

ACSCC meeting minutes – Sept.14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted virtually via ZOOM due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Present: Angelique Moss (Chair), Kerem Bilge, Thomas Bradley, Franz Bauerlein, Gabi Friedman, Henry Brooks, Daniel Morrison, Holly Beardow, Allison Wynn, Alexandre Jevgrafovs, Scott Campbell, Wesley Thomas

City Staff/ Liaisons: Jim Holloway & Nicole Quinn (OHA)

Guests: Kyly Carriviere

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Angelique Moss (Chair)
There were no minutes to review, as the last meeting was conducted in March 2020.

II. Public Virtual Meeting Notice

The meeting notice for public virtual events was read by Nicole Quinn.

III. Member Causerie and Introduction

Introductions were made all around and a new member, Allison Wynn, was welcomed to the Committee.

IV. Debrief on Past and Cancelled Events

A. March 12th French & Indian War Lecture at the Lyceum

Daniel Morrison reported on the Lecture of the French- and Indian War, which took place at the Lyceum in March and was well attended.

Spaced seating, prepackaged refreshments and extra precautions were applied due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Intern Exchange and Teen Exchange

Angelique Moss outlined the process of the yearly intern- exchange and informed the members that there has been no exchange this year due to the pandemic and restrictions. There is currently no update on next year's procedures.

The same applies to the teen-exchange, which usually happens yearly as well.

C. D-Day Commemoration

Kerem Bilge gave an overview of the 2019 program which included a lecture at the Lyceum, outdoors events at the new Alex. Waterfront Park with re-enactors, panel-discussions with Rob Wood (retired 3-star General from the US Navy). The event was very well attended with a total of 7500 visitors.

This year's commemoration featured an online "best of" from the last few years combined.

D. Beaujolais Nouveau Tasting

Gabi Friedman reported on the 2019 'Beaujolais Nouveau' event which was held at Lloyd House with presentations from several vendors, wine-tastings, a DJ and photo-booth. This event was completely sold out and a great overall success.

V. Ongoing Business

A. Virtual Events

September 17th Virtual Lecture (Lyceum)

October 21st Virtual Lecture (Mount Vernon)

Virtual Tour of Hillwood's French Art Collection

Holly Beardow encouraged members to attend some upcoming online lectures at the Lyceum and Mt. Vernon for educational purposes and to get ideas to conduct/host future online lectures for the public as well.

The lack of activities this winter due to the ongoing pandemic and limited availability/openings of museums and venues are a concern and need to be considered in the big picture.

Ideas were pondered by members Angelique Moss and Gabi Friedman about more virtual events extending to online tastings (Beaujolais Nouveau etc.).

VI. New Business

Kerem Bilge mentioned 'Alignable' as a new platform and possibility to collaborate with local businesses on events. Said platform is a referral program which connects small businesses all across the Alexandria region and the country.

Angelique encouraged members for input and new ideas on how to conduct innovative online events and to grow more of a social-media presence for the Committee.

The position of secretary needs to be filled, as the current secretary, Katherine Karau, is currently attending evening graduate-school classes.

Kerem brought up the idea of creating a friends- and/or alumni-group for the Committee. Former chair-person Jennie Reading might be a good resource for previous-member contacts.

VII. Public Comment

There were no public comments or questions

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

2020 Calendar

January—
February—
March— Lecture on French and Indian Wars
April—
May---
June—
July---
August—
September—
October—
November---
December—

V Attendance and Volunteer Hours

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Name	Present/Excused/Unexcused	Volunteer Hours
Angelique	x	
Scott	x	
Christine		
Daniel	x	
Kerem	x	
Gabi	x	
Thomas	x	
Elodie		
Katherine		
Franz	x	
Joseph		
Henry	x	
Wesley	x	
Holly	x	
James		
Alex	x	
Allison	x	