

Photography West Camera Club

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 13, 2023

OFFICERS PRESENT: Ella Schreiber, President
Greg Swinney, Vice President of Operations
Ken Kvam, Treasurer
Sally Hilding, Secretary

OFFICERS ABSENT: Doug Culliton, Vice President Education & Communications

GUESTS: Jim Keane, ExOfficio; Larry Tannenbaum, John Obradovich, Bernie Ginsberg, Don Price, Eileen Arps, Kelly Asmussen, Chris Hecht, Becky Pachek, Carl Ramsey, Ron Manthey, Candy Worley, Susan Moy, John Frelich, Darrell Pierson, Ron Applebaum

The meeting was called to order at 2:55 p.m. by our President, Ella Schreiber.

Secretary's Report: Sally Hilding

The minutes to the March 9, 2023, were approved.

Tri-fold: Bernie Ginsberg presented a very nice tri-fold that could be presented to new members. A motion was made, seconded and passed to order 100 of them on high quality paper and in color. A video produced by Ron Appelbaum that would have relevant information for new members and would be easily accessible was also mentioned.

Mentee/Mentor 2023 Class: A thorough discussion from both the mentee's and the mentor's perspectives was had. A few of the issues were: scheduled classes not held, mentors not taking their mentees out for practice, mentors not getting or not giving the communication needed both on classes not held or when to show up for class, critiques promised that didn't happen, no direction for the mentee photo presentation as well as the prohibitive cost. A lack of communication appeared to be a big factor.

Ideas suggested include: A job description for mentors; remedial classes for mentees; better communication overall.

Ella Schreiber will chair a subcommittee to 1. Figure out how to make up the material missed for this year's mentees. 2. What structure is needed for the program going forward.

A questionnaire will be sent to the mentees asking if they would like to retake the program or to be reimbursed for half of the cost (\$25).

The mentee photo presentation will be moved to the fall. The format may be print or digital or a combination of both, to be finalized at a later date.

Operations: Greg Swinney

Contest Committee: It was moved, seconded and passed that the dates and rotating subjects for the contests be set. The dates and subjects are as follows:

Fall 2023 printed image contest: Reflections

Open: Oct. 2

Closes: Oct. 18

Judging: Oct. 21

Results show: Oct. 27

Spring 2024 printed image contest: Photojournalism

Open: March 4

Closes: March 20

Judging: March 23

Results Show: March 29

Fall 2024 printed image contest: TBD

Open: Oct. 1

Closes: Oct. 16

Judging: Oct. 19

Results Show: Oct. 25

Spring 2023 Party: Greg gave the organizers a big thanks for doing a great job. The party made a profit of \$400. Sixty-six people attended.

Greg recommended that we have two yearly parties instead of three: the fall/Halloween party and one around St. Patrick's Day. The cost of the winter brunch has become prohibitive.

A scavenger hunt has been suggested for the fall and Greg will look into it.

Feedback on the CR-8: Ella Schreiber mentioned that the Rec Center notified her that the form is always supposed to be filled out ahead of time for all paid outside presenters to the club, not always done in the past by the club.

Photo Lab: Picture hanger redo: Eileen Arbs asked if the club would be open to redoing the way we display the photo prints from the present setup to wire hangers from the ceiling (gallery hanging) which would allow for different sizes, framing, etc., if the cost was donated. A member is interested in the redo and willing to donate for it. The Board figures the cost will be around \$900 to \$1200. Eileen will get back to the member and see if this is agreeable to him/her. The Rec Center will need to be involved.

Contest of Contest Winners: Kelly Asmussen presented an idea to just think about at this time. He suggested having a contest of all the year's 1st place winners of the print, monthly and digital contests. It would be like a "Best of Show" for each year.

8 mm machine: Larry Tannenbaum reported that when the 8 mm machine was returned it didn't work so he sent it back and for \$50 they rebuilt the whole machine so the insides are the equivalent of a new machine.

Education/Communication:

Pop Ups: Eileen Arps is thinking of doing something different: Having 5 or 6 instructors come in and working with PS raw, PS masking, PS stitching, PS focus stacking, etc., on a one-on-one basis, first showing how to do it and then having the member do it themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Kvam

Right now, it shows that we are \$2000 to the good but our revenue is pretty much done for the year. Our expenses are not done; we have another \$950 to pay for the new screen at Stardust Theater.

Ella mentioned that the people doing the installation indicated that the projector will be straightened.

Projected Image: Jim Keane said that they would like to add a 5th category for projected image: Nature. It was decided to not take official action until after a Tuesday competition committee meeting. It was also brought out that the category definitions need to be what works for our club and members informed if they are different in ACCC or PSA competitions.

It was brought up that members who are professional photographers should have an exception for their starting competition levels.

John Obradovich commended the Board for its dedication and its working hard to benefit the whole club. He mentioned the changes in the newsletter, and the help he got in his computer class.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Sally Hilding, Secretary