



Sooke Arts Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm
at Sooke Arts Council Gallery

Present: Sherry Robb Carolyn Hahn Deb Schenk Lynda Slater
Linda Anderson Gord Wallace Megan Evans
Absent: none

1. Call Meeting to Order

Sherry Robb called the March 12, 2026, Board of Director's Meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

2. Confirm Quorum

With six board members present, quorum was confirmed.

3. Approve Agenda

MOTION: Carolyn moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lynda, with all in favour the Agenda was approved.

4. Approve February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Lynda moved to approve the February 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Carolyn, with all in favour the Minutes were approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the board, with Carolyn. Highlights include:

- \$60,000 in operating account.
- Operating funds available \$24,000.
- BC Arts Council Grant comes in September for 2026/2027 for \$15,000.
- Sunday Sessions have been lucrative year to date \$2450.

MOTION: Deb moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Lynda, with all in favor the Treasurer's Report was approved.

6. Committee Reports

• Gift Shop – Sherry

Sherry has new nothing to report. Need new giftshop coordinator. Caroline Brown doing intake. Volunteers should collaborate to move things around to keep it looking fresh. Carolyn to generate Square Report to see what items are older that can be removed or replaced with new merchandise.



- Workshops – Sherry
Sunday Sessions – TAPS – going well, are filled until the end of April. After April the rate goes up (currently at \$30). Need attendees to pay up front upon registration.
- Events – Gord
Sooke Music & Arts Festival – Aug 1 and 7-8
Gord will reach out to the organizer for more information on how SAC can contribute.
- Featured Artists – Megan
TAPS Show - Feb 25 to Mar 29
Gary O'Connor - Apr 1 to 26
Teneesha Harrison - Apr 29 to May 31 (Megan will contact to see if she's a member)
- Bus Shelter and Seaparc Art
Susan Percival will be changing out the prints at the end of the month.
- Fundraising – Sherry/Gord
No new fundraisers yet. Still looking into.
- Social Media – Sherry
Beth Cougler Blom is now volunteering to do SAC's social media.
- Volunteers – Lynda/Linda
Four new volunteers have signed up.
- Community Art Shows – Linda/Sherry
The old art needs to be replaced in Dana Lajeunesse's office. Gord will help coordinate. A call for new pieces will go in the next newsletter.

7. New Business

- Preview Art Magazine publication as an advertising venue for SAC. Art galleries in Victoria and the western communities are listed in it, including the Metchosin Art Pod and Colwood Goldfinch Centre, plus all the other nonprofits in the lower Vancouver Island area (see attachments from Gord).
 - \$275+GST for a listing for a year.
 - Within advertising budget, Gord will sign us up.
- BC Guide to Arts and Culture (Sherry) –
 - They print 65,000 copies, widely distributed (ferries, museums, galleries, etc.).
 - Deadline is March 20, will remain in circulation until 2028.
 - ¼ page is \$600.
 - Within advertising budget, Sherry will sign us up.



Sooke Arts Council

- Sooke Fine Arts Show – volunteer participation – e.g. weekend open house at SAC & Sooke Jazz Band/SFAS or any artist wanting to have studio tours/SFAS (Gord).
 - Nothing has been arranged yet.
 - Will see if we can get Jen from SFAS to be a guest speaker at the next meeting.
- Sooke community grants/new policy. Max \$5000. They want grants to be submitted for new initiatives (Gord).
 - New service agreements – there's a new points system- details to come.
 - Our service agreement ends 2027.
- Sooke Spectacular Savings coupon book listing opportunity (Sherry).
 - Sherry/Chamber of Commerce creating coupon book for local businesses, extended coupon book – out in June, good for 18 months, 250 books will be printed, proposal for SAC offer an incentive.
 - Due in May.
 - Sherry and Carolyn will discuss.
- Monthly newsletter (Sherry).
 - Sherry wants to make it bi-monthly, instead of monthly. Will ask Beth Cougler Blom if she's able to take it over.
- Help the Desroiche family with a pop-up show (Lynda).
 - Would like to offer assistance for a pop-up show to raise funds for Desroiche family on Saturday, June 6, of the Secret Garden Tour weekend, SAC will charge 20% commission. Show will be outside on the SAC property in the back.
- Sooke Fall Fair collaboration (Carolyn).
 - Carolyn got an email regarding getting a booth at the Sooke Fall Fair, will investigate in what capacity SAC was involved in the previous year.
- Clarification of pre-printed items in gift shop (Carolyn).
 - The board has agreed to allow art printed products (professionally printed based on artist's original works). Will revisit at the end of fiscal year.

8. Confirm Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9 at 5pm at SAC.

9. Sherry Robb adjourned the board meeting at 6:35pm.