**Minutes**

Appalachian Authors Guild

A Chapter of the Virginia Writer’s Club

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th, 2015

**Time and Place:**

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors Guild met on Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at the Washington County Library in Abingdon, Virginia. The meeting was from 1:00-2:00 pm.

**Attendance:**

President Linda Hoagland, Secretary Vicki Fletcher, Treasurer Jack Rose, Board member Sylvia Nickels, and Addie Davis.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Hoagland.

**Reports:**

* A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the board meeting on April 15th, 2014 and the minutes of the general meeting on May 12th as distributed by secretary, Vicki Fletcher.
* Jack Rose, treasurer, presented the treasurer’s report which shows $974.61 left in the budget. This report was also approved. The payment for the liability insurance ($232) and post office box renewal ($98) must be made which will leave us at a balance of $644.61.
* Jack gave out the schedule of authors thus far for the Virginia Highlands Festival. Saturday, August 1st is closed but all other dates are still available. Please contact him as soon as possible with your choices. When he receives payment, you will be added to the calendar. Jack also let us know that set up for the VHF would be Thursday, July 30th after 4 pm. If you are able to help with this, please e-mail Jack.
* Linda Hoagland gave us the list of speakers for this year. Dr. Rob Merritt will be the speaker for the July meeting.
* Linda Hoagland, Membership Chair, said that we have 2 new members since last board meeting: Gene Smith and Chuck Walsh
* Sylvia reported on the website and we have 14,672 hits since the website was started. Her report was approved as given.
* Linda gave out the list for Perkins (only one remaining is in Dandridge) for 2015.
* Linda will continue to take care of publicity.
* Linda said the deadlines for the Christmas anthology and AAG anthology are due by September 1st. The Christmas anthology will be published first in hopes of having it for sales in November and December. The AAG anthology will be published in early spring or before if possible.
* Several possible contests were mentioned: Springfield writing contest, Green River writing contest, Saturday Evening Post writing contest, Winning Writers has several contests open at this time.
* Jack had information about the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival which will be taking place on September 19th from 9 am to 6 pm with a booth fee of $50. If interested, you can check this event out on-line and get registered for it.
* The next general meeting will be May 12th, 2015 at the Shoney’s Restaurant in Abingdon from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by President Linda Hoagland.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Fletcher, secretary