

Grande Prairie Photography Club Executive Board Meeting- June 13, 2011

Present: Heather, Melissa, Michele, Chris, Janice, Lloyd and Mick

Regrets: Don, William, Doreen and Lukasz

1. Heather called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: Heather moved to approve the agenda. Chris seconded.

3. Approval of Minutes: Janice moved to approve the minutes. Heather seconded.

4. Treasurer's Report: Approx. \$10,000 in the bank. \$2000 budgeted for food for the workshop only and \$400 for the family BBQ.

5. Members Report. There are 69 paid members, 4 are new and 20 have signed up for the fall workshop.

6. Field trip Report. 6 people went to Grande Cache, it was really good. Don will plan a field trip to McNaught Homestead and to the Outdoor Museum in Beaverlodge.

7. Old Business: For the Fall Workshop we will have Tito's do the catering for Saturday lunch and dinner. Friday night will be trays of finger foods. Melissa will do desserts for \$170. Our budget for the food for the fall workshop is \$2000. For Sunday, we decided the board will cook breakfast for the crowd. Each member will be assigned a dish; meat station, eggs, toast, hashbrowns, pancakes, waffles, etc. For the family BBQ Doreen, Melissa and possibly Lukasz will be in charge of it. Doreen volunteered to take family photos at the Family BBQ.

We returned the flyers to London Drugs in the hopes they quit using them as scrap paper. We will ask London Drugs and Watsons for 17 door prizes each. Outdoor Photography Canada magazine is sending us free magazines and 5 magazine subscriptions. Watsons will provide Photo News Magazines.

The Photoshop workshop was a total bust! Decided we will try it again for October or November.

Also we discussed having members give us a deposit for any sort of event that the club hosts. If the person shows up, they will get their deposit back. If they don't show, we will keep their deposit. Not for monthly meetings or any field trips but events that cost money like the Family BBQ and the Christmas party and any future workshops. We will discuss this more later.

June's meeting: Theme- Urban Landscapes. Doreen volunteered to do the Member Showcase for June. For the meeting, the membership will split into groups and will go out and photograph with available light.

Monthly themed contests will now require a first and last name in the email to count as we are having issues with people voting more than once. William will fix the post and include it in the reminder email and the email link default. Because William is absent, Chris will let him know to do that.

July's meeting: Theme- Natural (Nothing man made). The topic will be Dan Arberry coming to do some critiquing. Members will be asked to bring 8x10 prints to the meeting and put their names on the back of their images. Also email a digital copy to Janice with your name on it.

August's meeting: Theme- Summer smiles, topic still to be determined.

There will be a Scavenger hunt field trip to Nordic Ski Lodge this Friday at 7:30. Michele will get a hold of Ken Perry to finalize the deal with photos and usage of the Ski Lodge for the fall workshop.

The by-laws have been fixed. Janice has resubmitted them to Services Alberta.

8. New Business: William created an event about the Photo Club using our logo. He invited his friends and we aren't even sure about his privacy settings as to who can leave a comment and who can't. There was lots of discussion. Mick and Michele agreed that William used the logo without permission, etc. Chris stated to either have NO Facebook usage about the club or a GP Photography Club facebook page but then we would need administrators, etc. Melissa suggested setting up a page and using it strictly for information only and no place to post comments, etc. Melissa also suggested we head-up a committee to take charge of this with committee members from the general membership, etc. Doreen said she would research Facebook and give a quick presentation as to how it works and what we can do. It was decided that Mick and Lloyd will have a brief talk with William to let him know that his actions were inappropriate and impulsive and disrespectful. It was also decided that there will be no more individual emails to everyone, there will be ONE email on the website set up as a default email that will go to Heather's and Janice's personal emails. The titles will also be removed and we will leave the facebook issue alone until our next board meeting. Also need to remind William he is on notice.

9. Open mike.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.