

Photography West Camera Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
November 9, 2023

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

GUESTS: John Frelich, Darrell Pierson, Donna Morell, Carol Graf, Cheryl Gross, Tom Richardson, Eileen Arps, Susan Cowles, Jim Keane.

The meeting was called to order at 2:57 p.m. by our President, Ella Schreiber.

Secretary's Report: Sally Hilding

The minutes to the October 12, 2023, were approved via email.

Pop-Up: Eileen Arps said that there will be a pop-up called Discover and Pizza on December 4 at noon. She met Sunday with Mykee Cornelison and Yvette Brown to finalize plans.

Witches Ride: Greg Swinney has put all the photos and videos together and will give them to Ron Appelbaum to put the show together.

Exhibition: Greg Swinney reported that Shirley Swinney said that we have one person already signed up for next year.

Lab Exhibit: Greg Swinney said the photos are already hung. There is a problem with the bristol board itself which tends to wrap or curl. It looks like using Plexiglas will solve the problem.

New Board Members: All new board members were in attendance; Ella Schreiber invited them to attend the meeting to get an idea of how the Board functions for a smoother transition.

Fall Party: Carol Graf reported that the party went well with a fun turnout but could have used an earlier notice to help with attendance. Ken Kvam reported the financials for the party: \$720 ticket sales, \$148 raffle tickets, \$496 expense with a net of \$372 for the club. The **next social** will be on Saturday, March 16th in the Sage Room for St. Patrick's Day.

Social Chairman: Carol Graf has volunteered to be the Social Chairman for 2024.

Camera Craft Classes: This is part of our new mentee/mentor program that is being rolled out. Darrell Pierson explained that in the past, many mentees did not know their cameras well enough to do some of what they were learning in the classes, so the camera craft classes are designed to overcome that hurdle. Darrell explained how he runs the classes. There was interest in extending the class to new club members.

There was a thorough discussion on the upcoming Mentor/Mentee class regarding needs, changes and improvements put in place. It was mentioned that the M&M program is the "jewel" of the club.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Kvam reviewed the report. He also passed out budget sheets for the individual committees and said he'd get together with each board member to go over them for the coming year.

Stardust Theater: Ella Schreiber mentioned that she received a bill for our portion of an acoustic speaker repair that was divided between the clubs by 6. Ella's concern is that if they get a new sound board at a cost of \$40,000, our portion will be so much that we will be out of the theater.

Competition Committee Resource: David Fudge was not at our last competition but was at the ACCC competition. Ella Schreiber said he is a wonderful AI resource (not to tell anyone what to do) and should be at all our competitions. It was mentioned how very effective he was at the ACCC competition.

Competition Feedback: Tom Richardson said it is easier to use the list of judges for ACCC to get judges for our club. He has always gotten positive feedback about our club from the judges for both print and digital.

Education: Eileen Arps meet with many of teachers and was impressed with their background and how good they are. In talking with the teachers, they talked about updating and expanding the offerings. New will be a "Traveling Photography" course which Rondy Voorhees has agreed to teach. A course on smart phones is "in process." Darrell Pierson is going to do a "How to Clean Your Sensor" class. He agreed to do it at the December 4th Pop-Up session.

Members can sign up and pay for classes either online or in the Lab.

Greg and Eileen will make sure the class sign-up book and the online sign-up are synced.

Lab Attendance: Many different aspects of lab attendance were discussed, emphasizing the importance of numbers.

Software: Greg Swinney mentioned that Bonnie Williams pays something for the software to do the organization chart. Since Bonnie will no longer be doing it, we should think about getting the software needed.

Ladies Breakfast: Cheryl Gross reported that the 2 sessions have gone nicely, attended by 6 to 8 people. It's just social with a wide range of topics. The information is on the Friday slides and has gone out in the Flash.

Competition Levels: Adding a new level, i.e., Masters 1 and Masters 2, will be discussed at the January Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Submitted by

Sally Hilding, Secretary