

# ELKO COUNTY ART CLUB

## April 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

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Location: ECAC Art Center, 407 Railroad St, Elko

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Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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Time: 9:30 am

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### I. AGENDA DETAILS

### II. ATENDEES

a. Paige Guse, Monica Milldrum, Allie Ingles, Georgene P., Brian Riley, Sabrina Chang, Ali Helmig

### III. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Introductions
- b. Approval of March minutes

### IV. PRESENTATION

#### a. Raven Morrison

- i. Raven was not present for presentation: More information later
- ii. General overview: One individual on probation (non-violent crimes) will participate in art therapy and work program (community service hours) through the art club for one year as part of their recovery. One year probationary period to see how the program goes.

### V. REPORTS

#### a. Treasurer

- i. **Art in the Park** funds have started coming in
- ii. **Accounts** have been reconciled and will be turned over to accountant for taxes (Due to IRS May 15 for Non-profits)
- iii. **Fundraising meeting a few weeks ago:**
  - i. Applications are complete for 4 mining companies
  - ii. Requesting funds from Elko board of Rec and Elko Visitors Authority (will present to the board in April 28 @ 8:30am)
  - iii. Community Foundation of Elko County is the next organization we will be applying for grant funding (as the ECAC has approval to operate as a public charity non-profit, we can now apply for these grants)
  - iv. We also have a donation letter we can use for local businesses to contribute to the art club, starting a list of businesses who may be willing to donate (money, materials for fundraising events, etc), this list will be made by the Board in the Monday.com (mobile app)
- iv. **Elko Potter's Guild**
  - i. Potters Guild will be at the Home Show and the Lamoille County Fair
  - ii. Home Show (May 9-10) – Allie will be sending an email about this (it will be Elko County Art Club/Potters Guild), they also want us to do a craft – IF we are up and ready to go with classes Monica will do a craft and also promote classes.
  - iii. Allie will be working on the Potters Guild webpage (which will be linked from the ECAC page)
  - iv. Lamoille County Fair – June 28 and will only be Elko Potters Guild
  - v. In future ECAC will pay when all artists are invited to events

#### b. Secretary – nothing!

#### c. President

- i. **Membership**
  - i. We have been gaining membership!
  - ii. Allie/Ali will go through updating/cleaning up member contracts this week to improve invoicing
- ii. **Art in the Park (July 11-12)**
  - i. Monica finished a map for the event! Addressed vendor concerns in this update and addressed the increase in vendors. Still needs to do permitting and catch up with vendors.
  - ii. Allie is overseeing art activities and demos
  - iii. Chip has entertainment lineup filled!
  - iv. Georgene will manage members booth and will be sending out an email to the club for volunteers to work the members booth
  - v. NYTC students will be assisting with booth set up and tear down (they cannot accept food/tips/gifts of any kind)
  - vi. Marigold mine might be able to schedule volunteers, Monica would like them to work with parking assistance
  - vii. FFA volunteers – we could reach out to have volunteer opportunities maybe kids crafts
  - viii. Monica has created an Opportunity Directory in Volgistics to organize volunteers, needed positions, times, and tasks for the event (everyone also needs to be in both Volgistics and Constant Contact to received emails)
  - ix. Paige put updated promotional materials for event on Google Drive
- iii. **Art Center**
  - i. Reorganized store, featured artists, artists need to promote themselves for the shop to get more foot traffic
- iv. **Rotating Art**
  - i. No funding has come in from businesses for rotating art yet, but Allie will work towards this
  - ii. Should be completely up and running by the end of the year
  - iii. Doug Clarke potentially wants rotating art at Western Folklife Center – Monica will reach out
- v. **Marketing (Branding)**
  - i. Monica is working on an image to go with the ECAC logo. The icon would help with branding and would be able to be changed (but still recognizable) for different events for simple branding as we build the art club/arts center
  - ii. Current Logo is only wording, we need an icon, taglines, etc.
  - iii. Monica would like input, ideas, feedback
  - iv. Ideas will be added to Project Management app (Monday)
  - v. Monica will reach out to Lilly for logo
  - vi. Ali's idea – heart shape with paintbrush in the edge of the heart with the heart acting as a paint pallet with 4 colors inside (or watercolored for inside/outside)
- vi. **Exhibit**
  - i. To display art at the Northern NV Museum you must also hold an ECAC membership, this creates increase of members this time of year as folks sign up to display art at the museum
- vii. **Project Management app** – Monday (name of app) is what Monica will be using to organize and store information

- viii. **Education** - Sabrina Chang & Monica Milldrum
  - i. Sabrina has made posters for advertising; Allie will look over these and Paige will make sure classes are meeting overall education goals
  - ii. Instructor planned for classes is injured and we need to find new instructor, Sabrina will reach out to Tammy Spillman about replacing instructor
  - iii. Jamie Ball and Skye Rausch are thinking about what classes they would like to teach. Alyssa Cumpston and Jenna Jewett are also interested in teaching classes.
  - iv. Sabrina and Paige will be working to put on as much education as possible lined up over the next 6 mo to 1 year

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Stockmen's: DEADLINE END OF APRIL FOR CONTRACT IDEAS**

- i. Georgene is point of contact on this!
- ii. Stockman's wants to start doing paint and sips, many venue options within the building, might be able to start in May – they would also be interested in other art events, spouse events during conferences, etc.
- iii. Stockman's will be purchasing supplies for events, ECAC has been providing input on what to order
- iv. Potential issues: figuring out contracting to benefit both businesses
- v. Through this partnership we could potentially have more marketing/fundraising exchange, potential space use by ECAC
- vi. Stockmen's would pay instructors and potentially a couple assistants – though is not a direct money exchange with Stockman's and ECAC
- vii. ECAC could schedule out events at Stockman's
- viii. Determine what would be beneficial to ECAC in this partnership

### **b. America 250 Project**

- i. Not an ECAC project, it is supported between arts council and elko arts foundation, emailed information also not ECAC's
- ii. Art club is contributing to the project through open studio to provide supplies and space for people to contribute to
- iii. People come in shop looking for arts canvases for the project, canvases are upstairs
- iv. Monica has paints and pallets for use during set times for open studio
- v. Flyers are by the register for open studio
- vi. Everything needs to be tuned in by the end of the month and it will be displayed in the administrative building at elko county courthouse as a permanent installation

### **c. Aha Projects (Affordable Housing for Artists Project)**

- i. Aha is a Fiscal sponsorship non-profit – they help other non-profit with legal paperwork (taxes, legal, etc)
- ii. Strategic long-term goal of starting an art center in Elko: Aha mentioned a model in Yucca, CA (High Desert Art Center) we could use to develop this idea
- iii. Aha would assist with our vision and take an administrative fee when grants come in, this would be a partnership with ECAC if the club pursues this route

### **d. Brian wants to create an Elko Flag**

- i. Sales would go 100% to art club, could be sold at art club
- ii. Monica will add this as a potential project in the project management app (Monday)

## **VIII. CONCLUSION**

- a. Motion to adjourn 11:53am!
- b. Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 9:30 am.**