

Sun City Texas Photography Club

Minutes of the Board Meeting March 1, 2019.

In attendance: Howie Diblasi, Bob Bearden, Keith Walkup, Larry Lorimor and Allen Utzig

Guests: Weldon Sheldon, Jaan Goad, Sherry

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The 1/21/2019 board meeting minutes were approved.

VISITOR ISSUES:

McRae apprised the Board of the current member interest in participating in the Fall Craft Fair. The CA will be charging \$45 per space for participants. Six members are planning to participate currently. Jim Copps will sale his prints outside by the old studio location as usual and is not charged for this location. McRae seeks to determine if the club will support the \$270 fee for booth space to support the six members. Like last year, 10% of proceeds will go to the club coffers, with 90% to the participants. No action was taken today. **Follow up:** Walkup to prepare a financial analysis of past club expenses/profits from the Craft fair to be reviewed at the April Board Meeting.

Shelton sought clarification from Diblasi that action had had been taken with CA to insure that both the President and he can submit requests for Club booth space at future Chartered Club Fairs and New Resident Orientations. Diblasi indicated that he had emailed the CA about this matter. **Follow up:** Diblasi to check with CA to insure they will accept space requests from he and Shelton.

Shelton sought Board approval of using a new supplier of Club name tags. He presented several new name tags procured through the new vender at a cost of \$8.35 each with a one time set up fee of \$19. The current vendor charges \$12 each and a minimum order is three tags. The new vendor accepts single badge orders. After discussion the Board approved purchasing through the new vendor and charging members \$10.00 per tag ordered.

Shelton requested Board action to execute the original plan to hang prints in the new studio as was approved by the CA before the move. Necessary materials for this project were pulled from the old studio and stored by the CA for this purpose. **Follow up:** Lorimor to contact David Hahn to have these materials installed in the new studio. Utzig to coordinate with Gamers regarding the use of only one white board to allow more prints to be installed. (Two boards are

never more than half used each, leading an observer to conclude one board could fulfill the Gamer need for white board space. Two boards were initially installed to serve the Game room when subdivided into two rooms which rarely happens.

Shelton sought Board approval to provide coffee and cookies at each General Club meeting at a cost not to exceed \$50 per meeting. Shelton will purchased coffee and cookies at Starbucks and bring them to each meeting. Two boxes of coffee cost approximately \$37 with \$13 left over to purchase cookies. After discussion, the Board approved the plan for Shelton to purchase coffee and cookies for each meeting at a cost not to exceed \$50. Board also approved reimbursing Weldon for the funds he expended to provide coffee at the January meeting.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Club Financials were reported to be in order. The total current fund balance is \$12,235 (this total does not reflect the approximate \$1500 cost of the Cathy Clark Photo workshop on 2/5&6). Our current membership now totals 240 consisting of 192 renewals and 48 new members. There was general discussion of the need to develop a more specific annual operating budget and specifically how to better control reimbursements for copy services at Postal Annex. **Follow up:** Walkup will plan a separate workshop for the Board to work on the a more specific operating budget plan.

Motion: Utzig moved and Lorimor seconded approval of the club financials.

There was discussion of the practice of allowing members to generate reproduction expenses for the club at Postal Annex. The Board voted to close the account at Postal Annex. Members will secure copies as required and turn in receipts to Walkup for reimbursement.

There was discussion of whether dues need to be raised. A decision must be made before the August '19 CA submission deadline for such changes. There was no action on this matter.

There was discussion of the need or desirability to charge fees for classes provided by nonmember instructors versus member instructors. There was no action to change the current bylaws addendum policy.

Walkup reported that going forward annual Adobe Photoshop Licenses will be procured in the Club's name by the CA on a Corporate card. Rich Lovass will be reimbursed by the club \$117 for this year's annual subscription which he had already secured. We thank Rich for his support of the club in this manner in past years. Goad indicated that the club PC has been updated.

Follow up: Walkup volunteered to assist Goad in getting the Mac updated as well.

Diblasí briefed the club on his recent communications and visit to the Radio Controlled Club Drone SIG. Utzig had outreached to the past RC Club president and there had been no interest, but an RC member had expressed interest to Diblasí prompting his visit to their SIG. At this point no action is planned on this issue.

Diblasí reported that he receives numerous calls seeking to use our membership email list to outreach for support for other groups Silent Auctions and other functions. The Board supported Diblasí's suggestion that our membership not be exposed to such inquiries therefore such requests will not be supported.

Succession Planning - Utzig reported that Michielutti is planning to stop leading the PSA Projected Image SIG. A new leader is being sought from within the SIG.

There was discussion of the spectrum of SIGs offered by the club. Bearden expressed his take that the current SIG lineup is weighted heavily toward more mature, experienced, photographers and less toward new photographers. (invariably driven by the interests of those committed members who are willing to invest their precious time to support and lead a SIG). With the new iPhone Photo SIG and Beginning Digital Canon and Nikon Classes, a very good start of outreach to beginners has been made, but more will be needed in the future. **Follow up:** Diblasí to make announcement at next General Meeting about the need for instructors to volunteer to teach classes and SIGs as applicable.

Lorimor reported that 3 hanging spaces have been secured at the new amenity center "The Retreat" for the grand opening next week. We have been promised an additional 10-14 spaces down the main corridor. As the Visual Arts Club has dedicated exclusive space at the Retreat, a priority is being placed on giving them the prime hanging spots near their space. Railings to hang the prints do not provide a secure alley for hangers to grip into and action is being taken to have the railings replaced with ones that will be satisfactory. Sherry McRae will coordinate the hanging of club prints at the Retreat. **Follow up:** Lorimor to contact CA about insuring action is taken to replace and or fix the railings for prints.

Lorimor will coordinate set up of the display case in the foyer outside the CA Ballroom for displays over the months of October thru December 2019.

Staffing - Lorimor reported that we only have one opening for a back-up webmaster. There is a paragraph in the March newsletter asking for someone to step up to this job. Jaan Goad volunteered to be the backup webmaster. Outreach will continue to find someone interested in this job so that OConnor can mentor them during her term.

Exhibits: Marg Odell is coordinating the Healing Arts Gallery at St. Davids Hospital. We will have a display at the city library this summer

Lorimor commented on the Mentor strategy to insure board continuity and replacements for board members whose two year terms are expiring. He indicated that Jerry Mizer had indicated an interest in being more involved since he is retiring soon. Lorimor hopes to mentor Meinzer to fill his position.

Diblasí reported that a Nikon collector has offered to display his cameras for the Photo Club. There was consensus that he could show some of his collection at an upcoming General Meeting. **Follow up:** Diblasí will contact the man and make final arrangements.

Utzig reported that Wes Odell is seeking approval to lead a “**Fine Art Photography**” **SIG** which would entail critical review and analysis of submitted photos to the SIG among other functions. The board endorsed the concept for further development. Mr. Odell plans to query members for interest once the board approves the concept.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 29 at 2:00pm. Diblasí adjourned at 4:15pm.