability of this decision. Thank you to all the members who have worked with our Editor to produce wonderful stories and poems for *Voices* and who have volunteered to read at our launches. Our Editor, Maurice, and our Lay-out person, Tyra, are to be commended for the journal's professional appearance and the quality of its content.

Our twentieth Anniversary celebration was held at the New Icelandic Museum in Gimli on Sunday, May 20, 2016. The event was well attended and much needed funds were raised through ticket sales, book sales and a silent auction. Thank you Ruth and Debra for steering the planning committee for this event. Thank you as well to all those who volunteered their assistance on the day of the celebration.

We broke new grounds this year by offering a three-hour poetry workshop with Di Brandt. Sixteen people attended, eight of them LWWG members and eight non-members. The workshop ran smoothly and was well received by the people attending, judging from the evaluations filled out at the end of the day. Ruth Asher applied for funding through the Manitoba Arts Council and the application was approved. Thank you Ruth for the time and effort you put into getting the grant and thank you to all who assisted in planning.

Our Write on the Lake Contest was successful. We received eighteen poems for the Adult Poetry stream and seventeen stories for Adult Fiction. Three people sent in Adult Non-Fiction entries. We had to close this category due to insufficient participation and the participants were offered a refund or an electronic-membership which, according to our by-laws is good until December 31, 2017. (Their payments were received after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.) All three participants accepted the electronic membership. My report on the contest covers profits and recommendations for future contests.

The LWWG is a wonderful group. Our greatest challenge is getting people to volunteer on our Executive. Most of our directors have sat on the Executive for many years and need to take a break from it. It is time for other people to step up and take some responsibility if the group is to continue.

I have been President of the LWWG for three years and sat on the committee for seven years. I am stepping down in the hope that someone else will carry the torch. Thank you to our present directors. You have supported me at all times and have devoted many hours for the Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group. You deserve to be recognized.

**Bank Noventis Credit Union****Credits**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Sales of Voices</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Details</b>
Nov. 5, 2015	\$100.00				
Nov. 13, 2015		\$32.00			
Nov. 16, 2015	\$100.00	\$108.00			
Nov. 22, 2015	\$60.00	\$96.00			
Nov. 27, 2015	\$30.00	\$12.00			
Dec. 7, 2015	\$30.00	\$24.00			
Dec. 11, 2015	\$30.00	\$66.00			
Dec. 31, 2015	\$60.00	\$12.00			
Jan. 22, 2016	\$30.00	\$36.00			
Feb. 1, 2016		\$48.00	Ch. Chef. Lorette		
Feb. 16, 2016	\$30.00	\$24.00			
Mar. 1, 2016	\$30.00	\$60.00			
Mar. 14, 2016	\$10.00	\$180.00			
		\$205.40	McNally Rob.		
Mar. 24, 2016		\$60.00		\$120.00	Anniv. Ticket sale
Mar. 29, 2016		\$60.00			
May. 9, 2016		\$84.00		\$20.00	Anniv. Tickets Poetry
May. 17, 2016		\$100.00		\$20.00	Workshop
May. 24, 2016				\$762.00	Anniv. Day Take
Jun. 9, 2016				\$190.00	Worksh. Regis.
Jun. 17, 2016		\$24.00		\$250.00	Worksh. Regis.
Jun. 21, 2016		\$72.00		\$50.00	Ad in Voices
Jul. 20, 2016	\$30.00	\$97.46	McNally Rob.	\$40.00	Contest Entries
Jul. 20, 2016		\$12.00			
Jul. 27, 2016				\$550.00	Man. Arts Council.
Jul. 27, 2016				\$40.00	Anniv. Tickets
Jul. 7, 2016	\$30.00				
Sept. 2, 2016				\$145.00	Contest Entries SCAPE -
Sept. 9, 2016				\$200.00	Beachfest

**Treasurer's Report November 2016****Debra Dusome****Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group****AGM November 26, 2016**

## Editor's Report

- Editing went quite well. Probably clocked about 80 hours of work per edition, which is about average. Spring edition was done on schedule, Fall edition was completed ahead of schedule.
- Proof readings were well attended and went smoothly.
- I did note some difficulties with indentation issues in the last edition – indents in print version did not match originals. Could be problematic with finicky poets.
- Bios were turned in quickly. Some edited submissions showed up late and had to be bumped. Most people formatted their work appropriately, but those who didn't were easy to fix.
- Length of editions were slightly thinner than usual, which is a good thing for print costs.
- Quality was more middling than above average in my opinion. Could use more submissions to select from in order to be able to pick better material. There is definite improvement among new members, which is heartening.
- Need more art inside. As a personal observation, I'd rather see more artistic covers than nature-shoots/landscapes, but that's just me.

