
Sun City Photography Club Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2022

Call to order: 09:57 am

Board members present: Allen Utzig, Marsha Larrabee, Jeff Goldberg, Randy Freeman, Jane McCabe

Board members absent: None

Club members present: Barbara Friedman

Guests: None

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting (February 14, 2022) which were distributed to board members prior to the meeting were approved. (Larrabee/Goldberg)

Treasurer's Report:

Randy reported that the club has \$10,900 and 216 members, and there have been two photo sales.

Housekeeping Items:

Status of repairs: The computer enclosure has been fitted with a new lock, and the repair is complete.

Old Business:

New Computer: Bob Maher ordered the new computer from Dell. It should be delivered by the end of the month. Bob exceeded the previously approved purchase price cap of \$1500 because the board had assumed that Dell Service would be paid monthly, but instead it was included in the purchase price.

MOTION (Utzig/Freeman) "that we approve the final purchase price of the computer of \$1,729.84 and reimburse Bob for the purchase in that amount." Motion passed.

General meeting and workshops: Jeff reported that 24 people signed up for Tim Babiak's workshop at \$40 each. Tim had asked for a minimal payment and agreed on \$125, but Jeff felt this was far too low.

MOTION (Goldberg/McCabe) "that we approve a payment of \$500 to Tim Babiak instead of the previously agreed upon \$125." Motion passed.

Kathy Adams Clark and Deborah Cole are confirmed as upcoming speakers. Every month now has a speaker scheduled, including David Downs in September. Allen said that some club members who responded to the survey had identified themselves as willing to be a speaker. They could be invited to speak as well as serving as backups in case one of the already-scheduled speakers can't come.

Marsha suggested that for some speakers, we could put out the word to other groups such as the Nature Club's Birding SIG when there will be a talk on bird photography, to increase ticket sales.

Jeff stated that the board had reimbursed him \$10 for membership in the computer club which was a requirement for using their classroom.

Jeff notified the board that there is a chance he may be moving out of the area before the end of the year.

2022 Contest and Exhibit: Marsha will purchase the new hangers* around the beginning of the month. The Exhibits Committee will meet this afternoon. Marsha's plan is to have 2-3 meetings by the end of April, to make decisions such as whether to go forward with the competition at all and if so, deciding on a judging format.

Member Survey: Allen reported on results of the club member survey which had 86 respondents. Self-identified skill levels were fairly evenly spread out except for a very few at beginner level. Top educational opportunities people want to participate in were travel photography, nature photography, landscape photography and iPhone photography. Top activities of interest were field trips, Special Interest Groups, discussion groups, and exhibiting photos.

The survey asked for people to commit to some volunteer activities if able. We now have people designated to bring coffee to the monthly general meetings and will follow up with other members who expressed willingness to help in other areas.

There was discussion of how we could incorporate more educational activities into the club including more classes that are taught in a series, in addition to single session classes and workshops.

Livestream General Meetings: Jim Newkirk and Allen have been testing the possibility of livestreaming the general meeting. It is planned for this to happen on Wednesday and have it accessible on YouTube. It can be located by searching YouTube for "Sun City TX Photo."

New Business:

Photo Printer – Pixma Pro 100: Allen reported that the club was given a Canon Pixma Pro 100 printer that has never been used. We need to find a place to store it and figure out a way to use it. There was discussion of what might be done with it. Some suggestions were to give it to the PSA Print group, to offer it as a prize, to put it in a silent auction or raffle, etc. No decision was made.

Barbara Friedman's Photo Club Classes Framework: Barbara had presented a draft of a framework for club educational classes in May 2021 and the board had not acted on it. This draft was presented to the current board for approval.

MOTION (Utzig/Larrabee) "that we approve Barbara's framework for club educational classes as a draft and ask her to move ahead with plans to implement it." Motion passed.

Marsha suggested forming a small committee to work with Barbara on fleshing out the document. Marsha and Jeff volunteered to serve on this committee.*

Size of Board: Allen wants to keep revisiting the idea of expanding the board. Given the framework that Barbara is working on, Allen suggested that we invite Barbara to serve as an additional board member. A title would have to be determined and it would require a change in the bylaws. Tracey Smith has expressed interest in taking Jeff's position when he leaves. It may be possible to split the duties

Jeff currently covers as VP of Programs & Education into two positions held by Barbara and Tracey. Bob Bearden is also willing to serve on the board.

Marsha proposed some other ideas for board members such as a Director of the Studio, as well as ways to expand use of the studio. Another board position could be VP (or Coordinator) of SIGs.

***Action Items:**

- 1) Marsha will purchase the 60 exhibiting rods and hangers that were previously approved.
- 2) Marsha and Jeff will work with Barbara Friedman on a committee to flesh out the Photo Club Classes Framework.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn (Utzig/McCabe), passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

Jane McCabe, Secretary

Date of Approval: 04/11/2022