

**Safe Amplification Site Society – General Meeting #5 – Sunday April 11, 2010**  
**At 1656 Adanac St., Vancouver, BC**  
**MINUTES**

**Present and signed-in:** Ryan McCormick, Seeon McRamsay, Marita Michaelis-Webb, Caitlin Gilroy, Steve Louie, Jarrett Samson, Sheena Fayowski, Aaron McHattie, Spencer Hargreaves, Corbin Murdoch, Brynna Childs, Haakon Jack, Scott N. Wong, Aidan Denison, Jesse Turpin

**7:13pm Meeting called to order**

**7:13-7:15 Consider last meeting's minutes**

- Last meeting's minutes were approved unanimously.

**7:15-7:23 Announcements**

- Caitlin announced that Anti-Social Skate shop is interested in having Safe Amp fundraiser shows.
- Caitlin announced that Youth Week is coming up and Safe Amp could have a table at some of their events.
- Caitlin announced that we have two fundraiser events coming up in April and gave their dates and locations.
- Caitlin announced that a small PA is being donated to Safe Amp and that we will be developing a system for letting people use it in the near future.
- Caitlin announced that Safe Amp received a Cultural Infrastructure grant from the City of Vancouver and this money must be used on a feasibility study, which we will be undertaking soon.
- Jarrett announced that the 'Menses' tapes are available now, with all proceeds going to Safe Amp.
- Aidan announced that he has been involved with Music Waste and that they are looking for more volunteers. He also suggested that Safe Amp could have a table at Music Waste events.

**7:23-7:40 Election of new directors**

- Jarrett officially offered his resignation as a member of the Safe Amp Board of Directors, but stated that he wishes to stay integrally involved at the society's core.
- Ryan announced that David Mattatall is also resigning as a Safe Amp director, and that he submitted an official letter of resignation.
- Ryan reminded everyone of an announcement made at a previous meeting that the current directors have been looking for more people to join the board.
- Ryan announced that five people have expressed interest in becoming Safe Amp directors and referred to their bios on the back of the agenda.
- Ryan announced that if these five people are elected, they would fill the vacancies left by David and Jarrett and also increase the size of the board from four to seven.
- Ryan referred to the Safe Amplification Site Society's Bylaws and announced that a separate election must be held for each office to be filled and that potential new directors may be acclaimed. (If they cannot be acclaimed, a ballot will be necessary.)
- Ryan read Sheena Fayowski's bio and Sheena was acclaimed as a new director by a show of hands.
- Ryan read Steve Louie's bio and Steve was acclaimed as a new director by a show of hands.
- Ryan read Aaron McHattie's bio and Aaron was acclaimed as a new director by a show of hands.
- Ryan read Marita Michaelis-Webb's bio and Marita was acclaimed as a new director by a show of hands.
- Ryan read Corbin Murdoch's bio and Corbin was acclaimed as a new director by a

show of hands.

**7:40-8:00 Logo Contest**

- Caitlin explained that today members will vote on an official Safe Amp logo, choosing out of submissions received over the past several months.
- Caitlin passed out ballots and asked everyone to rank their top three choices.
- Members took about 15 minutes to circulate around the room and cast their votes out of the posted submissions.  
(- After the meeting, Caitlin counted the votes and it was determined that the submission from Beshele Caron and Jessica Wilkin will be the official Safe Amp logo. Chanda Stallman's submission took second place and Steve Luscher's was third. Ryan emailed the results out to our membership and mailing list.)

**8:00-8:02 Introductions**

- All participants introduced themselves.

**8:02-8:43 An open discussion on the next era of the Safe Amplification Site Society**

- Ryan announced that the rest of the meeting would consist of a general discussion intended to guide the new board in planning for the next era of Safe Amp.

**What would you like Safe Amp to accomplish this year?**

- Haakan asked if we could first recap what Safe Amp accomplished in the past year. Ryan, Caitlin and Jarrett recapped our accomplishments with fundraising, membership, outreach, legal research, relationship-building, press, grants, events, etc.
- Suggestions for this year included:
  - Raise \$10,000
  - Raise \$20,000
  - Open our venue
  - Do more outreach to potential donors outside of our community
  - Do more outreach to youth and other people who are outside of the music community

**What are your thoughts about Safe Amp's committees? Which ones should be changed / added / replaced? Where have the committees succeeded and failed over the past year?**

- Suggestions included:
  - Combine the Fundraising and Outreach committees
  - Divide the Outreach Committee into separate committees for Communications, Outreach and Development
  - Eliminate the Venues committee – it's a good idea but has been very difficult to co-ordinate volunteer efforts
  - Re-focus the Venues committee
  - Find a way to maintain more consistent committee members

**What would you change about our General Meetings?**

- Suggestions included:
  - Integrate work parties with the general meetings
  - Combine meetings with concerts

**What do you feel your role in Safe Amp is as a member? Do you feel like you are able to fulfill that role? Why or why not? How can we encourage volunteers to stick to the commitments they make?**

- Suggestions included:
  - Have better communication between members between meetings to

- work on specific projects
- Create a better system of volunteer management

### **What do you think the role of the directors should be?**

- Suggestions included:
  - Be the 'guiding force' of the society; act as public figureheads; maintain a sense of ownership over the society.
  - Fill empty volunteer positions – short-term ones (eg: at events) as well as long-term positions (eg: Publicist)
  - Focus on fundraising
  - Keep people on task
  - Lead by example – do more volunteer work than other members
  - Attend all Safe Amp events, especially fundraisers

### **What other suggestions or ideas do you have?**

- Suggestions included:
  - Open up the mailing list so that all members can send things to it
  - Create one email address that all members can check
  - Improve our website and integrate it with blogs and other social media
  - Hold our Annual General Meeting (possibly in September?) and make it a bigger event than most meetings by having bands, guest speakers, etc.
  - Have more of a Safe Amp presence (eg: info booths) at non-Safe Amp events and festivals in Vancouver such as Music Waste and Youth Week

**8:43pm**

**Meeting Adjourned**