

GRCC Board Meeting, Sept. 11, 2014 at Shearer's home.

Members present: Diane Durand, Kathy Kendall, Joe Hempstead, Jim and Caroline Shearer, Jeanne and Bob Quillan, Greg Ferguson, Mike Koole, Jan Lewis, Christine Mooney, Becky Humes and Steve Port.

Approve Secretary's minutes: Kathy Kendall presented the minutes. Approved as written.

President's report: Diane Durand

- Welcome new board member: Becky Humes.
- Year-End ribbons, more are needed. Jan Lewis will order enough for three more years.
- Consideration of Larry Heibel's studio for future meetings. Discussion ensued: He doesn't have the capacity for the regular meeting however maybe useful for board meetings or year-end. Becky Humes will check out a different location for general meetings.

Treasurer's and membership reports: Christine Mooney

- Total Balance of PayPal and Checking Account: \$ 1,628. 99. The report is on file.
- Members: Received two new members during summer and dropped 25 who have not paid. Before they were dropped Christine had contacted them and reminded them to pay dues. One hundred twenty total members. Pretty typical numbers.
- The big expenses of the early budget are for the building rental, insurance and website.

VP for Programs Report: Joe Hempstead

- Sept 17, General Meeting, David Lubbers will present. No workshop.
- October 15: General Meeting: Members are asked to send in photos and discuss why they like them. This is being done to encourage others to submit for judging. October 22, Workshop: Table Top Photography by Mike Mitchell.
- November 19: Dave Whitson and Kelly Walkotten will speak about Competition Photography. No workshop.
- December 17: Glennie Nature Competition Slideshow.
- Joe will be looking for another person to fill his job as he will be moving. The person will only have to fulfill his remaining months.

VP of Equipment Report: Bob Quillan

- Since we are remaining at the Boy Scout building for the next year, curtain rods were discussed. Jan Lewis made a motion to purchase fifteen curtain rods up to \$120 and Jim Shearer seconded the motion.

Competition Chair: Jeanne Quillan

- Jeanne made a suggestion to change the description for the category of Portrait in the manual: It shall read: Any photograph of a person in which the face or its expression is predominant may be considered. Entries in this category can be a formal studio or an environmental portrait. Images showing the entire human body are welcome as well as ones showing just the head and shoulders. This category is for human portraiture only. Jan Lewis and Becky Humes seconded the portrait description in the manual and Jeanne will send it to Jim Shearer and Matt Hendricks.
- Judges will be: September: Mike Koole, Steve Port and Jeanne, October: Larry Heibel, Larry Horn, Jan Lewis, November: Kelly Walkotten, Steve Scherbinski, and Rebecca Humes and December: Steve Port, Michael Koole, Jeanne Quillan.
- Discussion of Monochrome: Michael Koole will look into the definition and make a recommendation to the Board.

Digital Coordinator: Jim Shearer

- Jim asked that Matt Hendricks change his club email as he gets oodles of spam.

Webmaster: Matt Hendricks, no report

Lights & Shadows: Greg Ferguson

- Larry Horn will be the November interview.
- Classified section will be eliminated.

SWMCCC report: Jeanne Quillan

- SWMCC is no longer having competition therefore Jeanne registered the club into PSIA. The guidelines are:
- Categories are Pictorial (Open), Nature, Creative, and Photojournalism. There will be 4 “rounds” of competitions throughout the year, ending in April or May. Rules allow 6 images per round, only one or two images per member per category, assuring a better diversity among entrants. The Competition Coordinator will maintain a file of our best images entered in monthly competitions. *All* images that receive a score of 13, 14, or

15 will be included, along with *some* receiving a score of 12. Occasionally, one with a lower score may be considered when it is clear the image did not receive the recognition it deserved. From those saved images, a *selection committee* consisting of 3 experienced GRCC judges will select what they consider to be the best images for entry each round. This is a digital only competition. Prints that have received a score of 13 or above can be sent in digital form to be considered for entry by the selection committee. If your image is selected for entry we will contact you asking your permission to upload it and enter the competition. The image size allowed in PSA competition is 1024 x 768. Vertical images can be no more than 768 pixels tall. Since the Grand Rapids Camera Club allows up to 1024 pixels vertical, some vertical images may need to be resized by the competition coordinator or the maker. We will resize only with your permission and when doing so does not distort or change the quality or the impact of the image. The selection committee reserves the right to change the category in which the image was originally entered when necessary. Makers must be an active GRCC member with all dues up to date at the time of entry to be eligible.

Other business

- PA system: Joe Hempstead made a move to accept the PA group recommendation spending up to \$500, Greg Ferguson seconded it. Hope to have it by this next meeting.
- Caroline Shearer: asked if Jack Carter's slides could be sent to the Battle Creek Air Show & Balloon Festival. She will contact them and find out if they were interested in Jack's slides from the 1981 Hot-Air Balloon Championship.
- Caroline Shearer solicits donations from businesses and Norman Camera donated a Lensbaby kit. It was decided to use it for the raffle at the next monthly meeting. Caroline will check to see if it is for any other camera than Nikon. It has a value of \$250.
- Caroline Shearer presented a poster of Board members. She will bring it to the meetings so people have a name to associate with the Board member's pictures.
- **Next meeting** will be November 12, 2014.

Bob Quillan made a motion to adjourn and Greg Ferguson seconded.
The minutes were submitted by Kathy Tobin Kendall, secretary.