

GP Photo Club Executive Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

Commenced: 7:15 pm at GP Library

In Attendance: M. Wolski, D. Altman, J. Kretzer-Prysunka, R. Wiebe, C. Fox, W. Vavrek, C. Beauchamp, L. Beauchamp

Not present: Rita, L. Herba

1. Adoption of Agenda

2. Review of Previous Minutes (Feb 6, 2012)

3. Membership Report

- Change web form to point new members to membership coordinator
- Membership coordinator to take on FB group membership approvals

4. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance: \$8905; all bills paid up to date
- Signing authority, 3 out of 4 changed over
- Discussion of AGM date, and post-dated cheques (March 1)

5. Old Business

a. V the Vacation: show takedown, prizes

- Show has been prolonged: owner will get back to us about takedown
- Lessons for next time: clear prizes upfront, contract in place with expectations, better sales system
- J. Kretzer-Prysunka to follow up with David Biltek regarding end of this show, prizes, etc.

b. Club Banking

c. Annual Return

- Needs to be signed and filed. Signed at meeting by C. Fox, D. Altman. Will be filed by J. Kretzer-Prysunka.

6. New Business

a. March Meeting Plan:

- Open Mic + Membership Survey (to be prepared by C. Fox) 7:00-7:30
- Suggested feedback topics/questions:

1. Changes to the library?
2. What did you like best last year?
3. What would you most like to see happen this year?
4. Interested in leading a session? What topic?
5. Other comments?
6. Photo contest changes? Suggestions?
7. Solicit for sub-committee to help organize the show.
8. Field trip ideas/requests.

- R. Wiebe to ask Watson's about a gear demonstration: 7:30-8:00
- Shooting experience: EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY: W. Vavrek will request space usage at CFCA gallery; R. Wiebe + L. Herba to coordinate small presentation + shooting tips. From 8pm onward...
- Good suggestions regarding better organizing and setup: keep the energy up and double check prep items before the meeting to avoid momentum kill

b. Meeting Format Changes: open mic

- Suggestion: Rotate chairs 90 degrees to better use the room space, and increased use of circle chair format.
- Idea: Socialization from 7-7:30 pm; start formal meetings around 7:30 pm
- Suggestions: regular critiquing, editing sessions, shooting at every meeting

c. April meeting: activities, speakers, ideas

- Introduction to Critiquing by C. Beauchamp
- Shoot in JPG, 30 mins, no category - W. Vavrek to sort it out
- Preliminary crit with R. Wiebe, S. Trostem, C. Beauchamp, L. Dykstra
- Proposed May meeting: model shoot + editing

d. Club direction for the year: open mic for ideas, discussion, decisions (continue discussion at next meeting)

- Identify core talent areas in club
- Shoot locations, fees, etc. on website
- Discussion about 1-page sponsorship contracts for future sponsorship collaborations
- Session(s) on business-side of photography
- Changes to photo contest: will ask for member input
- Mentorship program idea

e. Using our in-house talent

- Discussion followed

f. CFCA Photography club show: June

- Show booked. No idea what it will be. Need promotional image, theme.
- Open to membership. Will ask for member volunteers for committee. Led by W. Vavrek, M. Wolski

g. Speaker: Steve Mah
(tabled)

h. Facebook page: new members, maintenance, ideas, online collaboration and image sharing,

- Suggestion: open the page to public. Detailed discussion tabled.

i: Club promotion and growth: open mic
(tabled)

j. Fall Workshop: agenda, logistics, organizing committee

- "Beyond Pokies: Mastering Composition Bootcamp"
- Darwin + Sam confirmed
- Need location: GP Museum suggested (\$400 + GST). Need contract drafted. J. Kretzer-Prysunka to confirm in writing and to cancel Camp Wapiti.
- Lessons learned from last year: move family BBQ to another time, pay for catering, don't bother decorating

k. Field trip ideas: open mic for input

(tabled - open discussion moved to March member meeting)

7. Meeting Adjourned