

AQuA Steers Minutes

December 11, 2024

Attendance: Sharon Braunagel, Linda Beach, Marla Ferguson-Leak, Mary Grande, Bev Hart, Becky Chesnut, Kathy Reece, Jacque Weimer, Shar Weiser

- Handoff from the prior Steers to the 2025 incoming Steers. On November 14, 2024, during the AQuA meeting the following members were ratified for the year 2025.
 - Head Steer, Bev Hart
 - Assistant Steer, Linda Beach
 - Financial Officer, Becky Chesnut
 - Secretary, Kathy Reece
 - At Large positions, Jacque Weimer, Marla Ferguson-Leak, Shar Weiser
- Sharon Braunagel started the meeting with the review of the Monetary Decisions made by the Steers at the 10/10/2024 meeting.
- Items were discussed so new Steers knew their roles and responsibilities, (See the complete duties of the Steers in the website document.) Also, items that old steers were continuing to manage or volunteer to take on.
 - Sharon Braunagel: Zoom presentations and multi-day formal workshops, such as (Lisa Flower Ross's workshop in May)
 - Mary Grande: Forms, facebook's group, maintaining the website, Survey Monkey account, working with a team for the Mancuso show
 - Bev Hart: will take on the new head steer position, managing the contract with Damien at the Art Center to continue the meeting rental contract. Facilitating the AQuA monthly meeting.
 - Linda Beach: Will be responsible for the head steer position in the event the head steers is absent. January program, (new member exercise)
 - Becky Chesnut: Will continue as the financial officer. She will contact the bank and update them about the new head steer
 - Kathy Reece: will take the monthly AQuA meeting and monthly Steers minutes. She will send these to Mary for last minute edits and Mary will post them to the Website. She will distribute the ID badges at each meeting, assuring each member has a name badge.
 - At Large positions: Jacque has volunteered to maintain a year calendar so AQuA events can be reviewed at the Steers meetings. Jacque will continue organizing the retreat.
- Other items discussions
 - How do we balance members who are new to the art fiber with the experienced ones.

- Program ideas from Bev's poll were discussed: Stenciling, felting ideas, painting on fabric, intense ink, small group challenges.
 - 8x10 every other month individual quilt: Criteria for this was discussed.
 - Presentations will be every other month, starting in February.
 - Expand your knowledge base and try a new technique.
 - Have new to art fiber members brainstorm with You-tube, Pinterest, and work with members who may have experience in that technique.
 - Linda Beach will help with the new member exercise in the January AQuA meeting
 - A mingling exercise for around 45 minutes to talk with members about their fun facts.
 - Membership forms and dues will be collected January-March. And those who have not paid will be dropped from the roster.
 - How we run the monthly meeting. Using microphones and encouraging people to stand and introduce themselves when presenting a quilt or a comment.
 - New ID badges. Sharon made permanent badges for each member. They are to be distributed at each meeting and collected by Kathy Reece for the next meeting.
 - Physical items Aqua owns: Sharon will inventory these items, microphones, quilt display hangers, etc.
 - Art Vs quilting. How do we incorporate more art focus in our group. Ideas were discussed.
 - Lisa Flowers-Ross workshop. Sharon will contact her to decide her choice of lodging. 18 slots and the cancellation policy were reviewed.
 - The Steers' monthly meeting will be held, on the second Wednesday of the month, 1:00 pm, at the library.
- Respectfully submitted by Kathy Reece