

Photography West Board Meeting Minutes
Photo Lab at 2:30 p.m.
February 10, 2015

Board members attending: President John Obradovich, VP Education Barb Freedman, VP Operations Jensen Boule, Treasurer Arlene Jastrem, Secretary Jan Gameros. Guests: George Hammas, Marcella Jones.

Meeting called to order: 2:35 p.m.

Minutes from previous month approved.

Arlene Jastrem gave the Treasurer's report: the club has a balance of \$16,854.66 in the checking account, and \$5,481.82 in savings, for a total of \$22,336.48. The "Super Bowl" Winter Social netted \$245 profit. The Expo netted \$202 profit. The bank charged us \$37.50 in fees which they have said they will reverse. The Village Store did not pay out yet for the Expo; it's expected they will do so by next Friday. Arlene drafted a small form that can be used by club members who request reimbursement for club expenditures. When it is finalized, she will bring it for board approval and then it can go online for members to print as needed. She also made small envelopes to use for individuals buying tissues and mat boards, to replace the little pad of paper currently used. We will also use only the green cash box for everything, and retire the old gray one. Monitors will continue to be responsible for collecting monies. Arlene also advised that Willard and Rochelle Mears will take over scheduling Solo Shows beginning in the fall. She passed along information from Cindy Drolet that the club has a total of 422 members, down from 496 in 2014.

John Obradovich gave the President's report: Clif Robinson, who has past programming experience, has purchased MS Access software to use on the CISM committee. John will reimburse him for the cost of the software, \$150 (board approval is not needed due to the amount). The club will need a new Print Competition chair, as David Fudge is stepping down. Jensen will talk to Phyllis Holler and Sheila Cooke as they are current assistant-chairs. There was discussion about whether the chairperson had to be a full time resident or if the job could be done on a snowbird's schedule. Pete Barcello and Bonnie Williams are now being trained to do scoring for the print and digital competitions. In Gerry Rosen's absence, John advised that the Raw Competition is looking for a chairperson, since Dale Timofee declined. There was a discussion, without any conclusion, about the future of a Raw competition, who shoots in Raw, if there is any interest in continuing. Tom Bell gave John a White Paper concerning establishing the direction in which the club wants to go with respect to hardware and software. This will tie in with the CIMS committee. John would like to see more classes on video besides Power Director and plans to work with George Hammas.

Barb Freedman gave the Education report: the Expo was a lot of work, and she and the other committee members are not sure if they have the energy to make it an annual affair. There was good turnout and they received positive comments.

Jensen Boule, VP of Operations, proposed a cutoff date of December 31st for members to pay dues. There was some discussion about how other clubs handle dues, and when member lists are purged. Consensus was it would be easier for the Treasurer and also the Rec Centers if members were required to pay dues in the fall with a deadline of 12/31. Jensen edited the club Operating Procedures for Rik Scairpon to put on the web site. Marcella offered to retype Jensen's handwritten notes in the event we cannot find the electronic copy. The inventory report that was done last year is inaccurate, but will be corrected at the end of this year. Donations do not have to be inventoried but Marcella suggested we do so to keep track of what our club has available. Jensen thought two separate inventories of equipment and supplies (purchased vs. donated) might work and there was a brief discussion about it. Jensen commented that Power Director wasn't used by club members but George Hammas advised about 6 shows have been made by members for their personal use. He is willing to continue to help members who want to use Power Director. The club has one copy of Pro Show. Some members use Windows Movie Maker. Jensen commented that he thinks the club is moving too fast in too many directions, especially with respect to purchasing software. Barbara agreed and thought the board should have a chance to review the long range plan Tom Bell developed. Jensen also brought up that the mounting press is over 30 years old and may not be functioning properly because a few people have had problems with prints sticking to the mount board. Question was raised if it was due to faulty tissues. Jensen will research the cost of repair vs. replacement of the press.

It was reported that some members have asked for one-time help with a specific problem or question. Barbara is putting together a list of volunteers who would be willing to have members call them on specific topics, such as camera operation, or a photo shop topic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Gameros
Secretary