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## Sun City Photography Club Board of Directors

### Regular Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024

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**Call to order:** 1 p.m.

**Board members present:** Tracey Smith, Barbara Friedman, Kim Repede, Milledge Hart, Clint Bond, Allen Utzig

**Board members absent:** Pat Maher

**Club members present:** Tony Kawashima, Cathy O'Connor, Jaan Goad, Jim Newkirk

**Guests:** None

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the last regular meeting (February 5, 2024) which were distributed to Board members prior to this meeting were approved. (MOTION and second: Utzig/Smith)

#### **Officer Reports:**

- **Admin -** (Cathy O'Connor)
  1. **Newsletter:** Not receiving any new items for the monthly newsletter. Suggested an email notice to club members requesting items for the newsletter.
  2. Tony suggested taking photos of new members attending the orientation and posting those in the newsletter.

**Officer Report, VP –Education (Barbara Friedman):** Introduced Board to a new promotion of providing new members with a Free coupon (\$15 value) for a Photo Club conducted, or sponsored, class. The coupons are numbered and **cannot** be reused. Coupons represent a payment to the class instructor but are aimed at encouraging new members to avail themselves of a class. Coupons will be distributed to new members attending the New Member Orientation this afternoon. Barbara also reported that the March classes are very popular and almost full.

**Officer Report, VP – Programs & Events (Kim Repede):** Tim Babiak's presentation scheduled for the April monthly General Meeting has been rescheduled to September. However, Rodolpho Gonzalez (Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist) has been confirmed for the April meeting. He won't be charging for this presentation. Kim is still working to arrange presentations for June, August, October, and November.

**Field Trips:** Tony Kawashima reported on revised Field Trip plans for the year. (See attached Appendix A report below.) Tony reported that the Field Trip to Kilwin's on Valentine's Day had

15 participants which was one of the highest turnouts so far. Tony remarked that despite the small location most of the photographers found different aspects to highlight in their work.

Six Field Trips are scheduled for March and April. Fourteen club members are currently registered to participate in the Texas Photo Festival; fourteen are scheduled to attend the trip to the Cameron Park Zoo (Waco); eighteen are planning to attend the Blue Bonnet Safari; ten signed up for the Solar Eclipse at the Northpointe Sales Office; and five are up for the Dance Empower studio.

Tony says he has arranged for a group to be on the field for a Georgetown High School football game in September.

Lastly, Tony said he still can't upload Field Trip photos to the Club website home page. Barbara advised Tony to send her information and she would arrange to correct the matter.

Tracey reported that David Valdez needed about 10 volunteers for the Texas Photo Festival. Tracey has asked Marsha Larrabee to send a message to the Club membership. The volunteers will be working with the featured photographers.

Tracey also reported that during the eclipse the Club will be providing pizza for Club attendees.

**Special Interest Groups:** None

**Treasurer's Report (Milledge Hart):** Milledge reported that the February Club balance is \$7,474.52. There are currently 275 Club members. A more detailed Treasurer's Report is included below in Appendix B.

**Guest Issues:** None

#### **Old Business:**

- Tracey reported the photo display at Cowen Creek is up and running. The remote-control device will be stored where the desk monitors store equipment.
- Club member Deb Peak is now curating the Cowen Creek exhibit.
- Tracey says there is a 3-minute delay on switching between photos. Deb will work to correct it.

#### **New Business:**

- There needs to be more promotion in classes and SIGs about the April 7 Exhibit and Sale in the Florence and Georgetown Rooms at Cowen Creek. Registration is now open until March 29 and ten tables have already been reserved.
- Artwork will begin being displayed on Amenity Center monitors on March 22. Post card-type ads about the Expo will be distributed during the Georgetown Photo Festival, in addition to ads in Sun Rays magazine, the NRO bulletin and the Club website.
- Request for rooms for 2025 must be submitted before the end of March. Requests will include third Wednesday of the month; Monday & Friday (all day) & Wednesday morning for use of Rooms in Activity Center; Annual Exhibit and Sale rooms.
- New member orientation will be held following this meeting. Twenty new members are enrolled. Board members will be introduced.

- Pat Maher has resigned due to other commitments. The Board will need to appoint a replacement. Allen will assist as needed but not full-time.

Next Board meeting is Monday, April 1, at 1 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION to adjourn (Hart/Utzig), passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Clint Bond, Secretary

Date of Approval:

2 attachments (below)

Field Trips 2024 -3/4/24 Board meeting

With the theme of "Get out of your comfort zone" 2024 field trips will encompass a wide range of photographic opportunities and styles that will hopefully appeal to a wide range of interests to our members.

January: Austin School of Fashion Design (ASFD) 1/6 & 1/28

February: Carnaval Brazil 2/3 & Kilwins Chocolate Shop 2/14

March: Texas Photo Festival 3/16, The Waco Zoo 3/21 & Dance Empower 3/30

April: Bluebonnet Safari 4/4, The Total Eclipse 4/8 & Hill Country Water and Garden 4/18

May: Pedernales Falls Park or Lady Bird Johnson Garden 5/TBD

June: Hill Country Lavender Farm? & Jarell Rodeo 6/28 & 6/29

July: Road Trip-The Painted Churches

August: The Museum of Ice Cream, Austin

September: "Friday Night Lights" Football Game @ GHS"

October: Round Rock Chalk Walk & Taylor Car Show

November: Georgetown Gown Crawl 11/16

December: Johnson Home Lights

Also in the works:

Ashleigh Amoroso Photography- Located in Austin, Ashleigh is one of the top food photographers in Texas, her clients include Patron Liquor, Target Retail Store and is the photographer for Magnolia (Joanna Gaines) lifestyle and cookbooks. I reached out to her and she is very excited to meet us and have us tour her studio and show some "hands on" demos. I received an email and they are trying to find a date for us, TBD.

Some "pop up" ideas:

Civil War reenactment - Camp Mabry, March 9th-10th 2024

APP A

# TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2024

	ACTIVITY	TOTAL	BALANCE
Beginning Balance 1/ 2/1/2024			\$ 8,352.91
Revenue			
Memberships			
Photo Sales	\$ 125.00		
Training Classes	\$ 330.00		
Other sources			
Total Revenue		\$ 455.00	
Disbursements			
Photo Commissions	\$ 103.92		
Instructor Fee	\$ 138.00		
Reimbursements	\$ 209.24		
Equipment	\$ 882.23		
Miscellaneous	\$ -		
Total Disbursements		\$ 1,333.39	
Ending Balance			\$ 7,474.52
Photography Club membership			275

APP B