

Grand Rapids Camera Club
Board Meeting
August 18, 2021

Members in Attendance: Christine Mooney, Evie Carrier, Greg Ferguson, James Zeman, Jan Lewis, Jeanne Quillan, Kathy Kendall, Mike Bergeon, Richard Combs, Russ Barneveld, Steve Port and Della Landheer.

Meeting called to order by President Jan Lewis at 7:18 pm.

Approval of May Minutes: Approved, no additions/corrections.

- Jan thanked Kathy Kendall for her many years of service as Board Secretary.

Presidents Report

- Welcome to New Board Members: Della Landheer and Richard Combs.
- Board Election results: President: Jan Lewis, Vice President – Programs: Evie Carrier and Secretary: Della Landheer. Board Members: Two-Year Terms: Russ Barneveld, Steve Port, Richard Coombs, One-Year Term: Kathy Kendall

Treasure and Membership Reports: Christine Mooney:

- No dues or donations coming in during summer months.
- \$7,413.54, PayPal: \$34.83 (\$400 was transferred to checking). Total: \$7,448.37
- Members: 91 but 27 have not renewed with no new members.

VP Programs Report: Evie Carrier

Upcoming programs:

- *September 15*, “A Case for Black and White Travel Photography” with John Martin
- *October 20*, Steve Jessmore of GR, Architectural Photography (could be a live presentation).
- *November 17* Betsy Wilson—still life photographer will share other ideas she has—including motion photography.
- *December 15*, Michael Conner—Bucket List Adventurer & travel photographer.
- Evie looking for ideas for spring speakers.

VP Competition Report: Jeanne Quillan

- Interclub PSA Update-no competition during summer. 6 images from 6 people needed, Jeanne will decide which are entered from those submitted.
- Jeanne will scan PSA website to see what offers are available to GRCC.
- September Competition: Judges are Russ Barneveld, James Zeman. Jeanne is seeking one more.
- Images must be submitted for Sept competition on Sept 1.

Digital Coordinator: Shealyn McGee-Sarns absent, no report.

Lights and Shadows: Greg Ferguson

- Deadline August 19, noon. Next Newsletter formatted & ready to go.
- Jeanne requests competition changes from May be rerun in newsletter.
- Steve Port indicated he may submit an article.

Editing Challenge Update: Steve Port and Russ Barneveld

- Several entries for August have been received.
- Russ will send Jan the July and August images to publish.
- Edit challenge entries slowing down, will use various subjects/twists to keep up interest.
- Jan suggested September subject be announced soon. Wildlife was decided upon. Info will be included in Newsletter.

Workshops/Social Media Coordinator: Becky Humes and Russ Barneveld

- August Superhero Portrait Shoot – Aug 29
- Blandford Workshop-October 23

Website Report: Jan Lewis

- Website updated with new Banner—New Board members entered.
- Jan will update banner periodically.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Jan shared Survey results-33 responses received out of 102 which includes about 35 members that haven't paid dues. It was an information gathering exercise. See attached report.
2. Meeting Location: Grace Church vs. Grand Valley Artists. Motion made by Richard Combs to change meeting location to Grand Valley Artists on 29th St. once in-person meetings begin. Seconded by Kathy Kendall. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Decision by the Board regarding future meetings:
 - a. Consensus is Sept meeting of members will be a Zoom meeting.
 - b. Motion by James Zeman to begin meeting in-person in October with hybrid option and being guided by CDC recommendations. Seconded by Richard Coombs. Vote: 11 in favor, 1 dissention.
 - c. Jan will call meeting in late Sept. to re-assess the situation.
4. Print Competition:
 - a. Motion by James Zeman to discuss in the Nov Board meeting the resuming of print competition in January of 2022. Seconded by Evie Carrier. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Russ Barneveld and Evie Carrier have upcoming shows, along with others. Both will be in Newsletter, info needs to be sent on Aug 20. Evie will find out other photographers who are exhibiting so info can be shared with members. Also, Jan will include in an email.

Meeting adjourned by President Jan Lewis at 9:45 pm.

Next Meeting Date: November 10, 2021.

