



Sun City Photography Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023

Call to order: 12:29 PM

Board members present: Allen Utzig, Marsha Larrabee, Randy Freeman, Jane McCabe, Jim Newkirk

Board members absent: Barbara Friedman, Tracey Smith

Club members present: Rita Johnston

Guests: None

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting (March 6, 2023) which were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting were approved. (MOTION and second: Larrabee/Freeman)

Treasurer's Report:

Randy reported that the club presently has 268 members and there is \$7200 in the treasury.

Guest Issues:

Rita Johnston reported for Tracey Smith in her absence, regarding the Arts & Crafts Fair. Tracey had emailed the board a document titled "Sun City Photo Club Proposal for Participation in the 2023 Annual Arts & Crafts Fair." Per the email, "In a nutshell, we propose the following: Two levels of participation: Contributors who donate up to 3 images to be displayed uniformly in the lobby of the Social Center. Proceeds from these photos will go entirely back to the club. Artists who will display their own products, as in the past, and 10% of the proceeds come back to the club."

Rita responded to some questions asked by board members about the proposal. At the fair we will have the same space as last year, at the back of the Social Center hallway. We don't know how many tables we will need yet but we can get up to six tables. Many details have yet to be ironed out.

Officer Report, VP – Administration:

Marsha reported that Walt Grabowski is definitely leaving by the end of the month, so we really need to find someone to take his jobs. Allen has already agreed to take over management of the Photographer of the Month. Walt had also been the Director of Technology and had been recording the monthly speakers and posting the recordings on the club website. As of now we have no one else set to do those jobs.

Marsha has been working with Rob Neff regarding the upcoming photo club exhibit at St. David's Hospital Healing Arts Gallery. The exhibit will be up from August 25 through October 20. The gallery is again open to the public after being closed to the public during the pandemic. The official call for photos will go out by email on April 17th and will be posted on the club web

page. Registration will be via a Google doc created by Allen. The theme will be “Georgetown and the Hill Country: the Places, People, Flora and Fauna that Make This a Unique Part of Central Texas.”

Our club’s annual competition will be on the weekend following the Arts & Crafts Fair. Photo drop-off and judging will be on Saturday, November 11 and the reception on the following day, Sunday, November 12. The call for photos will go out May 1 and there will be an announcement at the May general meeting as well as information on the club website.

Some changes have been made to the competition this year. The categories will be Plants & Animals, People (including street photography), Scapes (land, sea, city), Monochrome and Open. There will be three levels to enter, with clear descriptions of each: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Club members can submit up to three photos each, in three different categories. There will be a panel of three local judges like last year. Registration will probably open on October 10 and close on November 1.

Marsha plans to submit a proposal for 2024 to the Georgetown Library for their downstairs café display, with a max of around 20 photos. The proposed theme will be “A World Without Color” and all photos will be monochrome.

Marsha would like for the club newsletter to be more “spiffed up” and less like a bulletin, possibly by using online templates available through Constant Contact or a similar subscription service. Marsha will speak to Cammie Wait who has been putting out the newsletter to see if she wants to continue.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee – Allen reported that Carlos Rio has written a letter that he would like emailed to all club members describing the club’s open positions as part of the Nominating Committee’s recruitment efforts. It was discussed and agreed that this email will be sent. Rita informed the board as a member of the Nominating Committee that no one has come forward to be added to the list of nominees since the most recent announcements and discussions with individuals.

New VPs vs. Director Positions – Marsha re-opened a discussion of whether the board will recommend to the membership adding two new VP positions (Exhibits and Communications) or if we will leave those as Director positions. Adding VPs would require bylaws changes but Directors can just be appointed by the board. Once we have determined all of the bylaws changes we want to propose, Marsha recommended that we submit them as a full “bylaws revision” rather than “bylaws amendments” which would be more piecemeal.

New Business:

(2023 Annual Exhibit, St. David’s Exhibit and Walt’s departure covered above.)

Payment to Instructors – Allen asked if there was a reason we need to issue checks to instructors who don’t want to be paid, as he had been given a check that he returned to Randy. Marsha said that they should not be issuing checks to those who do not want to be paid, but

there are some issues with how the CA accounts for classes that has led to confusion about instructor payments. Since the club will be transitioning away from using the CA ticketing system for classes, this should no longer be a problem.

Reminder About Business Meeting – Allen reminded everyone that there will be a brief business meeting just ahead of the general meeting on Wednesday (April 12) for the purpose of club members voting to approve the club budget. Marsha, Randy, Tracey and Barbara will be unable to attend the meetings on Wednesday.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn (Larrabee/McCabe), passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

Jane McCabe, Secretary

Date of Approval: May 8, 2023