



Annual Member Meeting  
March 5, 2019  
Held at Mile High Café

Meeting commenced at 6:45pm

Board members present: Donna Elliot, Cyn Grady, Sebastian Vale, Les Gin  
Absent: Rob Padilla, Kara Unland, Sasha Nicol

Attendance: Total of 50 people

### **DISCUSSION:**

Thank you to Mile High, Board Members, Members and General Public.

### **AWARDS:**

- Artist of the Year – Bruce Watts
- Volunteer of the Year – Scott Finnell
- Special Volunteer of the Year – Scott Bump's truck accepted on its behalf by Scott Bump
- All copper tree awards created by Sasha Nicol

### **LOOKING BACK:**

Handout of 2018 events / projects / support (attached)

### **Highlights:**

- Opening the Courtyard Gallery – exhibitions, an opportunity to sell artwork, a meeting and hangout place, a public face, savings on renting other venues, a post office and simply a beautiful gallery space much needed in Idyllwild. **Opened the gallery on March, 24<sup>th</sup> and SOLD close to \$10,000 worth of art and charge only 30% commission.**
- Extended the deer herd to 50 deer and 1 coyote
- Created some new events such as the Imagery of Words. One of the most well-received and inclusive events of the year with people looking forward to the next one on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.
- Supported our local musicians and community with the "Call of the Wyld" concert, that turned into a Cranston Fire Benefit Concert and raised money for some of the victims of the fire.

## **Financial Snapshot**

- Attachment with income, expenditure and grants
- Current bank balance as at March 5, 2019 - \$35,886.42.
- Renewed the lease on the Courtyard Gallery with a preferential rent of only \$350 per month.

## **GOING FORWARD**

### **Opportunities:**

- The Courtyard Gallery – sales, get-togethers, artist workshops, meetings and a place for people to hang out
- Excellent relationships with other non-profits in Idyllwild where we support each other, including Idyllwild Arts Academy
- Artists are stepping up with ideas for new workshops, events, seminars (for example a new Artist Workshop Fused Glass Class on March 30 by Scott Finnell and an offer by Scott Bump to hold an Artist Workshop on the Use of Lightroom).
- Studio Tour on May 11, 2019 – We will form a committee to create an event that, if successful, could be the foundation for an annual event, particularly now that Day Tripper Tours plans to offer trips to Idyllwild for art event (Art in the Park on May 26<sup>th</sup>).
- Idyllwild Life Magazine – Holly Parsons and Les Gin are generously supporting the non-profits in town by offering a free quarter page ad for fundraising events. The AAI will be promoting its Eye of the Artist event in the April issue. They are also strong supporters of the arts within the magazine with the aim of attracting visitors to Idyllwild.

### **Challenges:**

- Like other businesses, the Cranston Fire, recent storms and road closures are affecting us at the Gallery. A knock-on effect will be business closures and like other non-profits looking for sponsorship and fundraising, this may affect our finances during 2019. We are being conservative this year to make sure we remain financially sound.
- A major challenge is getting more volunteers to help with the gallery, our events, board membership and / or heading up committees to ease our load. But particularly at the Art Walk & Wine Tasting. I think you will agree that we have made these events fun, even the logistics to stage them. We thank all those who do step up and volunteer to make them such a success.
- Donna Elliot, the current president, term ends in December. Members, will need to find someone to step up and take over

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm