



**VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY – VANCOUVER SECTION  
NOTES  
September 19, 2023**

**Attendees:** Steve Garrad, Noel Hoffman, Keri Young, Fred Chapman, Jo Ann Belen, Kerry Corlett

**Apologies:** Gayle Munro, Sue Rowe, Dave Morley, Johanna D’Amato, Timothy Zhao

1. Call Meeting to order: 6:30 pm September 19, 2023
2. Outstanding Action Points
  - **Action Item: Joint Networking VPA/RBC** – updates c/o Keri  
*Oct. 16- 1055 West Georgia, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor – venue booked for 3 hours – 6 tables.*  
**Sub committee and meeting TBD**  
*Requested additional \$250 from VES.*  
*Host– Bob Wan – Creative BC - Host*  
*Sponsors: Annexpro/Sohonet*
  - **Action Item: Arbutus Plan updates** – c/o Fred  
**Branded as VPA/VES** – on agreement acts as insurance plan.  
*Open enrollment before June for eligible members.*  
*Joint plans – pre-existing conditions*  
*Fred to sign documents and start arrangements with Arbutus.*

3. Treasurer's Report

<b>29-Aug-23 OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$23,389.01</b>
09/13/2023 VES HQ - March Stipend	6,175.28
08/31/2023 INTEREST CREDIT	4.30
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>\$0.00 \$6,179.58</b>
<b>19-Sep-23 CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$29,568.59</b>

4. Screenings:

**Completed screenings:** (September)

- Haunting in Venice
- The Nun
- The Equalizer III

- The Creator

**Upcoming screenings:**

**5. Education Events:**

Leadership Workshop updates – Action c/o Fred – Oct 12 8:00am – Topic: Strategies to Use When Situation Feels Out of Control

Epic Games workshop – updates c/o Noel

**Action Item:** AI Event for next year 1<sup>st</sup> quarter– c/o Jeremy

**6. Social Events:**

**Pub Nights: Brewhall – to plan upcoming pub nights every 2months for next year starting in March.**

No pub nights planned till end of the year.

November 30 — Craft Beer Market – **Holiday Party - updates**

- Sub committee: Gayle/Keri/Jo Ann/Sue/Tim
- Get door prizes: champagne or other gift donations - Johanna can help with prizes.

**7. Sponsorship – Pixel Light -plan for next year TBC – c/o Dave**  
Mr. Wolf – plan for next year TBC -c/o Noel

Sponsorship Package – TBD c/o Steve updates. Speak to HQ or possibly from someone in VES Montreal regarding their sponsorship package. Getting bigger sponsors like AMD, Autodesk, Netflix – c/o Kerry&/or Steve/Noel

Determine: Annual Package

Currently Vancouver section is cap at \$1000– exclusive per company. -Pub Night model

**8. Membership – we have 310 applications this Fall deadline.**

**Deadline Dept 15, 2023**

Sue talked about secondary endorsement – stressed to include in the letter that it is a secondary endorsement.

Members list is available on the website for those looking for sponsors.

**9. Social Media**

- Start promoting Christmas event for Nov. 30 – poster for event c/o Jo Ann
- Thank you post for Sponsors – c/o Jo Ann & Noel
- Continue helping Gayle with posting for our social media platforms- possibly split the work between eblast/Linkedin/FB/Instagram

8. Other Matters – To explore similar events as to what Toronto Section has done regarding: mental health and wellness. (e.g. link resources on EI policies) - Find at few people who can possibly to do a talk- TBD

**Action Items:** Spark FX – follow up possible discounts on future events – previous years VES had \$20 discounts. – Keri to follow up with Marina

VES LA- Proposal for use of the initials VES in Credits- they are asking Vancouver Section if we are agreeable with the proposal to be sent to HQ. A few are agreeable with the proposal and will need the rest of the board to make their vote.

- currently only 42 members carry the title – 3to 5% of members only

Pillars of VES – Community/Recognition- broaden VES – this will encourage more industry professionals to join

**10. Next Meeting Date: Oct. 10, 2023** Time: 6:30 pm