

**GRCC Board Meeting, Nov. 12, 2014** at the home of Jan Lewis.

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

**Approve Secretary's minutes:** Approved as written.

**President's report:** Diane Durand

- Year end competition - January 31, 2015 Submission deadline January 21, 2015. Diane will contact Danford Richmond about using the church again. Entry limits 10 per category per division. Judges ideas - Dean Panela, James Cook, Gert Wallis, Steve Gettle, Nick Van Zanten.
- Jim Shearer made a motion to increase the judge's payment to a \$30 Visa card. Bob Quillan seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's and membership reports:** Christine Mooney

- Total Balance of PayPal and Checking Account: \$1309.18. The report is on file.
- Members: 117 currently paid members. 4 dropped. 1 new member.

**VP for Programs Report:** Joe Hempstead

- November 19: Dave Whitson and Kelly Walkotten will speak about Competition Photography. No workshop.
- December 17: Glennie Nature Competition Slideshow.
- January 21: James Cook will speak on Fine Art Photography. Joe Hempstead has confirmed.
- May and June program needs confirmation
- Next workshop is Speed Light techniques with Mike Mitchell/Larry Heibel on January 28, 2015.
- Dorothy Squair has indicated some interest in replacing Joe.

Mike Koole said the minimalism group is done, but is remorphing as The Second Tuesday Photo Huddle. It will be held on the second Tuesday at Schuler's books on 28th St. SWMCC has taken up the cost of maintaining the West Michigan Photography Meetup group. The Photo Huddle uses Meetup and a Flickr group to contact interested members.

**VP of Equipment Report:** Bob Quillan - nothing to report

- Club laptop died before October meeting - wouldn't power up. Had to use the old scoring system. Mike Koole is loaning a laptop for our use to run the scoring system for the November meeting.

**Competition Chair:** Jeanne Quillan

- Judges will be: November: Kelly Walkotten, Steve Scherbinski, and Rebecca Humes
- December: Steve Port, Michael Koole, Jeanne Quillan.
- There was some discussion of how long we should be keeping images. Jim has all images submitted since 2009. Leaving status quo.
- Manual changes (portrait definition) – Jeanne Quillan will get them to Matt.

**Digital Coordinator:** Jim Shearer

- New email address for digital submissions will start in January 2015 (to eliminate the spam problem Jim has been having). Will be included in the Manual changes, announced at meeting, and in an email blast.

**Webmaster:** Matt Hendricks

- Minutes have not been put up on the web. Diane Durand will send him the back minutes to be posted. They should be forwarded to Matt Hendricks once they have been approved.
- The Membership Manual links to a PDF about Member Gallery guidelines. Line 4 of the gallery guideline says a copyright will be added to an image if there is not one on the image already. Matt Hendricks would prefer not to be responsible for doing this. Discussion ensued. Guidelines should be rephrased to say "we suggest you add a copyright watermark to your images. If you do not know how to do this, this video link shows you how." Matt Hendricks suggested (and volunteered) to put together a YouTube video showing how to resize an image and add a watermark using Photoshop. Members will be able to link to the video to learn how to do this.

**Lights & Shadows:** Greg Ferguson

- Interviews lined up for January - Cal Fagley, March - Ray Westra
- In December, Greg is going to add a feedback link to the back page.
- He is adding watermarking and sizing to images sent to him.
- Marilyn Keigley has been sending interesting articles. Thanks to Steve Port, Jan Lewis, Kelly Walkotten, and Jeanne Quillan for

their input to the newsletter this past year.

**PSA report:** Jeanne Quillan

- PSA results. Club has submitted to PSA competition. Our club came in 3rd place in Nature out of 41 clubs. 3 of 6 nature images GRCC submitted received an award.
- GRCC has been asked to judge the PJ class A in March. Jeanne Quillan made a motion that we volunteer to judge the PSA PJ Class A division in Spring. Bob Quillan seconded. Motion passed.

**Other business**

Jan Lewis made a motion to order 300 HM ribbons and 100 place ribbons (total 400) not to exceed \$300. Bob Quillan seconded. Motion passed.

Anonymous Letter received regarding a member's dissatisfaction with judging after the October meeting. Discussion ensued.

Bob Quillan made a motion to adjourn and Mike Koole seconded. The minutes were submitted by Jan Lewis for Kathy Tobin Kendall, secretary.