

FIRE & RAIN MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 12, 2011

Stacy Frost, President, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**1. Board Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report** – Ellen Harbison reviewed Fire and Rain's financial situation. We have almost \$3900 in our account. We paid for two 8-foot tables for the NWBS Bazaar this coming October. The bead retreat did well. The website domain name is now in Fire and Rain's name. We have collected \$450 in membership dues this year, but a large number of members joined in December and their payments were deposited in December. We have 44 memberships, 3 of which are family memberships.

**Event Chairs** – Cheryl Matson reported on the recent BOC event at Pratt. More than 200 beads were made and the room was full both shifts! The beads have been cleaned and are ready to send to BOC. Cheryl brought the beads to the meeting so everyone could see them. A donation of boro was received and we will trade Pratt for soft glass to use next time. Pratt is willing to do this event a few more times a year.

**2. New Business:**

**Upcoming BOC Event** – Laura Bowker reported that there will be a David Grisman Quartet concert on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Moore Theatre to benefit BOC. There are 10-12 spots available to sell beads and jewelry. Proceeds to be split 50/50 between seller and BOC. Participation is free. Contact Margaret Zinser with questions or email Laura Bowker.

**3. Old Business:**

**NW Region Bead Maker's Retreat** – Laura reported that the retreat was fantastic. Not including paypal fees, the retreat had an income of \$2280 and expenses of \$1958.48. That means a profit of \$321.52. \$71.52 will go into the F & R account and the remaining \$250 will go into an account to serve as seed money for next year's retreat.

**Postcard Project/ISGB Gathering Projects** – Donna Prunkard that the retreat had been the deadline for bead submissions for the F & R postcard. There were no submissions. Those in attendance at the meeting decided that Stacy will seek a deadline extension from the ISGB. If we can't get an extension, we won't do a chapter card. If we can get an extension, a new deadline will be set. Kathy Johnson will do the photography and Donna Prunkard will then be in charge of layout/printing. We will not have a theme, but if members want to use the

“Louisville Possibilities” theme for the postcard bead or a separate bead, we will send those to ISGB for the BOC Community Project.

Laura Bowker reminded everyone that ISGB is in need of items for the silent auction, beaded object show (there will be great prizes), BOC Community Project and juried pendant show. Laura brought booklets re the ISGB and ISGB magazines for those who are not yet ISGB members to look at.

**4. Next Meeting** – The next general meeting will take place on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> at Caroline’s houseboat. Feel free to bring swimsuits for the lake and hot tub.

## **5. Bead Challenges**

**Cartoon Sculptural Bead Challenge** – voting took place. Congratulations to Bob Hoffmeier, winner of the easy/medium categories, and to Kathy Johnson, winner of the insanely hard category. Those who participated in the challenge reported on what they liked about the challenge, the tool they found to be most helpful and the length of their procrastination before making their beads. (Stacy will try to find a vendor for the duck billed tweezers/stamps that Kathy recommends).

**Next Challenge** – the next challenge is a COE 104 mystery rod challenge and participation is free. All attendees were given a rod of the glass. The glass must be used to make a bead where the mystery glass is visible. Those who missed the meeting may make arrangements to pick up a rod of glass from Stacy.

**6. Bead Exchange** took place.