Maurice Guimond  
Editor

## Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group

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### Publication Report

Date	Volume	Hignell Printers	BK Publishing	Editing Costs
Nov. 2015	15, No. 2	\$1,288.41	\$316.80	\$100.00
Apr. 2016	16, No. 1	\$1,447.99	\$171.20	\$100.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,736.40</b>	<b>\$488.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

We need to print more than 100 books for the next issue.

Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group  
AGM 2016 Report

**Name of Event: Write on the Lake Contest**

**Date: Opened on January 1, 2016, closed on July 31, 2016**

**Number of participants: 37, all adults: 18 poetry, 16 fiction, 3 creative non-fiction**

**The creative non-fiction stream was closed due to insufficient numbers of participants.**

**1. Costs:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Feb. 08/16	Printing contest posters	\$17.80
Jan. 25/16	VFB Plugin – Envato Marketplace	\$99.33
Sept. 2016	Prizes: 2X100 + 2X75 = \$350.00	\$350.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$467.13</b>

**2. Gains:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>
July 2016	Poetry Entries	\$270.00
July 2016	Fiction Entries	\$290.00
July 2016	Creative Non-Fiction (3 entries, refund \$10.00)	\$40.00
	<b>(Refund should have been \$5.00 but \$10.00 sent instead of \$5.00)</b>	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>

**Profit: \$132.87** N.B. To be subtracted from this figure are the postage costs to mail certificates, cheques and complimentary copy of *Voices* to winners. Will be added at a later date.

The judges were:

**Kevin Spenst** 2016 judge for the Poetry category.

A Pushcart Poetry nominee, Kevin is the author of *Jabbering with Bing Bong* (Anvil Press) and ten chapbooks including *Pray Goodbye* (the Alfred Gustav Press), *Retractable* (the serif of nottingham), and *Surrey Sonnets* (JackPine Press). He has done a one-man show at the Vancouver Fringe Festival and over a hundred readings across the country. His work has won the Lush Triumphant Award for Poetry, been nominated for both the Alfred G. Bailey Prize and the Robert Kroetsch Award for Innovative Poetry, and has appeared in dozens of publications including *Prairie Fire*, *CV2*, *BafterC*, *Lemon Hound*, *Poetry is Dead*, and the anthology *Best Canadian Poetry 2014*. He lives and works in Vancouver, B.C. where he's an enthusiastic participant in a number of writing communities. A second collection of poetry, *Ignite*, is forthcoming with Anvil Press in 2016. Visit Kevin's website at <http://kevinspenst.com/>.

**Bev Sandell Greenberg** 2016 judge for the Creative Non-Fiction category.

Bev is a Winnipeg writer and editor. Her fiction can be found in several Canadian and American literary magazines, such as *The Nashwaak Review*, *The Knight Journal* and *Prairie Fire*. Her novel manuscript *Magda's Five Men* received a Letter of Distinction from the Humber School for Writers. Bev's non-fiction publication credits include *Mix Magazine*, *Herizons Newest Review*, *Uptown*, *Lilith*, *The Globe & Mail* and *Room*. She currently reviews book for the *Winnipeg Free Press* and writes articles about authors for *Prairie Books NOW*.

**Keith Cadieux** 2016 judge for the Fiction category.

Keith's novella Gaze was listed for a Manitoba Book Award and a ReLit award.

His short fiction has recently appeared in Prairie Fire, Grain, and ELQ. He is the co-editor of The Shadow Over Portage and Main, an anthology of dark and weird stories due out in April, 2016 from Enfield & Wizenty.

Keith lives in Winnipeg

### **Many thanks to our judges.**

#### **Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Adult Poetry: Mariah Devcic

2<sup>nd</sup> place Adult Poetry: Carter Vance

Honorable Mention Adult Poetry: Carter Vance

1<sup>st</sup> Place Adult Fiction: Donna Frommelt-Ross

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Adult Fiction: Mitchell Toews

The Youth stream and the Creative-Non-fiction category were closed due to insufficient entries.

#### **Recommendations for future contests:**

1. Ensure the on-line form requests for the following information: Full Name, address, Telephone No., email address.
2. Submissions should be directed automatically to a contest member to process as they come in and not all at once at the end of the contest.
3. Non-Fiction and Creative Non-Fiction categories do not appear to be popular. Since it is difficult to obtain judges, we should reconsider including these categories in future contests.
4. No youth participated in the contest. Participation in past years was very low. How do we involve youth?
5. Decide on the number of entries required for each stream in order to make it viable prior to the start of the contest.
6. Since all entries are send via email to judges, entrants who send submissions by mail, should be asked to automatically send an e copy of their entry to an email provided by the Contest Committee.

**Committee Members:** Marlene Ness, Tyra Masters-Heinrichs, Jeanne Gougeon, Ruth Asher

## Annual General Assembly November 26, 2016

### Membership Report

The Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group had a total of **63** members by the end of our fiscal year.

