

**QUIMPER CLUB INTERNATIONAL**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**CROWNE PLAZA SEATTLE**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

Patricia Hull , President called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. She introduced Caroline Mann, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and organizer of the Seattle Meeting. Caroline discussed the planned activities for the next three days. She also passed out a list of attendees.

Upon motion made, seconded and voted on, the minutes of the 2014 Annual Business in Nice were approved.

Patricia Hull introduced the current board members and reported that all were new to the board this past year. Patricia Hull, President; Sherry Lohnes, Secretary, Caroline Mann, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, May Frances Ramsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ann Marie O'Neill, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (replacing Linda Crocker who resigned due to ill health), Treasurer, Dick Williams and Historian, Karen Davis.

The Board has managed to forge ahead and are now trying to move into the twenty first century. She would like to use the internet more often. PayPal has been added to the website, so that members may pay their dues online. We are also trying to streamline the membership process. She announced that Gay Smith has resigned as editor of the Journal after many years of service. We need to find a new editor. In the meantime, the editorial board will work on getting out the winter journal. Hope to have it out by the end of the year. Karen Davis will do an article on this meeting as historian. It is a challenge to get new members and we are trying to use both social media and advertising in antique journals. Members brainstormed ideas on how to recruit members. Patricia introduced two new members attending the meeting: Janet Conte and Gretchen Cash.

Secretary report: Overall numbers are down, but we also have gone to a new way of reporting in that family members are only counted once. This makes working with lists for mailing and messaging easier. We have had a decline in French membership, possibly due to the fact that we no longer have a mechanism to accept checks in Euros.

Treasurer's report: Dick will be writing us checks for refund on the Duck tour that was cancelled due to a traffic accident with one of the tour buses. Financial statement- Insurance of \$1400 has been paid. As of yet, he has no figures for meetings costs. We do not have to file with the IRS if our yearly amount is less than \$50,000. He will try to change our way of reporting so that meeting expenses do not show as part of income.

Anne Marie reported on her efforts to help us find new members. She is planning on sending articles to antique journals. We brainstormed ideas to attract new members. We could give journals to nonmembers. A complete index of all journals will be listed on the website in PDF. Should we advertise in the magazine called "France"?

Anne Marie also advised us that QCI member Judy Datesman is on the board of the new Friends of the Musée breton in Quimper, which will participate in the celebration of ceramics in Finistère with its featured exhibit in 2016. Anne Marie visited Quimper and related to us that the former entry hall of the Quimper factory now belongs to the city of Quimper, who has leased it to Pascal Jaouen, the renowned embroiderer.

(The figures are still there on the front of the building) The factory and its boutique are located on the lower level, with a newly remodeled exhibit space that features works from contemporary artists.

The souvenir piece designed by Philippe Lalys was showcased as well as a Quimper postcard book retrospective written and compiled by Philippe Lalys.

Karen Davis, Historian- More updates from Judy Datesman. Judy is working on a trip to France with a pottery theme, as 2016 is the Year of Ceramics in France. Particulars will come out later.

Club will give Gay a gift for 11 years of being editor. Gift will be given in consultation with Judy.

2017: We have no venue as of yet. Need a volunteer and a setting. We are leaning towards the east coast as it is easier for those from Europe to attend. D.C. New England, Quebec. We made suggestions, even a cruise along the New England coast or up to Canada. Peter Ramsey volunteered to research a fall cruise Boston to Quebec City.

Linda Crocker thanked everyone for all the support during her surgeries.

Lucy Williams briefly described the itinerary for Point Roberts tour. Patricia Hull described briefly the tour for Vancouver and Point Roberts.

We adjourned for a brief break. We then reconvened for a presentation on the NorthWest Coast Potlatch ceremony, given by Tony Ward-Smith, Docent, Burke Museum . This is essentially a ceremony that focuses on gifting by the host to the guests as well as food and celebration.

A gift of CA faience was presented to Caroline Mann as a thank you for her organization of this meeting.

Sharon and Jim Borthwick presented the Kansas City meeting September 21-24, 2016. They showed on a map, that KC, Missouri is essentially in the center of the US. It was initially the start for the trails west. There are 200 fountains, art museums, and a performing arts center. The meeting hotel in south KC is near the Country Club Plaza. The Plaza Art Fair will be held at the same time as our meeting.

Karen Davis spoke about a post meeting trip on September 25-26 to Bentonville, Arkansas with members renting cars and driving We would visit the Crystal Bridge Museum of American Art.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Lohnes, Secretary