

GRAND RAPIDS CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of the Board Meeting, Steve and Karen Mueller Residence
March 10, 2010

PRESENT: Diane Durand, Wendy Cherba, Mike Mitchell, Jim Shearer, Bob Quillan, Jeanne Quillan, Danford Richmond, Greg Ferguson, Susan Vitunskas, Dorothy Squair, Steve Mueller, Karen Mueller

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for January were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Diane Durand brought the meeting to order at 7:05PM

Financial Matters: Diane mentioned that our PSA dues are now owed. Also, we need to check about the 503c/501c status for PayPal and to check with IRS as to non-profit status of such.

Adam Jones Offer: Diane brought up for the discussion the possibility of a future seminar with Adam Jones, a Canon Explorer of Light photographer. Mike Mitchell will check into the feasibility of having such a program and the possibility of a joint venture with the River City Camera Club.

Upcoming Elections: Diane advised us that several board positions will be on the May ballot. Wendy Cherba, our treasurer, will not be running for re-election. Also, Danford Richmond will not be running for re-election as member-at-large on the board. Furthermore, Mike Mitchell and Dora Vitunskas, whose terms are over as members-at-large, are already serving on the board in another capacity. Mike is VP of Programs and Dora is editor of the newsletter. Consequently, we now have 3 member-at-large board positions to fill. Bob Quillan also announced that he would like to step down as VP of Equipment. There were several suggestions from the board as to members who might be interested in being on the board. They were Ron Porritt, Jan Lewis, Roger Fry, and Kelly Walkotten.

Swap Meet: Diane brought up for discussion Larry Heydenburg's idea of having a "swap meet" at one of our meetings. The board was generally in favor of the idea.

Gettle Seminar: Diane Durand announced that we have approximately 20 participants signed up for the Gettle seminar. She also said that she has the needed volunteers for the seminar. Bob Quillan will bring the coffee, doughnuts, and cookies. The seminar will be held at Park Congregational Church and the hours will be from 9:00AM until 4:00PM. Steve Gettle will be bringing his own equipment and will arrive between 8:00 and 8:30AM. Diane ask that the volunteers be there by 8:30AM.

Constitution and By-Laws: The changes to the constitution and by-laws that Diane presented at the January board meeting were resolved. The changes will be announced at the March general meeting and voted on by the membership at the April general meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Wendy Cherba announced that we now have 114 members. She also submitted the following income-expenditure statement:

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,847.65
Income:	\$	220.00
Expenditures:	\$	534.22
Ending Balance:	\$	3,533.43

VP OF PROGRAMS: Mike Mitchell confirmed that we have 6 members who will participate in the 2nd Annual March Mini-Slide Show presentation. He also confirmed that our program for April will be a slide show by Randy Wegener entitled “A Journey Through Time.” Our program for May will be a presentation by Kelly Walkotten of her dive trips to Indonesia. Our workshop for March 24th will be led by Mike Mitchell and Dave Whitson. They will be presenting some tips on basic photography and will be available to assist members with questions they may have about their camera equipment. The workshop for April 28th will be a table top photography session consisting of set-ups for photographing glass and using black light. Mike is still working on confirming our program for June. He suggested that Michael Collins, a member of the Mid-Michigan Photography Club, might give a presentation his wildflower photography.

VP OF EQUIPMENT: Bob Quillan had no equipment issues. He announced that there will be another photography exhibit. It will be at the Hersey Ice Cream Shop at 52nd and Patterson. The show will take place the month of May. Details to follow.

COMPETITION: Jeanne Quillan announced that she has made the changes to the competition guidelines of the GRCC Membership Manuel that were proposed at the January board meeting. At this time there were additional questions about further changes to the guidelines, therefore final approval of the changes will not be made until the May board meeting.

Judging: Jeanne is in the process of lining up judges for March. Steve Mueller suggested that establishing a list of judges for the entire year in advance might have advantages for some members. Members would know who was judging each month and could enter images that an individual judge might be likely to view in a favorable light.

DIGITAL COORDINATOR: Jim Shearer brought up for discussion the possibility of the GRCC purchasing a digital projector. He has been having problems with the current projector causing a pinkish cast to the digital images. It was decided that Jim and Mike Mitchell would get pricing on a new projector. They stated that they would be able to hold to a budget of under \$1,000.00. They will present a proposal to the board at the May board meeting.

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS: Dora Vitunskas was not present at the meeting.

SWMCCC: Jeanne Quillan announced that there will be a SWMCCC competition on April 17th. Images in print and digital will be accepted. It will be hosted by the St.John's Camera Club.

OTHER BUSINESS: Diane Durand brought up the subject of disposing of outdated club equipment and archiving GRCC records. A discussion followed with lots of input from Steve Mueller, our archivist. He is in possession of most the archival material. A committee was formed to help organize the records and decide what to do with the equipment. Committee members will be Steve Mueller, Mike Mitchell, Diane Durand, Caroline Shearer, and Dorothy Squair.

Trophies for Competition: Diane made the board aware that we would need someone to take care of ordering the trophies for our competitions since Danford is retiring from the board.

Bob Quillan made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. It was seconded by Wendy Cherba. The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Squair
Board Secretary

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