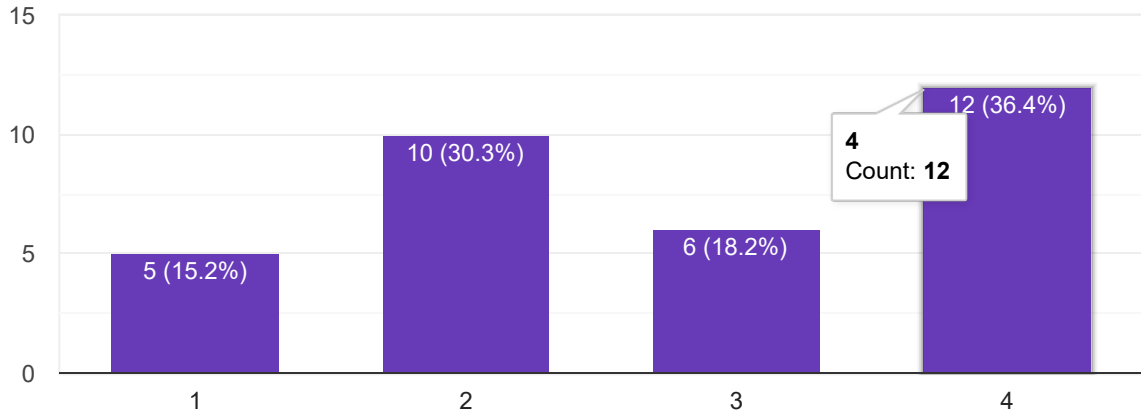
GRCC Membership Survey

33 responses

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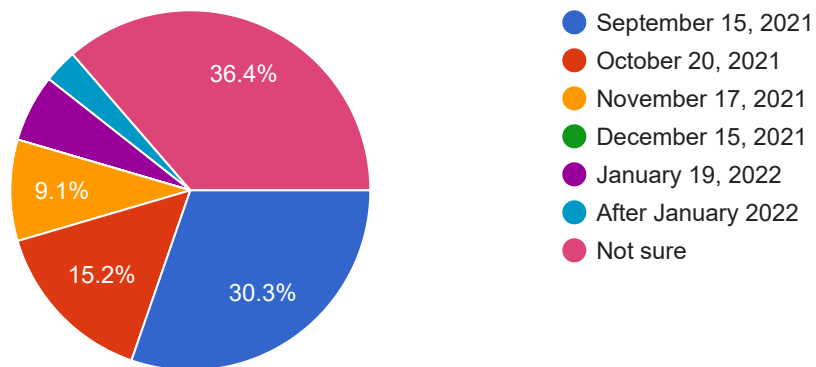
How likely would you be to attend an indoor In-Person GRCC meeting in September or October 2021?

33 responses



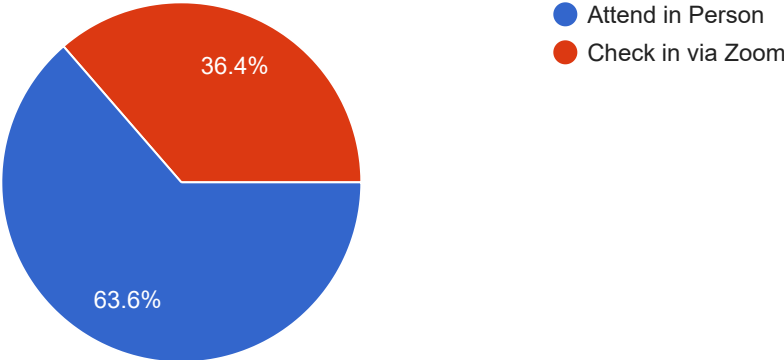
Given the current state of the Pandemic, in which month would you feel comfortable starting to attend an indoor In-Person club meeting? (Keep in mind that current CDC masking recommendations would be followed.)

33 responses



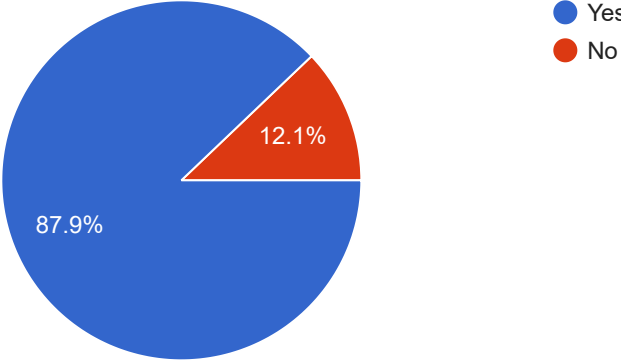
If our Club meeting was held both In-Person AND the program presentation was provided via ZOOM, do you think you would attend in person, or stay home and join in via Zoom?

