

GP Photo Club Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday August 11, 2014

Commenced: 7:10 pm at GP Library
(Quorum: 7 members)

In Attendance: D. Altman, R. Moffat, K. White, D. Fast, L. Dykstra, R. Scott, C. Young

Regrets: W. Vavrek, D. Duplessis, C. McMullen

1. Adoption of Agenda (adopted)

2. Review of Previous Minutes (July 14, 2014)

- a. D. Fast sent an email with concerns about the number of errors on the website that needed to be addressed before it goes live.
- b. W. Vavrek was able to correct the majority of these, for the remaining we will have nine10 correct them.

3. Membership Report

L. Dykstra reported that we have 2 new members, bringing our total to 63.

4. Treasurer Report

- a. D. Fast reported that the bank statement was late last month and July's statement hasn't been received yet.
- b. L. Craik is away on holidays until August 18th.
- c. D. Fast received two cheques for new members to deposit and the bill for the library room that will be paid following the meeting.
- d. D. Fast will not be able to attend next month's meeting but will have L. Craik forward the bank statement.

5. Old Business

a. August Meeting – Family BBQ

- i. L. Dykstra will bring wood for the fire pits.
- ii. R. Scott, L. Dykstra and D. Fast will bring hot dog rods.
- iii. C. Young will bring water in cooler and everything needed to make smors.
- iv. Members will bring food and drinks.
- v. K. White will have copies of the photo scavenger hunt for membership who want to participate.
- vi. L. Dykstra will send out an email to the membership reminding them about the BBQ.

b. 100 Year Celebration

- i. The display at the park didn't have our club banner (not at the Centre for Creative Arts) advertising the club. We need to locate this banner for future events.
- ii. We had use of a tv from J. Longmate to include in our display showcasing photos taken by members that R. Moffat compiled in a slideshow. We also were fortunate that N. Shirvell had a generator that we were able to use to have power for our display.
- iii. K. White suggested sending N. Shirvell a gift card in appreciation of the loan of the generator which saved the club renting one (unanimous).
- iv. K. White to send a thank you card with a \$25.00 gift card to London Drugs. R. Moffat would like the gift card to include "Courtesy of the GP Photography Club".
- v. We had a fair number of people stop at the table who were interested in joining the club and some who didn't know there was a photography club in Grande Prairie.
- vi. We received 38 submissions to the photo contest which is low compared to what was anticipated. R. Moffat suggested this was the result of poor advertising of the contest and we didn't have a sign at our table advertising the contest with a picture of a camera and smartphone to draw more people in. We had pamphlets that were given out to anyone who came to our table and K. Scott handed out pamphlets to anyone at the event that were taking photos with either a camera or smartphone.
- vii. There was a glitch with the city's email address for submitting photos. The city suggested extending the deadline to Friday August 8th and we agreed.
- viii. The subcommittee will be meeting later this week to judge the photos.

c. Theme for September meeting (Old Bezanson Town Site, Slide show of Foliage)

- i. Who will be taking the lead? Tabled for further discussion.
- ii. Rain or shine we will meet at the Centre for Creative Arts at 6:30 pm and continue to the Old Bezanson Town Site. Any members who live near the town site can meet there at 7:00 pm.
- iii. Send an email to the membership asking for photos that have fall foliage to submit for use on the website. We can also use the website slideshow to showcase member's photos from the meetings and field trips.

d. Theme for October meeting (Critique)

- i. R. Moffat will have someone (yet to be determined) that is available do a session on how to critique.
- ii. Move forward for further discussion.

e. Theme for November meeting (Shadow Play)

- i. R. Scott will have something arranged.
- ii. Move forward for further discussion.

- f. **Theme for December meeting (Christmas Party)**
 - i. Have the meeting on the third Monday – December 15th (unanimous).
 - ii. It will be a potluck with a “Gift Scramble” exchange for members that want to participate.
 - iii. There will be an “ugly sweater” prize.
 - iv. Move forward for further discussion.

6. New Business

a. Website

- i. D. Fast will contact Jarvis at nine10 to set up a training session with D. Altman, C. McMullan, C. Young, D. Fast, K. White and W. Vavrek.
- ii. Once completed, the remaining Executive will be trained.

7. Open Mike

a. Photos for Models from last meeting

- i. C. Young will send an email to the membership asking for their images from the last meeting to give to the models and to be used for the slideshow.
- ii. Images can be emailed to info@gpphotoclub.com or CD's can be given to D. Fast for distribution.

b. Policy

- i. Create a policy outlining how to get photos to the models that are photographed at meetings.
- ii. It should include how to get in touch with the Directors at Large (Social) member currently C. Young.
- iii. Create a policy for selling photos at events.
- iv. If a member would like to sell their images at an event they can have a small contact card with their display items. They also have to volunteer for the event.

c. GP Photography Club Brochure

- i. K. White will add to Dropbox.

d. Monthly Photo Contest

- i. One idea is to have a tab on the website where members could submit their photo to be entered into the contest and have the voting done on the website as well.
- ii. R. Scott suggested a slideshow at the beginning of each meeting with the submissions and the members at that meeting would then vote. The photos could be posted in advance which would encourage interaction.
- iii. Others feel the voting should be unanimous.
- iv. Table for further discussion.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm (approved).