

**Grande Prairie Photography Club
Executive Meeting
May 3, 2009**

In attendance: Jen, Heather, Janice, Rhett, Klaus

Regrets: Candi, Dwayne, Steve

ACTION BY:

1. Agenda Review

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

2. Review of Previous Minutes

- Executive Meeting, April 6/09
- minutes were reviewed by all
- MOVED accepted as read: Heather; SECOND: Rhett; CARRIED

3. Old Business

- Bylaw Review - Rhett will ask some members of the club to assist with this at the next meeting. Once complete, to be brought back to Executive and then to membership. Janice will bring some copies to the next general meeting. Rhett & Janice
- Club Bank Account - signatures have not been changed over yet but Janice will take care of it this week. We need to have two members of the outgoing executive sign-off the AGM minutes to present to the bank. Janice
- Societies Annual Return Janice & 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.
 - Prior to sending in Financial Statement will need to be audited by a few members of the club
- Dawn to Dusk Workshop - 26 registrants so far, plus Rhett. We also have one refund to process due to extenuating personal circumstances. Since it was received with plenty of notice, it was approved. No refunds will be issued after today as we need to have complete control of the budget going forward from here.
 - Heather brought forward the suggestion from the workshop organizing committee that we offer one free spot to any club member in good standing (dues paid), including any members who have already registered. Moved by Rhett; second - Heather. CARRIED
 - Heather will email out this opportunity and handle all the details of later this week. Heather

- Membership Survey - will go out this week and members will be reminded of it at the next general meeting; close date: May 31/09 Janice will take care of this and forward the link to Heather to email out. Janice

- City of GP - is looking for photographers to help capture events at the Isokoteo Art Festival June 17-24. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next general meeting for this. Jen to bring forward. Jen
 - also looking for photos for the Community Connections magazine - sign-up sheet for this as well

- Field Trips - there were 9 out for the Saturday Dunvegan trip and 8-9 at Kleskun Hills. Other ideas to consider are GPRC (in & out), Cutbank Lake, moto-cross track, triathlon, Red Willow Falls, A & W Cruise Nite, Drag races, car shows.
 - we will ask about the best times for field trips on the survey - evenings or Sat/Sun
 - future field trips that involve a cost - we need to ensure that all who attend pay as we were short on the Loberg trip

4. New Business

- Executive Meeting Guidelines - this item has been addressed with the current approach we are taking with meetings. COMPLETE

- Next General Meeting - will include a critique session (first half hour) and then a session on light-painting basics for all members. The group will then split into two - f-stop/shutter speed basics and light painting practice.
 - May Meeting - info session on Creative Arts Centre and what it offers photographers
 - June Meeting - two sessions on learnings from Dusk to Dawn

- Monthly Themes - May - flowers & spring; June - Light painting.
 - Heather will develop themes for rest of year and these will be posted on website.

- General Meeting Snacks - is becoming a much larger task with more people. Elizabeth has trouble keeping up with coffee. She also needs help setting up and taking down. The Club will buy a coffee urn and executive members should assist as much as possible each evening. We also need to announce that the Club meets at Tim Horton's (by Remax) after each Monday meeting - Jen will do this at the next meeting. All Executive
Jen

- Commercial Presentations - general discussion about how the club should handle requests from businesses to do presentations. It was agreed that we develop a form for these requests that can be evaluated for relevance and fit with club goals as well as time required/requested. These requests would come to the executive for approval and then be scheduled based on other events. Jen will draft something for this purpose for us to review next meeting Jen
- Summer Meetings- the club will hold regular general meetings through the summer as there are a larger number of members and many activities to photograph throughout the summer.
- Projector - Steven has been loaning his projector to the club for meetings without cost. He has indicated that he would be willing to sell it to the club for \$500. Since this is something we tend to be using frequently and the cost of a new projector is a lot higher than this, it seems like a good idea. In addition, we should offer a \$250 credit toward the D2D workshop for past use. Moved: Heather, Second: Klaus CARRIED Jen
- Photo Club vs. Lobby Group - we have been getting several requests for support as of late, ie, Creative Arts Centre and now Kleskun Hills. After some discussion it was decided that the role of the Club is not to be a lobby group...we are a hobby group, after all. However, when information like this is received, it will be sent out to all club members and should anyone choose to act on it, they can do so as individuals. Moved: Rhett, Second: Klaus CARRIED

5. Financial

- Rhett reported that the Club account is just under \$10,000 because of the D2D registration fees that have not yet been disbursed.

6. Other

7. Next Meeting

- Next meeting: June 4/09, 7 pm; to be held at Heathers house again

8. Adjournment

- meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm