

Minutes
Appalachian Authors Guild
A Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club
Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Time and Place:

The board meeting of the Appalachian Authors guild met on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Small Business Incubator in Abingdon, Virginia. The meeting took place from 12-1 p.m.

Attendance:

President Vicki Fletcher, Vice President J.C. Schweingrouber, Treasurer Jack Rose, Board members Linda Hoagland, Sylvia Nickels, and Addie Davis attended. Linda Dobkins was absent. Ellen Myatt attended to take minutes of the meeting. Member Dan Swanson attended as did guest Joey Collard.

Call to Order:

President Vicki Fletcher called the meeting to order.

Reports:

✓ Minutes: A motion was made by Jack Rose and seconded by Addie Davis to accept the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 26, 2018, and the minutes of the General Meeting held Tuesday, July 10, 2018 as compiled by Linda Hoagland and distributed by Vicki Fletcher.

✓ Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jack Rose distributed the report who stated the chapter needs money.

- The checkbook balance as of July 12, 2018 was \$283.
Checks for Burke Print Shop (\$78) and a \$60 reimbursement to V. Fletcher totaled \$138.
No deposits were made.
The checkbook balance as of August 14, 2018 meeting was \$145.02.
- The AAG kitty jar was passed around for contributions among board members.

✓ Membership: Vicki Fletcher reminded the board that new member annual dues and renewals will be \$20 for January 2019 only. Dues will be \$25 from February 1, 2019 to March 12, 2019. After the first general meeting, dues are \$30.

- Payment can be sent to AAG, PO Box 803, Abingdon, VA, 24212. Also, payment can be given to Vicki or Jack at AAG meetings.
- There is now a PayPal button on the AAG website that will allow members to pay their renewals/fees.
- President Vicki reported that there are approximately 35 paid members of AAG at this time. No new membership applications have been received yet; however, during Writers Day at Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center during the Virginia Highlands Festival, Linda Hoagland and Vicki Fletcher said they received a lot of positive feedback and interest.

✓ **Tidings** is the monthly AAG newsletter handled by Sylvia Nickels. She needs information of interest from members to include in the newsletter. Please keep her in mind. Send information to mscribe@aol.com. She would like new members to send information about themselves or their books that they would like to have added to the newsletter.

✓ **Website:** Vicki Fletcher reminder members to check out the newly reorganized website. <http://www.appalachianauthors.com>. If you have any questions/ideas/comments for Vicki, reach her at (276) 492-8314 or vfletcher56@gmail.com.

✓ **Publicity:** Linda Dobkins is in charge of publicity. In her absence, Vicki reported that Linda continues to get announcements in *A! Magazine for the Arts*.

- Also, board member J.C. Schweingrouber shared his recent experience on Super Talk! with Kristi Slaughter of Atlanta, Georgia on Facebook® (<https://www.facebook.com/SuperTalk929/photos/join-kristi-slaughter-and-the-all-new-supertalk-saturday-morning-starting-at-900/1727566060808529/>). While interviews run 20 minutes, generally, J.C. reported he was on for nearly an hour and promoted AAG.

- In addition to the above, J.C. reminded members about ARC.TV for 15 minute interviews. <https://www.facebook.com/ARCtelevision/>

✓ **Mistletoe Market (November 2-4th, Friday - Sunday):** Booth space has been secured, \$50 per person per day. Payment was due by Friday, July 27. Following is the schedule for writers:

Friday, November 2, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Addie Davis, Linda Hoagland, Hazel Fleming, Jack Rose
Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Darrell Fleming, Hazel Fleming, Donna Akers, Addie Davis
Sunday, November 4, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Victoria Fletcher, Joe Tennis, Linda Hoagland, Jack Rose.

✓ **Restaurant Schedule:** Linda Hoagland stated she will not accept any more location ideas until she sees some use among writers at current locations. J.C. Schweingrouber said he is willing to be at Anthony's Desserts on Main Street in Abingdon on Saturdays, possibly once a month. Vicki and Linda said they would check with Anthony to see if that was all right with him or did he mean only during the festival. JC will be at Zazzy's on September 8th or 15th, but not sure if he will be there beyond that due to location dynamics. Vicki Fletcher said she was willing to be at Harvest Table, but that her schedule has been hectic. She and Linda Hoagland would like to be at Piccadilly in Kingsport, Tennessee, soon. Linda Hoagland will check on being at Harvest Table as a representative of AAG.

✓ **Speakers:** President Vicki encouraged board members to think about and come up with ideas for future speakers and workshop presenters. Discussion included:

Writer Workshop Topics	Possible General Meeting Presenters
Writing Prompts/Linda Hoagland	Ms. Kari Kilgore (Frank's daughter)
Building Character Arcs/?	Donna Akers
Building Dynamic Dialogue/?	Joe Tennis

Writing Memoirs & More/Lynn Young	Mark Powell
	Jim Minnick
	Dylan Pratt

Coming up:

• **September 11**, General Meeting at Shoney's, Abingdon, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ellen Myatt will be speaking on "How to Get to Your Writing Goal with a Football."

• **October 9**, Board meeting from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. with a Writer's Workshop to follow from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Small Business Incubator in Abingdon with Linda Hoagland on "Finding Time to Write."

• **November 13**, General meeting at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Installation of officers for 2019.

Slate of Officers include:

President - Victoria Fletcher

Vice President - J.C. Schweingrouber

Secretary – Ellen Myatt with Linda Hoagland as substitute

Treasurer- Jack Rose

Newsletter – Sylvia Nickels

Website and Membership – Vicki Fletcher

Publicity- Linda Dobkins

Festivals/Events- Linda Hoagland

Board member-at-large- Addie Davis

✓ Highlands Festival Report: While Jack Rose reported that far less books were sold at this year's event (30) than has been sold in the past (200+), a few of the authors reported the following sales:

• Hazel Fleming (11); Darrell (5 plus an AAG anthology); Linda Dobkins(4); Tom Fugate (1); J.C. Schweingrouber (7). Have not heard from Peggy Callison.

• Note: There was discussion about other booksellers at the festival in tents, such as Spiral Books of St. Paul, Virginia. With this new knowledge, questions must be addressed by the VHF committee on placement of the AAG authors before we consider taking part in the future.

✓ AAG Chapter Golden Nib Winners: President Vicki announced the winning entries in the Non-Fiction, Fiction, and Poetry categories. They are:

Non-Fiction		
1st	Dan Swanson	"Cousins"
2nd	Lynn Young	"Rambling Visit at Grandma's Home"
3rd	Linda Hoagland Linda Dobkins	"What Was That?" "The Drug Raid"

Fiction		
1st	Ellen Myatt	"September Bread"
2nd	Linda Hoagland	"The Old Handwritten Book"
3rd	Ed Clark Linda Dobkins	"Coldest Winter" "Crouching Frog, Hidden Fox"
Poetry		
1st	Linda Hoagland	"The Last Time"
2nd	Linda Dobkins	"Curse of the Mirror"
3rd	Lynn Young	"Haiku World"

✓ **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki Fletcher.