



VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY – VANCOUVER SECTION
NOTES
July 25, 2023

Attendees: Fred Chapman, Noel Hoffman, Keri Young, Jo Damato, Jo Ann Belen, Dave Morley

Apologies: Steve Garrad, Sue Rowe, Kerry Corlett, Gayle Munro, Jeremy Stewart, Timothy Zhao

1. Call Meeting to order: 6:30 pm July 25, 2023
2. Outstanding Action Points
 - *Action Item: Joint Networking VPA/RBC – c/o Keri*
Will give update once we get word from VPA who's currently on vacation.
The idea is to look into Oct/Nov timeline – speed dating.
Form committee/volunteers to help – Fred/Jo Ann willing to give a hand – build a database of
VFX sups/HODs/Studio Execs/Prod/Artists
 - *Action Item: August Pub Night/Recruitment Drive*
 - *negotiate with Brewhall to reduce minimum spend c/o Noel*
 - *talk to HQ to getting some budget for the event – Steve*
 - *Action Item: Collaboration- cross over event with Spark events –with regards to expanding recruitment drive- Talk to Martina - c/o Fred or Keri*
 - *Banner payment – c/o Dave to submit receipt for reimbursement*
 - *Action Item: AI Event in September – c/o Jeremy*
 - *Action Item: Date and Time -Leadership Workshop by Fred Chapman for Sept – c/o Fred*

3. Treasurer's Report

20-Apr-23 OPENING BALANCE		\$26,378.21
05/30/2023	Beaumont BBQ deposit	\$640.50
05/30/2023	Bank fees	\$1.50
06/02/2023	Whiskey Six BBQ deposit	\$1,500.62
06/02/2023	Bank fees	\$1.50
06/22/2023	July Pub Night (K Young)	\$260.67
06/22/2023	Bank fees	\$1.50
06/23/2023	SEND E-TFR *wzK AP	\$145.04
06/23/2023	Bank fees	\$1.50
07/11/2023	Bank fees	\$1.50
07/14/2023	MR. WOLF BBQ Sponsorship	\$2,500.00
07/17/2023	Whiskey Six BBQ final pymnt	\$2,130.63
07/17/2023	Bank fees	\$1.50
07/17/2023	BBQ Snack (G Munro)	\$142.24
07/17/2023	Bank fees	\$1.50
05/31/2023	INTEREST CREDIT	\$3.97
06/30/2023	INTEREST CREDIT	\$3.84
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS		\$4,830.20 \$2,507.81
16-May-23 CLOSING BALANCE		\$24,055.82

4. Screenings:

- Update on screenings: Keri attended Mission Impossible screening and gave a quick spiel re: recruitment drive.

Completed screenings:

- Mission Impossible
- Indiana Jones
- The Flash

Upcoming screenings:

- Oppenheimer
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- Haunted Mansion
- Barbie

5. Education Events:

3D Scanning Workshop - by Pixel Light – Jingyi

Leadership Workshop by Fred Chapman – Signups around 49- Attendees: around 20

- Attendees: 12-15 – mixed of Lighters/Compositors/Educators attended
- Scanned – Dave, Talked about Lidar
- Photo taken will be posted soon – c/o Tim.

6. Social Events:

July 15 - **Summer BBQ** – Beaumont Studios – Postmortem: Talked about ways to improve for next events – for sponsor to probably have name tags for visibility and have a bit of a introduction and acknowledgement for supporting the event. Noel to do a retroactive acknowledgment.

Pub Nights: Brewhall

August 22 – Pub Night/Recruitment Drive - – All 6 attendees voted on going ahead with Pub Night/Recruitment Drive. VES to cover drinks for members. Estimate to cost around \$1000 without sponsorship. With the current state of uncertainty in the industry with the ongoing strikes and lay-offs/ discrediting VFX crew on Oppenheimer, the group felt the need to pursue the event and help boost morale and provide support to the community thru this networking event.

September 26 – DNEG

October 24 – DD

November – Luma Pictures

November 30 – Holiday Party – Craft Beer Market

7. **Sponsorship** – Pixel Light expressed interest in sponsoring next Pub Night – follow up c/o Noel.
8. **Membership**- Pamphlets to be printed and distributed at Brewhall on Pub Night Aug 22. Will have a short talk reminding of upcoming recruitment deadline. If anyone needs help with endorsement, they can approach any board member for assistance.
9. Any other Business – **VES Benefits with Arbutus Financial** – Canadian Benefits Package – current plan members around 90.
 - Cross promoting– prefer to be open enrollment for VES – for freelancers or those without plan benefits with employer.
 - Eligibility: 1st 3 months with VES and/or VES affiliated studio
 - Put in VES Canadian Newsletter to remind member of available benefit- also send to VPA.
 - Current package has restrictions with Quebec.
 - More details to be updated on next meeting -c/o Fred

10. **Next Meeting Date:** August 22, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm