

Minutes of the Lake Winnipeg Writers Group Meeting at Smitty's, Selkirk, Saturday, October 28, 2017

Present

Maurice Guimond, Jeanne Gougeon, Dorothy Adrian, Helma Rogge Rehders, Nancy Clark, Brendan Terrick, Tyra Masters-Heinricks, Ann Timonin, Pam Larner, Laura Tutlies

1. Date for the LWWG AGM

The 2017 AGM will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Gaynor Family Library in Selkirk. Ann agreed to e-mail the membership immediately to announce the date and to ask for items for discussion. We need a President and a Treasurer to continue operating. Maurice will book the library for that day. If that is not possible, the meeting will be moved to Smitty's. Copies of the membership renewal form will be available at the meeting.

2. Date for the book launch

The next edition of *Voices* will be at the Henderson Library, 1050 Henderson, on Sunday, December 3 at 2 p.m. Dorothy will reserve the space. She checked that we are non-profit as the library will be free if so. We cannot have charitable status as we do not pass money on to others.

3. Spring Contest

Maurice agreed to head a spring contest provided someone can double blind entries for him. Ann offered to do that. No member of the executive can submit or judge entries. Jeanne will send Maurice a complete set of rules before the AGM so changes can be made if necessary. Later changes can be made by a contest committee.

Victor Enns has money from a local bank for a trophy which needs to be bought and named. The trophy would be displayed at the bank once engraved with the winner's name.

Maurice knows of several sites where we can advertise a contest. He recommends the fee be increased to at least the value of the free membership being offered to contestants.

4. Treasurer's Report

A copy of Jeanne's report will follow. Dorothy reported that we have sufficient funds for the next printing of *Voices* which will have 154 pages. 20 contributor copies will be set aside. This edition will be presold as much as possible.

Maurice moved, seconded by Ann, that Jeanne's grandson get paid for his excellent efforts on the website. All were in favour. He will be asked to add minutes of AGMs.

5. Membership Report

We have 44 members with 18 of them e-members. Ann will update the list and archive the previous copy as several people have not renewed memberships this year. Jeanne will confirm renewals from deposits in order to facilitate the revisions.

6. Changing the Post Office Box address

The PO Box in Matlock is no longer convenient and the address should be moved to Tyra's workplace. The changes will be announced on the LWWG website and by e-mail to all members. Jeanne had a list of others who would need to be informed in writing. We pay \$25 a year to the government to maintain our name. Both Provincial and Federal governments require two copies

of each issue of *Voices* for copyright archives. The bank and paypal will need notifying. McNally's should also have the changed address, but a new treasurer will be asked to set up an e-transfer from the store.

7. The meeting was followed by proof-reading the pages for the fall edition of *Voices*.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Timonin