

SLCC – Sun Lakes Camera Club

December 14, 2022

Officer & Chair Meeting Minutes

In attendance: President Samantha Palmatier, VP Ken Duquaine, Treasurer Betsy Ohlgart, Membership Chair Kathy Fiakas, Competition Chair Wayne Divoky, ACCC Liaison John Livoti, Webmaster Bob Little, and Secretary Lois Hammer.

Reports:

1. Treasurer presented a budget report; balance of checking account when new Treasurer took over \$9,312.64 in October 2022, income, and expenses for Oct. 20th – Dec. 13th. Current Balance of checking account \$10,420.19.
 - a. It was suggested that gift to judges be increased from \$20 to \$25 as currently being gifted by other clubs to judges.
 - b. Projector – Wayne advised that the club needs a new projector for competition events.
 - c. Give back to the Community – Several photography clubs do an annual fundraiser such as creating and selling a calendar to raise money for local Health and Human Service agency such as NWC – Neighbors Who Care.
2. Secretary read minutes from 2021 Officer Meetings and discussion took place on items under consideration last year. Ken said he would review the 2021 survey of members and based on survey make recommendations for activities, & member retention.
3. Membership Chair reported 64 paid memberships for 2023: 19 new and 45 renewals. Currently 48 have not renewed.
 - a. Bob Little to show Kathy Fiakas how to use website to send “Reminder Email” to 48 members who have not renewed to remind them of approaching deadline.
 - b. President and VP set up call committee to reach out to members who do not renew and ask for input on why they left, and where the club needs to improve.

c. Kathy will prepare and email to Wayne and Bob the 2023 membership list before December 28th. After they have verified and updated membership in Visual Pursuits, a copy of membership list will be sent to all officers and chairpersons.

d. Badges – A motion was made by Sam and 2nd by Betsy:

Starting Jan 1, 2023, badges will no longer be free; all members new or renewing who need a badge will pay for them.

Open & New Positions:

1. Field Trip Director – We need 1-2 people to learn from previous field trip directors and take on this director position.

2. Hospitality – We need several people to take on the role of a hospitality committee with one person volunteering to be chair. There are several duties this committee needs to perform. Betsy volunteered to organize this committee. A motion was made by Kathy and 2nd by Lois for Betsy to recruit Hospitality committee.

a. Meeting greeters – Welcome everyone to meetings and competition night. Guests to sign guest book with name and email address. At start of meeting, they should be recognized and welcomed.

b. Events – Hospitality Committee will support events. This could be taking lead or support individuals who have experience with SLCC or ACCC events.

i. Year-end Banquet, Judy Daidone has advised Sam she will do annual dinner, she does not need any help at this time.

ii. ACCC 2024 Roundups in March and Nov (2nd Saturday). John Livoti and Linda Davis will initiate process and secure dates with Cottonwood Clubhouse. John will Chair committee; Hospitality Committee will support John and Linda.

c. Letters/cards – Following policy for sending letters/cards to absent members due to health or other issues.

3. Membership Chair – Secretary to write Bylaw Revision adding this position and job description. The Membership Chair manages new and renewed memberships annually. The Membership Chair is also the liaison between treasurer and Competition Chair on membership.

Other Business:

1. Membership – Membership timeline as outlined in by laws here is an example for explanation purposes: Membership begins Nov 1, 2022 and extends to Jan 1, 2024. Members must renew between Nov 1 and Dec 28th of year (2022 in example) so that Visual Pursuit can be updated, and website access continues the following calendar year (Jan 1, 2023- Jan 1, 2024).

2. Visual Pursuits – This database has several purposes, and the duties of this database are split between the Competition Chair Wayne Divoky and Webmaster Bob Little.

a. Wayne manages the competition portion of the website. Example: submittal of images for competition.

b. Bob manages the “communication” feature of the website. Example: How to send an email to members. How to update your contact information.

i. Bob is in the process of communicating instructions on various features of the website.

3. Photography School – We need to promote school as this is where we get new members.

Adjournment: Motion made by Sam and 2nd by Betsy to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Hammer

SLCC Secretary