



Sun City Photography Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes August 15, 2022

Call to order: 10:00 AM

Board members present: Marsha Larrabee, Tracey Smith, Randy Freeman, Jane McCabe

Board members absent: Allen Utzig

Club members present: Barbara Friedman, Walt Grabowski, Alton Puckett, Rick Siersma

Guests: None

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting (July 18, 2022) which were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting were approved. (Smith/McCabe)

Treasurer's Report:

Randy reported that the club has \$5,533 and 239 members.

Old Business:

Open Studio – Marsha will announce the schedule for the Open Studio at Wednesday's general meeting. There will be a Studio Open House for people to see the new studio equipment on Monday, August 22nd from 9-11:00 AM. Studio Monitor Alton Puckett and Studio Director Rick Siersma will be present to discuss the equipment that will be out on display.

The training session for the new equipment will be held on Monday, August 29th from 1-3:00 PM and is limited to 12 people who will need to pre-register. Registration opens August 18th. The first official Open Studio day is Monday, September 12 from 9:00 AM to noon. Members will need to pre-register for the available slots on Open Studio days, which will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month. The Sun City CA facilities do not allow animals into the buildings, so no pet portraits will be allowed.

General Meeting and Workshops- Tracey reported that Randy Dykstra is set to present at the general meeting this week. Twelve people attended the Instagram class on Saturday that was taught by Linda Nickell. Workshops in September include Getting Out of Auto and Creating Greeting Cards with Your Photos.

Marsha said that she needs some information from David Downs, our scheduled speaker for September, to put in the club calendar. Tracey said that David is willing to do a field trip somewhere in downtown Austin the night before the general meeting, but details have not been confirmed. Marsha needs his bio which Tracey said is available on his website. Marsha will contact David to nail down some of the details she needs for the calendar.*

Education Plan- Marsha mentioned to Barbara that she needs to go back through all the registration deadlines and change them to make sure they're all the same.* Barbara will email

the announcement for the September classes this week on Wednesday, Aug. 17th.* It was decided to keep the 20th as the day registrations open for all of the next month's classes. One exception is that all of the Open Studio dates for the rest of this year will be available for registration on the 20th of this month.

Barbara reported that things are progressing with transitioning to a ticketing system for paid classes, that will start in January. Things like field trips and Open Studio reservations will still use the Club calendar, but anything requiring payment will go through the CA ticketing system.

Summer Challenge- Barbara reported that around 30 entries have been submitted so far. She will send an email reminder around ten days ahead of the August 31 deadline for submissions.* Marsha will show the current entries at this week's meeting after the speaker.

Mics for General Meeting- Walt showed the Board the new microphone system that will be used at the Wednesday general meeting and future meetings, for livestreaming and recording for YouTube using Streamlabs software. There has been a problem with the sound quality using the previous mic system.

New Residents Orientation- Thursday this week (Aug. 18th), Marsha and Randy will represent the club at the New Residents Orientation.

Texas Drive Glass Display Case- Sherry McRae will organize the club's display in this glass case that will go up in October.

Document Camera- Barbara has purchased this and it will be available for members and presenters to use at meetings, classes, etc. It functions similar to an overhead projector.

New Business:

New Member Orientation- Scheduled for Wednesday, August 31st from 9:30-11:30 AM. Tracey and Allen will orient new club members to using the club website, registering for classes and events, club SIGs available, etc.

New Logo- Marsha, Tracey and Barbara had approached club member David Werner about designing a new club logo after he had designed a poster for the club exhibit. The new logo, which incorporates the Sun City "sun swirl," was presented to the Board for approval. (A copy of the logo appears at the top of these Minutes.)

MOTION (Smith/McCabe): "that the Board approve the new logo as its standard for the club." Motion passed.

Nominating Committee- Per the bylaws, a nominating committee must be formed to nominate members for the next board term. The committee must be headed by a member not on the current board. Bob Maher has volunteered to do this. The nominations need to be presented to the general membership prior to the October general meeting. The proposed bylaws changes will be sent out to the membership in advance of that meeting when they will be voted on in addition to the vote on next year's Board.

Exhibits Committee- Marsha reported that much preparation has been done for the 2022 Annual Print Competition and Exhibit. She spoke with Anne Marshall about getting an announcement put in the Sun Rays in the CA calendar section. This has already been submitted to Emily Wallace, Managing Editor, who confirmed that it will run in the October and November issues. Announcements in the CA Communicator and the NRO Bulletin have not been submitted yet- the deadline dates for those have yet to be determined.

David Werner has the exhibit posters prepared in two sizes so that one can run on the electronic bulletin boards in the amenity centers, which require an 8.5"x11" size. The plan is for paper posters to be hung at Wriggley's, Mulligan's, City Market, and several places in downtown Georgetown. Anne Marshall will also submit an announcement to the Wilco Sun.

Volunteers will be needed for the Arts and Crafts Fair and the annual Print Competition Exhibit for things like setup, hanging photos, cashiering, and helping at the reception. Marsha will send around a signup sheet for volunteers at the general meeting.

New On-Site Exhibit Venue at The Oaks- Marsha spoke with Jim Romine and with Jenny Phillips about locating a site where members can exhibit larger photos than what can be displayed at the current venues. The Oaks was identified as a likely site. It can only accommodate 3 photos, with minimum size of 24"x24". The first photos are to hang from the middle of September at least through the middle of November and possibly until the first of next year. The plan will be to change out the photos every 2-3 months. Arrangements are still "a work in progress."

***Action Items:**

- 1) Marsha will contact David Downs to nail down some of the details she needs for the calendar.
- 2) Marsha will check the registration dates on the club calendar to be sure they are all the same.
- 3) Barbara will email the announcement for the September classes this week.
- 4) Barbara will send an email reminder ahead of the August 31 deadline for submissions to the Summer Challenge.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn (McCabe/Smith), passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Jane McCabe, Secretary

Date of Approval: September 19, 2022