33 responses



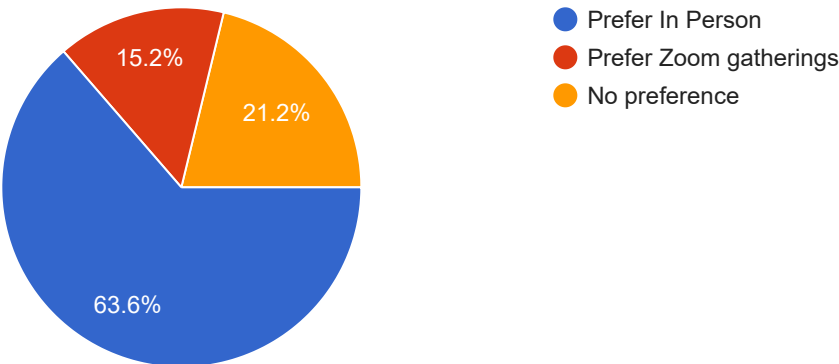
Have you attended any of our Zoom Gatherings in 2020/2021?

33 responses



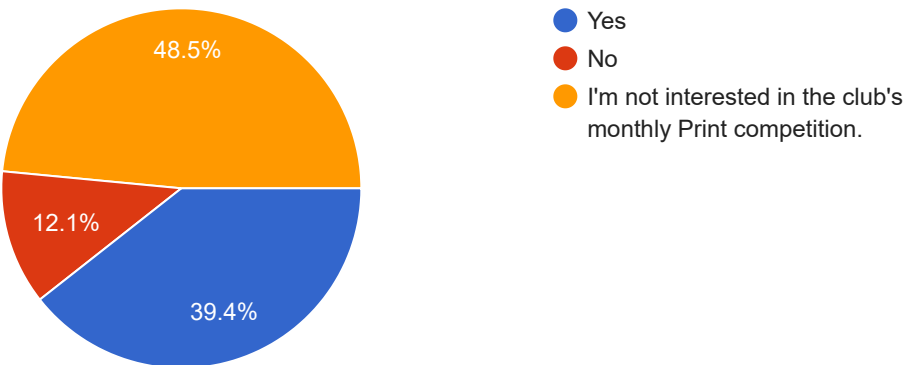
Overall... do you prefer meeting in person for our club meetings, or do you rather like the Zoom gatherings?

33 responses



If the monthly Print Competition were to start up again, would you submit prints... even if it required you to drop the prints off at specified locations?

33 responses



All my answers depend on the status of COVID & CDC decisions. Although I'm a print maker I would not be upset if prints were eliminated.

Survey answers influenced by the ever changing, never ending Covid issues. Jim Shearer

I liked how we could have presenters from around the country. Much easier the having them at club. I would like the presenters on the screen at the club, Most of all, I would like print competition started again. Not a problem to drop prints off at Jeannie's.

The reason we are still in this god-forsaken pandemic is because we refuse to stop pretending COVID-19 either never existed as anything more than a hoax, or is over. It is neither. Any decision to meet in person ignores the science that is constantly chasing the virus to provide the best and most up-to-date safety guidance possible. This is not a group decision, this is a leadership decision. It is not political, it is not economic. The virus knows no such manmade constructs, and does not intend to harm or kill its hosts, that is merely a consequence of its attempt to survive. If we could just be as vigilant and adaptive as SARS-CoV-2, maybe we could survive, too. If meeting return to F2F, count me out of the group. I want to be F2F, but only when it is well within reason to do so. At this time, it is not. Geoffrey Saint

all this depends upon what happens in the next weeks. sept is already via zoom and so i'd wait to make a decision. no easy answer

I live 100 miles away it would be hard for me to attend in person

I prefer showing prints to present my work.

While I am not concerned about COVID, my attendance is affected by involvement with other activities on Wednesday nights. So, even though I am willing to attend in-person meetings, I may not just because I am doing other things until the weather stops me from doing so.

I would always prefer personal meetings as long as it safe. Unfortunately, nobody how the COVID situation will develop over the next few months

I miss all your faces!

Because I am immune compromised the doctors want me to where a n-95 mask. At present we are advised that all should where mask indoors.

I am NOT wearing a mask. The "science" behind mask wearing is dubious. I am vaccinated.

I have nothing against zoom meetings, I am just far less likely to attend them. I do follow all of the cdc guidelines. Its just there is always "something else to do" when the zoom meetings are on. If that makes sense.

A lot depends on the CDC guidelines. "In Person" makes you feel like you belong to a club and allows people interaction.

Since the pandemic situation keeps changing, it's difficult to determine what will be happening in the next few months.

Many of our members are older and more vulnerable to this fast spreading pandemic. The new variant(s) are deadly, and not enough people are fully vaccinated yet. We need to be smart and patient, and safe by using Zoom.

Although I would rather attend the meetings in person, I don't know when I will feel safe attending. Since we are starting a 4th wave of COVID it is difficult to know how bad it will be and how long it will last. Also, I was unsure how to answer some of the questions since I don't know how many of the people who will attend the meeting will be vaccinated. I assumed every one would be wearing a mask until the CDC changes their indoor guidance.