

Grand Rapids Camera Club  
Board Meeting  
September 14, 2022

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

**Meeting called to order** by President Jan Lewis at 7:04 pm via Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 11, 2022 minutes approved as submitted.

**Presidents Report:** Jan Lewis

- Steve Mueller passing: Board members Jeanne Quillan and Kathy Kendall went to the funeral and a few non-board members attended.
- Future of Hybrid meetings: Difficult meetings for Jan to conduct. Some members use it as an excuse to not attend meetings. Kathy made a motion that in November we go to in person and/or recorded meetings and discontinue the hybrid. Seconded by Evie. Motion carried.
- Budget/Membership forecast—is it time to consider a dues increase? Jan says the only income we have is from dues. \$840 taken in to date. GVA dues recently went to \$60 from \$35. Expenses have increased, rent, speakers and Zoom membership. Jan requested Board members to think about an increase, possibly \$45, a decision will be made at the November Board meeting. Question was asked, “what was our financial total last year?” Christine reported \$7,748 was the financial balance one year ago for an increase of approx. \$300 to date.

**Treasure and Membership Reports:** Christine Mooney

- Checking account balance is \$7,444.24. Pay Pal account balance is \$327.35 for a total of \$7,771.59. Equipment balance: 1,773.56.
- Members: 84, 11 have not renewed for 2022, they will remain on mailing list for a full year before being deleted, Jan has emailed them twice. 5 new members to date in 2022.

**VP Programs Report:** Evie Carrier

- Upcoming programs:
    - September: Mike Mitchell.
    - October: Brent Paul-Zoom meeting, Presentation on Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons.
    - November: Tim Payne, Backyard Birding Techniques.
    - December: 52 Frames.com, which is an on-line weekly challenge, James and Russ will present.
- Evie mentioned that December 7, 7:00 pm is a program on long exposures through SWMCCC, Jan suggested sending an email to GRCC members to advertise that program.

**Digital Coordinator:** Shealyn McGee-Sarns

- Hard Drive: the club laptop is slowing down and is 2/3's full. She would like an extra hard drive. Question: how many years of images should we keep?
    - Shea has images 2018 to present plus more on her personal computer.
    - Images from March of 2020 forward are on the GRCC website.
    - A new hard drive is under \$100.
- Decision: use an external HD for storage of 5 years of images and past competition records or, if storage in cloud service is retrievable, use that instead. Jan will check.

**Lights and Shadows:** Greg Ferguson

- Next Deadline: September 23. Greg cannot do the newsletter for the foreseeable future. Jan did the last newsletter, send articles to her.

**Editing Challenge Update:** Steve Port and Russ Barneveld

- More participation is needed. Discussion—should it be continued? Decision to continue to end of year and then re-evaluate.

**VP Competition Report:** Jeanne Quillan

- Interclub PSA Update. New year coming on club competition. Jeanne will send images in categories J, O and N, one image per club member, 6 images needed to compete. Jeanne will write a newsletter article encouraging members to participate.
- September Competition Judges—Steve Port, Becky Humes and Richard Coombs.
- Print Committee Update: Committee met several times through summer, a survey was sent out, answers were reviewed.

Kathy Kendall moves to approve the new print recommendations pending reading of the document by Board members, vote by return email within one week. Second by Evie. Jan will email document to Board members. Questions to Jeanne, vote to Jan.

**Warning:** 29<sup>th</sup> St. is under construction, best to enter GVA via 28<sup>th</sup> St. and Schulers for Sept. meeting.

**Workshops:**

- Kathy will check on huge car museum to determine cost and numbers of attendees allowed. Jan suggested the Discovery Center.

**Website Report:** Jan Lewis

- Website issues: site is 12 years old, needs a refresh. Jan cannot find a webmaster. Shealyn would be willing to serve as webmaster if we can find a new Digital Coordinator.

**Old business:** None

**New business:** None

**Meeting adjourned** by President Jan Lewis at 9:31p. Next Board meeting is November 9 via Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Della Landheer, Secretary

**September 18, 2022**

**ADDENDUM to Board minutes of September 14, 2022**

Re: Print Competition Recommendations for 2023

In light of the confusion regarding this recommendation and in consideration of the complexity of the issues, email voting is suspended effective immediately. The print competition recommendation will be on the agenda for the November Board meeting when all board members can participate in the discussion and a vote taken.

Added by Della Landheer, for President Jan Lewis

