

GRCC Board Meeting, September 9, 2015,  
Jim and Caroline Shearer's home.

Members present: Diane Durand, Mike Wendling, Michael Koole, Matt Hendricks, Jim and Caroline Shearer, Jan Lewis, Christine Mooney, Bob and Jeanne Quillan

Approval of Secretary's minutes: Caroline Shearer presented the May 2015 minutes. They were accepted as revised. (President's report, line 2 – Mike Mitchell, NOT Michael Koole) and (VP of Programs line 3 – VP of Programs NOT VP for Education)

President's report: Diane Durand  
Welcome new board members  
Mike Wendling

Next Board meeting Nov 11, host: Jan Lewis.

Future board meeting dates: 2016 – Jan 13, Mar 9, May 11, Sept 14, Nov 11. Jeanne Quillan will host Jan 13 and Caroline Shearer will host May 11.

Treasurer's and membership reports: Christine Mooney

- Total balance of PayPal and checking accounts: \$993.37  
The reports are on file.
- There are 100 members, 2 pending.
- There was a discussion on the increase of the meeting room charge of \$75 from \$45 previously at the BSA. Diane will follow up with the BSA. We are paid up until January 2016. It was suggested that the board members start looking for a new venue.
- Due to a conflict with the BSA our September membership meeting will be held in their basement room, which is smaller but can accommodate.

VP for Programs Report: Jan Lewis

The September membership meeting will feature Eric Klien, Painting with Light Technique. It was discussed whether Eric will need any of our equipment for his presentation. Jan will let Jim Shearer know. Jan advertised the presentation on Meet-ups and in the M-live event paper. GRNow was mentioned as another place to post events, Jan will check into it.

- Workshop/Field Trip to Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park, Saturday, Sept. 19, 10am. So far Jan has 11 people signed up for the workshop. She will make an announcement at the next meeting to remind members of the event and the particulars.
- Jan will also follow up on her Lights & Shadows newsletter article about the Scavenger Hunt, hopefully with a presentation of results for the June meeting. The board members thought it was a good idea.
- October: Cathy Keifer, Small Animal Photography in the Studio Treasure, Workshop: Images and Competition
- November: Stacy Niedzwiecki & Jeannie Gregory
- Jan has an idea to do something with “drones” for either a presentation or workshop. Mike Wendling works with drones and may be able to help.

#### VP of Equipment Report: Bob Quillan

- Jan will follow up with Bob Quillan regarding donating a cart.
- Bob Quillan took the old lap top computer to a service center to see if it could be repaired and it was determined that it was the motherboard and cost would start at \$99. The board decided it was not worth the investment as it was too old and we could, if needed, purchase a refurbished computer for about \$90. Jan made a motion that Bob dispose of the computer at a recycling facility, Matt seconded the motion.

#### Competition Chair: Jeanne Quillan

- September judges: Michael Koole, Rebecca Humes, and Dave Whitson.
- October judges: Randy Wegener; the others for October as well as Nov and Dec are still undecided.
- Jeanne will conduct a “judges” training session on Saturday, September 23, at Larry Heibel’s “Workshoots” location; she has 5 or 6 new judges that can take the class. It was discussed if a person has to be a member of the club in order to be a competition judge. It was agreed that yes, they do have to be a member. Jeanne asked if we could change a competition score of 6 or lower, to something other than “not accepted”. Because the competitor’s name is not announced with the score, it

was agreed that “not accepted” is the best way to go.

- Jeanne will make an announcement at the membership meeting to present the new labels for print competition.
- Jeanne also suggested that for “Image of the Month”, she ask a club member or a judge to select a competition photo to comment on. The board approved the suggestion.
- Also discussed whether “human interest” should be added to the PJ description, as used by PSA, without creating another category.

Digital Coordinator: Jim Shearer

Jim said we are getting a good response on the “scape” category.

Webmaster: Matt Hendricks

- Matt reported that Steve Port will manage the GRCC blog. Matt and Steve are waiting for input from Greg Ferguson. Also, Becky Humes, who was not present for this meeting, has been posting to Facebook, which is a “public group” and GRCC has no control. Matt suggested we should delete the public group and create an official GRCC “pages” group on Facebook for GRCC information. Also discussed was a Facebook “private” page for members only, but this would require an active monitor so it was rejected. Matt made a motion to delete the “public” Facebook group and create a “pages” Facebook group. Bob Quillan seconded and it was passed.
- Jim asked where the blog idea came from and Matt stated that is to replace the Learning page on the web site, because he did not get enough contributors to make the site work. Matt also suggested that we create an Instagram account. This was tabled until Becky could be present, as she volunteered to be our Social Media Coordinator.

Lights & Shadows: Greg Ferguson

Greg was not present to make a report.

PSA report: Jeanne Quillan

- Jeanne would like to ask all of our club members to submit photos for PSA competition. She will make an announcement at our next meeting.

## **Other Business**

- PA System:

Jim tried to repair the in-wall wiring at the BSA for our PA system, he was not successful. Jim suggested the club invest \$350 to upgrade our current PA system to make it fully functional. It was discussed whether we should spend the money at this time, as the BSA is planning to remodel the meeting room in the next year or so and we may not need the PA system at all. Jan was going see if she can borrow a Mic cable so we can see if this works before buying a new cable. It was also discussed if the PA System is even worth keeping.

- Charity photography

Diane is in charge of a resource list of photographers who are interested photographing charity events. Diane will announce a resource list.

- Constitution & By-laws

Matt suggested we either change some of the information or follow it as it is written. 1. It states we have six board members and we have only five. 2. We post board meeting minutes on website and we don't. 3. The treasurer shall provide a financial statement to the membership. 4. On the Board, Director positions serve a two-year term, how are they re-appointed? 5. Membership dues are due in April or they are removed from membership list and mailing list. 6. Ballot counting should consist of members of non-running members. Diane suggested we form a constitution committee to review these issues. The committee will consist of Diane, Jeanne and Mike Wendling.

- Caroline would like the two photos of herself removed from the resources/contact site on the internet. Matt will combine the two titles with one photo.

Bob made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jan.

Adjournment

The minutes were submitted by Caroline Shearer for Kathy Kendall.