GRCC Board Meeting March 8, 2017

Location: Becky Humes' studio

Members present: Diane Durand, Ned Hughes, Christine Mooney, Greg Ferguson, Jan Lewis, Jeanne Quillan, Mike Mitchell, Becky Humes, Steve Port, Mike Koole, Matt Hendricks, Jim Shearer, Caroline Shearer and Kathy Kendall.

Approve secretary's minutes: January 2017 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

President's report: Diane Durand

- Upcoming elections: Diane Durand will announce the upcoming elections at the March General meeting while the election will be held at the May meeting. Positions up for election will be President, Secretary, VP for Programs and 3 members at large (Becky Humes, Mike Koole and Steve Port)
- Assigned Competition Subjects: At the next General meeting Diane Durand will ask for suggestions for the 2018 assigned subjects. The Board will vote on them at the May Board meeting. Jeanne Quillan will compile the results.

Treasurer's and membership reports: Christine Mooney

- Checking account balance: \$1682.35, PayPal balance: \$563,36 Total: \$2245.71. The report is on file.
- Membership report: There are 124 members however 42 have not yet paid. Christine Mooney will begin contacting those who have not yet paid.
- It was agreed that Christine should list a separate line item on the income report for the monies taken in for the Banquet, not list it under dues.

VP for Programs Report: Jan Lewis

- March 15, Annual Mini-Program Extravaganza, seven programs will be presented.
- April 19, Bruce Wright X-Rite Color Management; 15 minutes to your best print results.
- May 6, Workshop, Field Trip to Ranger Steve's Odybrook Nature Preserve.
- May 17, Wayne Pope, How to Grow as a Photographer.
- June 21, Randall Nyhof, Perspectives on Fine Art Photography.

VP of Competition Report: Jeanne Quillan

- March judges are Jan Lewis, Becky Humes and another to be determined. Since we are going to a new judging system Jeanne would like judges who understand the new system. Judges will be able to vote 6-15 rather than 3-5. It's hoped this will give a little more latitude in judging which has seemed restrictive.
- April judges: To be determined.
- Jeanne ordered new lights for scoring. She also spent \$50 for the scoring software. Ned Hughes made a motion to reimburse Jeanne Quillan and Kathy Kendall seconded it. It was approved. Jim Shearer spent \$20 on a USB3 hub. Ned Hughes made a motion to reimburse Jim Shearer. Kathy Kendall seconded the motion, and it passed.

Equipment Chair: Bob Quillan, no report

Digital Coordinator: Jim Shearer

• Equipment status: Jim wrote a report on the future technological needs of the club. It is on file.

Website Report: Matt Hendricks, no report

Lights & Shadows: Greg Ferguson

• March 25th is the deadline for the April issue.

Digital Media Coordinator: Rebecca Humes, no report

Other Business

- PSA exhibitions: Caroline Shearer recommended we do not undertake it at this time because the initial layout of money would be approximately \$800-\$1000.
- PSA photojournalism: GRCC has been asked to judge photojournalism. Jeanne Quillan will use three judges who are well versed in PJ. The Club has been asked to judge other areas but will not take it on at this time.
- Future meeting places: The club has two good options. East Congregational Church has ok parking, meeting room, kitchen, and elevator. Grace Episcopal Church has an elevator, good parking, kitchen and large meeting room. March will always be a problem because of Lenten services in any church. Grace was asking for a three-month trial period. Kathy Kendall made a motion to start a trial period beginning in May. Mike Koole seconded. All were in favor. Jan Lewis will check back with Grace Episcopal.
- Scoring: The committee made up of Jeanne Quillan, Ned Hughes, Steve Port, Jan Lewis and Jim Shearer have been working on the changes in scoring to allow judges more granularity. The report is on file. They proposed using numbers 6-15 taking the average to gives each judge a little more latitude when scoring. Committee suggested that we trial this system for a year. The committee decided to round up or down to whole numbers. Images requiring discussion will be scored "99". Maker will still score their own images or a family member's images as a 0. Committee recommendations were voted on and passed. Jeanne Quillan will write up the info for the website and the new scoring will be explained to the members at the March meeting.
- Promotion of events: The Board discussed what kinds of things the club should publicize. It was decided Jan Lewis will send out an email about general photography events such as an exhibit by Edward Curtis on North American Indians in Muskegon. However, solicitations such as Charles St Charles' classes Jan Lewis will give general information and offer members the chance to contact her for further information.

Mike Koole made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Matt Hendricks seconded it.

Adjournment

The minutes were submitted by Kathy Kendall, secretary.