

**Grande Prairie Photography Club  
Executive Meeting  
MARCH 12, 2009**

**In attendance:** Jen, Steve, Penny, Heather, Janice, Rhett, Elizabeth, Klaus, Paul, Dwayne

**Regrets:** Candi

**ACTION BY:**

**1. Agenda Review**

- Jen presented the agenda for the meeting and it was accepted

**2. Review of Previous Minutes**

- Executive Meeting, Feb 5/09
- AGM, Feb 23/09
- minutes were reviewed by all
- MOVED accepted as read: Rhett; SECOND: Dwayne; CARRIED

**3. Old Business**

- Bylaw Review - will be headed up by Rhett. Interested members of the club will be asked to join him. Once a new draft is created it will come back to the executive for review and then presented to the membership for approval. Rhett
- Minutes of Meetings - will be posted in the website rather than providing paper copies at the meetings. Janice will forward minutes to Steve and he will post. We will need to refer members to our site at each meeting. Janice & Steve
- Hand-over - Old/New Executive
  - Penny & Rhett will get together to review financials/transfer responsibility Penny & Rhett
  - Societies Annual Return will be prepared by Janice; year end Financial Statement will be prepared by Rhett. Both of these documents need to be sent in together. Janice & Rhett
  - Prior to sending in Financial Statement will need to be audited by a few members of the club
- Club Bank Account/Signing Authority
  - Account is held at ATB. It is a Spirit 24 Account (set up for non-profits); contact is Maureen M
  - Signing authority signature cards will need to be signed by new executive
  - MOVED two out of four of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer should sign all cheques: Rhett; SECOND: Dwayne; CARRIED
  - Janice will contact Maureen to set this up and will then communicate to everyone when they can go in to sign cards Janice
- TEC Centre - tabled until next Executive Meeting

#### 4. New Business

- Dusk to Dawn Workshop - London Drugs has come on as sponsor and will assist in promotion of the event. So far we have 18 people and there is a maximum of 30.
  - Workshop will be held at Camp Wapiti but only for daytime use - we will not be staying there. The question of RV's came up and Heather will look into this.
  - Mark & Leslie would prefer to hold the entire workshop at this site rather than travel to other places.
- Field Trips - Klaus asked for ideas for field trips. Suggestions included GPRC, auto wreckers, catholic church, Hythe or Fairview race tracks, South Peace Museum in Beaverlodge.
  - March 22 - Loberg's Cabin; Klaus will organize and communicate the costs prior to Monday's meeting so that interested people can pay at that time
  - We can also ask at meetings about ideas for field trips
  - Discover the Peace.com has many events in the Peace listed and this might be a good place to get ideas as well
- Creative Arts Centre - discussion about the amateur photography community having a presence at this facility. It would be nice to have studio rental space for photographers. If photographers or members of the club are interested in having a voice, memberships can be purchased at the Creative Arts Centre. We can also do some cross-promotion between the two organizations.
- Membership Survey - Jen presented a draft survey that we could use to gather information from club membership about what their interests are and what they would like to see. After discussion it was decided to shorten it and keep it very simple. Jen will re-do it and forward to executive for review. Janice suggested that we use a web-based free survey tool rather than a paper version. Janice and Steve will look into this. With this method, a link to the survey could be sent by email to club members and then manual tallying of results would not be required.
- Monthly Meeting Format - discussion about how meetings should be organized so that they have appeal for both new and experienced photographers. It was decided that when possible we should organize two educational sessions at each meeting aimed at these two target groups.
  - also discussed: the option of having a "critique corner" where people who were interested could ask for feedback about their photographs. We will introduce this to the March 16 meeting to see what members think.
  - March 16 meeting educational - lighting by Paul & Steve, Intro to Your Camera by Rhett. There will be a lighting DVD presentation to the full group before breaking off to these two topics.

Heather

Klaus

Jen, Janice &  
Steve

## **5. Financial**

- Insurance - after the AGM Jen was approached by a member and has received a quote from AON Insurance for \$600 annual fee as opposed to the \$1000 that was quoted earlier. We will go with this one.
- Club budget to be finalized and presented once annual return is completed.

Rhett

## **6. Other**

- Klaus suggested that we develop some guidelines about how executive meetings should be run. We will address this at our next executive meeting.

## **7. Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6th at 7:00 pm; location: TBA

## **8. Adjournment**

- meeting was adjourned at 9 pm