

Grand Rapids Camera Club  
Board Meeting  
November 9, 2022

**Members in Attendance:** Christine Mooney, Evie Carrier, James Zeman, Jan Lewis, Jeanne Quillan, Mike Bergeon, Richard Coombs, Steve Port, Shealyn McGee Sarns, Kathy Kendall, Greg Ferguson and Della Landheer.

**Meeting called to order** by President Jan Lewis at 7:05 pm via Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sept 14, 2022 minutes approved as submitted.

**Presidents Report:** Jan Lewis

- Russ Barneveld has resigned from the Board. Jan would like suggestions for a replacement.
- Program Recording Logistics: Jan is planning to set up Zoom for meetings but not to the public, only for Jan, Shealyn and the speaker.
- GVA agreement: plan is to continue the contract through 2023, no price increase, one free month with full payment. Judging for yearend will be at GVA. They are very cooperative.
- Time for 2023 Budget—Jan wants to delay further discussion regarding any dues increase until after we see and can evaluate numbers for 2022. Jeanne and Evie will assist Jan and Christine with budget, Zoom meeting between now and end of year.
- December holiday food: desserts appetizers/finger foods needed. Helpers: Mike, Evie, Kathy, Della.

**Treasure and Membership Reports:** Christine Mooney

- Checking account balance is \$7,480.05. Pay Pal account balance is \$137.35 for a total of \$7,617.40. Equipment balance: \$1,773.56.
- Members: 87, 10 have not renewed for 2022. 8 new members to date in 2022. Dues are about half of projection for the year. Income derived from 50/50, dues and donations to equipment fund. Question for Christine from Jeanne: can you add a column to membership list with date people join the club? Yes.

**VP Competition Report:** Jeanne Quillan

- Old business: Print Committee recommendations, each recommendation voted on separately.
  - #1. A motion was made by Steve Port, seconded by Mike Bergeon to accept the committee's recommendation to change print competition to: 1. conduct print competition 4x a year (March, May, October, and December), with a maximum of 6 print images allowed per members per judging session. 2. The assigned category for that month will no longer be required as one of the 6 print images, though members are free to include the assigned category if desired. 3. Judges may also select a favorite print as judges choice, if they would like. 4. We will augment print competition with gallery showings when possible throughout the year. 9 yea, 2 nay. Passed

#2. Was not voted on because we are not going to change anything

#3. A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Shea and Richard to revise the judges viewing distance to 5 feet for images 12" or less on the long dimension, and a viewing distance of 7 feet for images larger than 12" on the long dimension. The stated dimensions are based on the image size not including any mount. (Prior viewing distances were 6 and 9 feet.) This change aligns with current PSA recommendations. The motion also includes the addition of a Minimum print entry size, including mount, of 10" on the long side. (Maximum long side size, including mount, will remain at 20"). In addition, Jeanne will be enforcing our current rule, stating that prints must be mounted on a rigid background such as mat board or foam core. Passed unanimously.

#4. A motion was made by James, seconded by Kathy to accept the committee's recommendation to decrease the number of submitted images required to qualify for Photographer of the Year from 40, down to 36 in any combination of prints and /or digital, beginning with the 2023 competition year. All other qualifying requirements for Photographer of the Year will remain the same. NOTE: This change means submission in the print division is not necessarily required for a member to qualify for the POY award. 10 yay, 1 nay. Passed.

#5. A motion was made by Jeanne, seconded by Mike to discontinue awarding a trophy to the member(s) achieving Top Score Digital and Top Score Print. The data will still be tracked and ribbons will be awarded in place of the trophy. Passed unanimously.

- November competition/judges: Jeanne, Russ & Mike Bergeon.
- Year End Competition Plans: Jan 28 is year end, need three local judges, have one. Motion by Jeanne to limit entries to four instead of five. Second by Steve Port. Passed unanimously.
- PSA Interclub competition: different sizing for PSA is confusing. Jeanne received quite a few entries, she saves extras in a file for later use.

**VP Programs Report:** Evie Carrier

- Upcoming programs:
  - November: Tim Payne, Backyard Birding Techniques.
  - December: Alison Mees via Zoom
  - January: 52 Frames.com
  - February: Yearend event

**Digital Coordinator:** Shealyn McGee-Sarns

- Shea needs help in January, Jan volunteered

**Lights and Shadows:** Greg Ferguson

- Next Deadline: Nov 23, noon.

**Educational Zoom Meetings** (in place of Edit Challenge): Steve Port and Russ Barneveld

- Focus will be educational, keeping up with changes in photography, perhaps an in-person presentation.. Target start date is February. Send info via newsletter and email.

**Workshops:**

- Currently, nothing is scheduled. It was noted that Becky Humes has a glass studio, shoot for nominal fee of \$10.

**Website Report:** Jan Lewis

- Looking for person to do a redesign. Present site is 12 years old, web server is free. Square Space, preferred by Shea, is \$15/mo.

**Old business:** None

**New business:** None

**Meeting adjourned** by President Jan Lewis at 9:42.

Minutes submitted by Della Landheer, Secretary