



Sun City Photography Club Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

Call to order: 10:04 AM

Board members present: Allen Utzig, Marsha Larrabee, Barbara Friedman, Randy Freeman, Tracey Smith, Jane McCabe

Board members absent: None

Club members present: Walt Grabowski

Guests: None

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting (September 19, 2022) which were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting were approved. (Smith/McCabe)

Guest Issues:

Walt reminded everyone who uses the club computer that they should not log into the PC's password-protected administrative account, **SCTX Photoclub**. You can use the computer without a password under the user profile **SCTX Member**, which provides access to Lightroom, Photoshop, Office365 and several other apps. Treat the **SCTX Member** account as a shared, public resource.

Access your Dropbox files by going to dropbox.com and log into your Dropbox account from the browser. Do not sign into the club's Dropbox account. Closing the Dropbox window does not necessarily sign you out of Dropbox. Click on the Account icon in the upper right corner of the Dropbox page and choose 'Sign out.'

Treasurer's Report:

Randy reported that the club has \$4,300 and 254 members (7 new since last report). Randy will be on vacation from October 13th through November 9th and Tracey or Allen will cover reimbursements or any necessary treasury duties in his absence.

Old Business:

Open Studio – Marsha reported that there has only been one person, Barbara, who has signed up for Open Studio time so far. Studio Director Rick Siersma and Studio Monitor Alton Puckett will be notified if anyone reserves a slot.

Exhibits, Competition, New Venues – Marsha reported that there were 69 entries in the first two days after registration opened for the Annual Print Competition and Exhibit starting in November, and a total of 75 entries as of this meeting. Marsha will be seeking volunteers for November 6th to move photos in and out of the judging area.

There is a new venue for “large art” photos to be displayed in the computer lab adjacent to the new Internet Café. Wes Odell is curating this space. The group of photos will have a theme and will hang for two months at a time. The minimum dimension for these is 24 inches.

There is another “large art” venue in The Oaks which is being managed by Sherry McRae. There are currently three photos hanging there.

The new Northpoint facility may be another site for photos to be displayed but that is yet to be determined. It will not be a full amenities center but primarily a gym with additional workout/ classrooms.

General Meeting/Business Meeting – Allen discovered that the vote to approve the bylaws change at the September general meeting was not done in the proper way, i.e. within an official business meeting format. At this week’s meeting, Allen will first call the business meeting to order. Minutes will be taken by the secretary and the bylaws vote will be repeated under Parliamentary procedure. The next order of business will be to elect club officers for the coming year. Allen will present the proposed slate and ask if anyone else wants to run for one of the positions. The vote will be taken to approve the officers, and a motion will then be called for to adjourn the business meeting. At that point the regular meeting will commence.

Tracey reported that the speaker for this week’s meeting, Deb Johnson from the Hill Country Camera Club, had eye surgery last week and will not be able to attend in person. She might be able to attend by Zoom but this has not been confirmed. Allen will contact her. She has already sent a PowerPoint presentation on a flash drive consisting of more than 200 images of the Hill Country including locations of where they were taken. There is a possibility that our club could take a field trip to some of the photo locations in the spring.

The Hill Country Camera Club had expressed interest in having a reciprocal presentation to their club by someone from our club. Allen has agreed to do this.

New Business:

Education Catalog and Class Fees – Barbara reported that the education committee revisited the fee structure for classes and decided upon a \$10 fee for single-session classes. For multiple-session classes the first session will be \$10 and additional sessions will be \$5 each. Charging for classes will begin in January and pricing will be adjusted in 2024. Barbara will announce this at the general meeting. Class instructors will receive 80% of the fee and the club will receive the other 20%. Signups will be through the Sun City ticketing system.

Barbara presented an initial draft of the class catalog which is not yet complete. The purpose of the catalog will be to let club members know what classes are planned to be offered at some point and to solicit people to teach some of the classes. Club members can also request other classes to be added or can offer classes that they would want to teach.

Education Survey – Barbara would like the club to put out a survey to find out what kind of classes people are interested in taking.

Hill Country Camera Club Honorarium – Allen stated that Jeff Goldberg, former club VP of Programs & Education, had tentatively planned to offer an honorarium for the Hill Country Camera Club to come present to our club. In light of the facts that no one from their club will be traveling to make the presentation and that our club will be reciprocating a presentation to their club, the Board agreed that an honorarium would not be necessary.

Membership Fees – Allen will mention at the meeting that the club will no longer be offering a discounted membership fee to spouses (or additional household members). Each club member will pay \$12 for a full year or \$6 if joining mid-year.

Stepladder – Allen suggested that the club obtain a six-foot stepladder to increase safety and facilitate hanging photos and other activities requiring use of a stepladder. Allen wrote to Stan Lyons, Director of Facilities Maintenance, to ask if we could store such a ladder in the closet across from Game Room 1. He has not heard back yet. Marsha suggested that Allen contact Chrissy Smith who is the person who allocates room space. Allen will also ask if the CA might store a ladder there that could be used by our club rather than us purchasing our own.

Photographer of the Month – Walt reported that Mike Martin will be the Photographer of the Month for November and will extend to December as well, since there is no meeting in December and less traffic in the amenities center. Walt has shifted the time frame for the POM to be from the beginning to the end of the month rather than starting in the middle of the month.

Photo Awards/Reception – Marsha stated that there will be a sales table set up at the reception on November 13th. Buyers will be able to make purchases at that time, though the exhibit will remain up through the end of December. There was discussion as to whether the pictures should remain up for the duration of the exhibit or if a buyer could take their picture at the time of purchase. No decision was made yet.

Holiday Party – Tracey reported that we are waiting on a catering bid from Blue Corn Harvest for the December 6 holiday party. Their entrees would be chicken fajitas and enchiladas. We have received one bid from Pok-e-Jo's which would include turkey and holiday trimmings. Once both bids are in we can evaluate them and determine which caterer we will use.

Adjournment:

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

Jane McCabe, Secretary

Date of Approval: November 14, 2022