Their distribution in the following categories are listed below:

1. **Regular** Memberships : **25**, **six** of which were new members
2. **Student** Memberships: **1**
3. **Electronic** Memberships: **35**
4. **Life** Membership = **2**

The electronic memberships were granted as follows:

- a) Through membership renewal: **3**
- b) Di Brandt Workshop: **8**
- c) Write on the Lake Contest: **22**
- d) Interlake Writers' Guild (Tyra's group): **2**

#### Important notes for handling the 2017 membership requests:

1. **The electronic memberships granted to non-members through participation in the contest are in effect until December 31, 2017 due to the late date of registration for the contest this year. (Entries came in after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.)**
2. **When sending membership renewal requests to electronic members for the year 2017, it will be important to send them a letter stating that if they had an e-membership in 2016, they must upgrade to a regular membership for 2017. The letter should also state the benefits of regular membership. This is in accordance to motions passed at the 2015 AGM.**
3. **Membership fees for Regular Members are \$30.00 and \$15.00 for new electronic members, in accordance to motions passed at the 2015 AGM.**

Ruth Asher, Membership Director



20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
New Icelandic Heritage Museum – Gimli  
May 22, 2016

**Income:**

Advanced ticket sales	\$320.00
Entry tickets on day	\$320.00
Bid auction items (\$25.00, \$20.00, \$35.00)	\$80.00
Silent auction	\$386.00
Donations	\$46.00
Voices sold (\$10.00, \$12.00)	\$22.00

**Total Revenue:** 1,174.00

**Expenses:**

License silent auction	\$10.00
Cake	\$29.99
Total Expenditures	\$39.99

**Total profit for event** \$1,134.01

Many generous donations i.e. plates, glasses napkins, cups, coffee and tea supplies etc. were donated by members. Members, family members, friends and neighbors generously donated items for the silent auction. The Hammers and their music students generously donated the gift of music for the event. No additional receipts were submitted for reimbursement.

**Debra Dusome**

**Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group  
Record of Spending and Gains for Events  
AGM Report**

**Name of Event: Poetry Workshop – Di Brandt**

**Date of Event: June 11, 2016 Location: Gaynor Family Regional Library, Children’s Room**

**No. of Attendees: 16 8 members, 8 non-members**

**Fee charged: \$20.00 for members, \$40.00 for non-members (3 hour workshop)**

**1. Costs: (Keep receipts if possible)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>
08/02/16	Rental of Children’s Room – Gaynor Pub. Lib.	\$25.00
08/06/16	Ad in Enterprise News – See attached invoice	\$78.75
09/06/16	Sobeyes, Gimli - muffins, cookies, napkins, tea, cups	\$36.99
11/06/16	Sobeyes, Gimli – fruit tray	\$28.24
13/06/16	Fee for Di Brandt – See attached Invoice	\$655.00
11/06/16	Coffee, cream, sugar, sweetener	\$20.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$843.98</b>

**2. Gains:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount</b>
June 11, 2016	Registration Fees – See enclosed list	\$480.00
	Manitoba Arts’ Council Grant	\$550.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1030.00</b>

**Profits: \$186.02**

**Committee Members: Ruth Asher, Jeanne Gougeon**

**Lake Winnipeg Writers’ Group  
Sale of Voices Report for the November 2016 AGM**

Date of Deposit	Volume	Quantity Sold	Event/Store	Amount
November 13, 2016	12, No. 1	1		\$12.00
November 13, 2016	15, No. 2	1		\$12.00
November 16, 2015	15, No. 2	9		\$108.00
November 22, 2015	15, No. 2	8		\$96.00
November 27, 2015	15, No. 1	1		\$12.00
December 7, 2015	15, No. 2	2		\$24.00
December 11, 2015	15, No. 2	5		\$60.00
December 31, 2015	15, No. 2	1		\$12.00
January 22, 2016	15, No. 2	5		\$60.00
January 15, 2016	15, No. 2	3		\$36.00
February 1, 2016	15, No. 2	4		\$48.00
February 16, 2016	15, No. 2	2		\$24.00
March 1, 2016	16, No. 1	5		\$60.00
March 14, 2016	16, No. 1	42		\$385.40
March 14, 2016	16, No. 1	28	McNally Rob.	\$205.40
March 24, 2016	16, No. 1	5		\$60.00
May 9, 2016	16, No. 1	7		\$84.00
May 17, 2016	16, No. 1	7		\$84.00
May 20	16, No. 1	16	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.	\$342.00
June 17, 2016	16, No. 1	2		\$24.00
June 21, 2016	16, No. 1	6		\$72.00
July 20, 2016	16, No 1	13	McNally Rob.	\$97.46
October 31, 2016	16, No. 1	3	Tergesens	\$24.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>176</b>		<b>\$1,918.26</b>

Prepared by Jeanne Gougeon

The Numbers in red indicate guesses. We don't know which volumes McNally sold and can only guess at how many by the amount they pay us per book. They take 40% of the sale of each book.