

GP Photo Club Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday March 10, 2014

Commenced: 7:03 pm at GP Library
(Quorum: 8 members)

In Attendance: D. Altman, R. Scott, W. Vavrek, D. Duplessis, C. McMullen, R. Moffat, C. Young,
K. White

Regrets: D. Fast, L. Dykstra

1. Adoption of Agenda (adopted)

- a. Doreen will have an Agenda for each meeting (mover: D. Altman) (unanimous).

2. Review of Previous Minutes (AGM Minutes Feb 24, 2014)

- a. K. White to correct the following:
 - b. All spelling errors.
 - c. Add Kim White to Secretary, all voted. Unanimous.
 - d. Change Directors-at-large (field trips) to Rick Scott, all voted. Unanimous.
 - e. Add Rob Moffat to Directors-at-large, all voted. Unanimous.
 - f. Add Doug Duplessis to Directors-at-large, all voted. Unanimous.
 - g. Change Charley McMullen to Christina McMullen in all meeting minutes (mover: D. Altman) (unanimous).

3. Membership Reports

- a. Membership is down from last year.
 - i. Look at possibly having a show to increase club visibility in the community (ie: advertisement at the Eastlink Centre, Center 2000, etc).
 - ii. Have our Grande Prairie Photography Club business cards left at businesses that are photography related.
 - iii. Safeway has a monitor that advertises local businesses that are non-profit - profit. R. Moffat to see if we can get some advertising on it as well.
- b. W. Vavrek will update the list members on Facebook.
- c. D. Altman to find out why there are 2 drop boxes and possibly reduce to 1.
 - i. Follow up with L. Craik.

4. Treasurer Report

- a. Nothing to report - D. Fast is away.
- b. C. McMullen, K. White, D. Fast to give D. Altman dates that we can meet at ATB to have our names added to the Grande Prairie Photography Club's bank account (mover: D. Altman) (unanimous).

- c. D. Altman reported that the Bylaw changes have been sent in and J. Kretzer-Prysunka is looking after filing the last 3 years returns.

5. Old Business

Would like to have the next three months of themes prepared for the club's monthly meetings (mover: D. Altman) (unanimous).

a. Theme for March meeting (Silhouette's)

- i. Executive members will bring in 1 or 2 silhouette images for W. Vavrek to show at the club meeting before we split into groups for the hands on portion of the meeting.
- ii. R. Moffat will lead a beginner group on how to shoot silhouette images.
- iii. We will have 2 stations set up for the remaining members to practice shooting silhouette images.

b. Theme for April meeting

- i. Shadows will be the theme for the April meeting.
- ii. R. Scott will see if he can find a short video on how to take shadow images.

c. Theme for May meeting

- i. Puddles and Reflections will be the theme for the May meeting.
- ii. Reflections, compositions, polarizing filter will be discussed.
- iii. See if we can locate a short video on the starting point for shooting puddles and reflections.
- iv. We will head outside to put what we learned from the meeting to the test and shoot some puddles and reflections.

d. Theme for June meeting

- i. Motion will be the theme for the June meeting.
- ii. Three ways to take motion images. They are blur, freeze and pan.
- iii. C. McMullen will verify whether she can have someone riding a bike up and down the sidewalk for members to try photographing.

6. New Business

a. Facebook Critique Album

- i. We will try this at the club monthly meetings for three months and then include it on the website.
- ii. We will add it to the March meeting and discuss more at the April meeting.
- iii. Once we determine whether the members are interested we can have Dan Arberry at a monthly meeting to speak about how to Critique a photo to help members understand how to critique.

b. Suggestion to Lower Club Costs

- i. Spend less on the food and drinks for monthly meetings (have water, coffee and cookies).
- ii. Lower the dollar amount for the AGM door prize.

- iii. Ask for a donation from businesses that receive a disc of member photos from the field trips. Let them know that we are a non-profit group and any donation they make would be a tax write off.
- iv. More brainstorming at a future executive meeting.
- c. **Member Showcase - Theme night**
 - i. C. Young to ask for 1 or 2 photos from the membership from each theme night meeting to be used for the slide show at the Christmas Party.
- d. **Member Showcase - Target members**
 - i. Executive members to watch for any photos from the membership that are unique and ask that member to consider doing a Member Showcase with 10 to 15 images at an upcoming meeting.
- e. **Making a Donation – Paul Pivert and Scholarships**
 - i. We can run special events to increase our donation.
 - ii. Wait until we see the books and readdress.
- f. **Memorial Award**
 - i. Name the Memorial Award Plaque the Paul Pivert Memorial Award.
 - ii. Purchase a plaque that can have plates added to it.
 - iii. At the end of the year the winner of the photography contest will have their name engraved on the plaque.

7. Website Report

- a. D. Altman, C. McMullen and J. Kretzer-Prysunka will continue to work with Nine10 on the new website.
- b. D. Altman emailed Chris Beauchamp to find out when the website will be ready for presenting to the Executive. Answer included with the Agenda from the meeting.
- c. When the website is ready for presenting to the Executive every effort will be made for a weekday evening presentation.

8. Open Mike

- a. Nothing to report.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm (approved).