

Grande Prairie Photo Club Executive Board Meeting- March 14, 2011

Present: Heather, Mick, Janice, Doreen, Melissa, Chris, Don, William, Lloyd, Lukasz and Michele

Regrets: none

Visitor: Sean Tostrem

1. Heather called meeting to order at 7:13pm.

2. Approval of Agenda. Doreen moved to approve the agenda. William seconded.

3. Approval of Minutes. Janice moved to approve, William seconded.

4. Treasurer's Report: Chris reported the current bank balance is approximately \$5275. Membership fees were deposited totaling \$2800. The club has expenses coming out in the spring like insurance, website hosting, and miscellaneous expenses. Chris needs receipts for the projector and coffee/ refreshments, ink and paper. Chris said he will put together the numbers for the Society Annual Return in a timely fashion.

5. Members Report. Lloyd reported we have 58 officially paid members. 55 adults and 3 juniors. 40 members have renewed and 18 are new. According to the email list 28 haven't paid their memberships yet. Lloyd will send out an email reminding members of March's meeting and that a new club year has begun and your dues are due. For those who haven't paid and haven't been to a meeting in a while, Lloyd will send them an email stating that their fees are due or risk getting their name dropped from the email list.

6. Field trip Report. Don said the field trip to the Nordic Ski Lodge cross-country skiing race was good. 5 people showed up. We're going to ask Nordic if we can pay some sort of user's fee to rent the area around the lodge in the spring and do a field trip there. Don said there was a field trip to London Drugs photo lab and that was the largest one so far with 16 people. We discussed a field trip to a farm to photograph baby lambs. We talked about a Photo Walk field trip, a field trip to a furniture store, the museum and the college. We also reviewed some of our past field trips for new board members. Don will look into organizing these and assigning help if he cannot be there.

7. Old Business: Janice said she will put together a more comprehensive presentation of the survey results for the next board meeting if she has time.

March's meeting: We will be having several models and 5 stations set up with different lighting. Lukasz will be taking a model throughout the Centre for Creative Arts, showing different angles. Al and Heather will have a station set up with strobes and results on the computer. Mick will have a station with one light and a reflector, Don's station will be set up using soft boxes and Sean's station will show dramatic lighting. There will be about 30 minutes per station. Sean and the models will set up in the Fibre studio. There will be a model in a prom dress and other costumes and props. The theme is cold.

April's meeting: We will have a presentation on photoshop or HDR. Mick will contact the teacher of Visual Communications at the high school and ask him if he would like to present to the club. His name is Steve Burger. The theme is masculine/ feminine.

May's meeting: We will photograph all over the CCArts inside and out on the grounds. We will remind members to bring their cameras. We'll make a contest so everyone will be competing for a prize. The theme will be spring.

June's meeting: we haven't figured it out yet but the theme will be Urban Landscape.

July's meeting: will figure it out at a later date.

Fall Into Photography Workshop: Heather will mail Darwin and Sam a cheque for \$500 for the deposit. We still need to finalize things with the Nordic Ski Lodge. They need to give us an amount to let us use their facility for the workshop and get a discount in exchange for taking photos of their grounds for their website. We're also looking to have the workshop catered by one vendor. We are going to start asking businesses in GP like Watson's Foto Source and London Drugs if they would like to sponsor the workshop. Because we don't want to have exclusivity or to sign contracts, Janice will draft a letter asking them if they would like to be a part of the Fall Into Photography workshop. We will also send letters to Costco, Picture perfect, Menzies, SpeedPro, etc. We also discussed having sponsorship levels, or even going to businesses with more than one event just to get more community involvement.

London Drugs: "Where Have You Been?" slideshow. Any person can submit photos of the places you've been. Everyone will get their names put on their images in the bottom right-hand corner, so they can still be recognized. No business names only the photographers names. We will announce this at March's meeting and will request a disc of all the images to William, where he will put them on a master disc and hand that in to London Drugs, size and resolution to be announced.

Old projector will be put up for sale. We decided on \$100 or best offer for the projector. Heather will place this on kijiji and Lloyd will send out an email letting the membership know about it.

Scavenger Hunt: We only had one entry for the Oct- Feb Scavenger Hunt. It was decided that person will win a Gallery Wrap from LD. This time Michele is going to tweak it a little bit to get more participation and she asked for more help, so Melissa and Don volunteered. We will work out how many photos to get and what the prizes will be with London Drugs' help.

8. New Business: Richard Berry Photoshop Workshop: Heather contacted Richard Berry to see what kind of workshop he may be willing to do. Briefly, he described he would want the cost of the workshop for 2 days plus travel and accommodations so about \$2000 for him to come. We decided to table it for now and Heather will ask the membership if they would be interested. Lukasz came up with an idea of having a photoshop minute to show at the club meetings. It would be just a minute of video showing one photoshop technique. Lukasz will find one to show at the next meeting and pass it on to William so we can show it on the projector screen.

Oh Snap Introductory Photography Workshop: We discussed advertising this to the club but seeing as how they are non-members we decided that if anyone wants to come advertise about a workshop or event they have coming up, they can come and present it to the club on their own.

The website has been redesigned so we will reveal it at the next meeting.

Equipment-lending library: it was decided that an equipment lending library will be too much work, what if something breaks or goes missing, etc. It would be too difficult to keep track of everything and maintains it's in good working order.

9. Open mike: Heather accidentally skipped over the duties of the new board members so Melissa will be the coffee lady and Mick, Doreen and Lukasz will be members at large with no specific duty unless assigned a job at a board or club meeting. Mick will be in charge of coming up with the monthly themes for the monthly contests until February.

An idea was brought forward to critique the monthly photos and then vote for them at the same time. The board will discuss later. We will also look into having someone host the critiques and comment on them all and offer some instruction on critiquing. We will try this for June or July.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.