

Photography West Camera Club  
Minutes of Board Meeting - Revised  
April 11, 2024

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Greg Swinney, President  
Tom Richardson, Vice President  
Ken Kvam, Treasurer  
Cheryl Gross, Secretary  
Eileen Arps, Director of Education

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Darrell Pierson, Becky Pachek, Tony Gross, Mykee Cornelison, Jim Keane,  
David Fudge, Larry Cowles

The meeting was called to order at 2:48 p.m. by our president, Greg Swinney.

**Minutes:** Moved by Tom and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen to approve the March minutes. All said aye.

**Finances:** Not much to report on finances. Bill for dimmer lights was \$195.00, far under the \$300.00 approved by the board to spend. Adding dimmer lights to the club room now being considered. Audit done by Doug Pumphrey and Cindy Drolet, and board would like a copy of the report they turned in to the rec center. Charged for 40 at the Spring dinner although 50 signed up.

**Membership:** Our numbers are down, but we're ahead of where we were at this point in 2023. 285 members on the roster with 1 more reported on 4/11/24. Is I-phone usage the cause of the decrease? COVID?

**Classes:** Went pretty well this year. Positive feedback from students and we have some new instructors. We need to advertise and communicate as soon as we know of any classes – Linda Victor is our advertising liaison. Independent newspaper or Rec Center News articles? Some classes need repeating due to popularity. Lightroom and Elements are strong classes. We want more hands-on classes. Not too many pop-ups this year due to shortage of help.

**Competitions:** Larry asked that we pay the 3 judges for the portfolio competition \$75.00 each. Tom made the motion for \$75.00 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. All said aye. It's a once-a-year event. Considering in the future to ask portfolio participants to pay \$5 to submit. Takes 2.5 hours to watch the entries. Future portfolio competition slideshows will include all who entered, not just the winners. Fall 2024 competition is now up on the website. We will be 1 "season" ahead of ACCC on the rotating themes. Want to add photo titles to print competition for judges for consistency between it and digital. Our club hosts the Fall ACCC Roundup.

**Electronics:** The excess of electronics is all gone. Larry Tannenbaum has a laptop in the studio. It'll be our Stardust Theater backup computer. It's been cleaned off. Nick Gruin will be asked to update that computer.

**Organization Chart:** Some changes need to be made. Updated copies will be sent out to those who need it.

**Mentor/Mentee Program:** Great amount of discussion. Has the program run its course? Does it need to be revamped? Is what we offer still valid? Our club is transitioning. Let's make it better!

**This and that:**

- o 1 educational program per month on Fridays at Stardust is our goal. Lengthy discussion.
- o Decided to go to generic ribbons, minus "print" or "digital" wording. This is for ALL the competitions – monthly and semi-annual.
- o Going to organize a volunteer database to form a "pool" from which to pull when there is a need of help for any events, including last-minute. New members at the orientation, not yet scheduled, will be asked to sign up for that volunteer pool. Need a list of job duties. Mykee will be the contact person for the volunteer needs.
- o Encourage members to post photos on Facebook.
- o Sun City West radio station has been promoting our club. Should we give them a \$50.00 donation for this? Motion made by Greg with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Tom to send them money. All said aye.
- o Spring 2025 final season **board** meeting will be May 9, 2025. Motion to that date made by Greg with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Eileen. All said aye.
- o Fall 2025 beginning season **board meeting** will start September 19, 2025. Greg made motion to this date, and Eileen gave a 2<sup>nd</sup>. All said aye.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42. Respectfully submitted – Cheryl Gross, Secretary