

Grand Rapids Camera Club
Board Meeting
January 11, 2023

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

Meeting called to order by President Jan Lewis at 7:03 pm via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: Nov. 9, 2022 minutes approved as submitted.

Presidents Report: Jan Lewis

- James Zeman has resigned from the Board. Jan welcomed Jack Eichner who will fulfil the remainder of Russ Barneveld's term.
- A contract has been signed with GVA for space rental, paying in full in January earned a 10% discount.
- Elections in May: The positions of President, VP Programming and Secretary are open to be filled by election. Jan as President and Evie as VP of Programs will not run again. Della agreed to run as Secretary. Board positions up for re-election: Steve Port, Richard Coombs and Jack Eichner, along with a one-year term position (vacated by James Zeman).
- GRAM photography exhibit in February runs for 2.5 months. Jan mentioned a possible group trip.
- 2022 Budget: over budgeted on dues, under budgeted on programming expense, **shortfall: \$4.06**. 55 members paid for 2022. Much discussion was had on how to attract new members to improve our bottom line.
- A subcommittee, to be called Membership Outreach, is assigned by Jan to investigate advertising possibilities and other ideas to increase membership. Members: Jack Eichner (coordinator), Richard Coombs, Jan Lewis & Shea McGee Sarns.
- Jan will bring existing club brochures to next meeting for members to pass out.
- Motion by Jeanne Quillan to invite GVA members to attend our meetings for 3 months at no charge. Seconded by Evie Carrier. Motion passed.
- Motion by Della Landheer to accept the 2023 budget as presented. Seconded by Kathy Kendall, Motion passed.

Treasure and Membership Reports: Christine Mooney

- Checking account balance is \$8,124.55. Pay Pal account balance is \$172.35 for a total of \$8,296.90. Equipment balance: \$1,788.56 (this amount is included within the checking acct. balance).
- Total income received in ovember and December for 2023 dues: \$875.
- Members: 79 on the list, 34 ~~have resigned~~ are up to date for 2023. One new member each in November and December, 2022. 10 inactive people removed from roster by Christine.

VP Programs Report: Evie Carrier

- January—Russ Barneveld and James Zeman will present 52 Frames program.
- Feb—awards banquet. Jan will put information in the newsletter. Evie and Kathy will help with refreshments.
- March—video on photo journalism. Jeanne and Evie.
- April or May—Susan Smith.

VP Competition Report: Jeanne Quillan

- Year End Competition: all entries are in, 493 digital images entered. Three judges are: Steve Jessmore, Dianne Carroll Burdick and June Kuiper. Jan and Jeanne will organize lunch for competition day. Helpers are set. YE Prints must be to Jeanne by Jan 22. Competitors may bring them to Jan. 18 club meeting.
- Competition update—next print competition is in March. March Prints may be brought to Feb. 15 meeting.
- Interclub PSA update: Russ won HM. Jim Knapp, Randy, Jeanne won merit awards. GRCC will be judging PSA Monochrome in February.
- Wyoming Library Photo Exhibit Feb. 19, 6 weeks exhibit. Mail Chimp will go out with details, up to 4 framed prints allowed. Gallery reception date is needed.
- Membership manual revisions: Jan and Jeanne will work on it soon.

Digital Coordinator: Shealyn McGee-Sarns

- Shea is working on year end competition.

Lights and Shadows: Greg Ferguson

- Next Deadline: Jan. 23, noon, for February issue.
- Russ and Evie have photo exhibits coming up that should be in newsletter.

Educational Zoom Meetings: Steve Port and Russ Barneveld

- Russ says he is working on it. Uncertain what or when it will happen

Workshops/Trips/Outings:

- GRAM: Jan will investigate a private tour of photography exhibit.
- A lot of discussion occurred at the end of the meeting, a person to organize outings is needed.

Website Report: Jan Lewis

- Nothing new to report.

Old business: None

New business: None

Next Board meeting: March 8, 2023

Meeting adjourned by President Jan Lewis at 9:15.

Minutes submitted by Della Landheer, Secretary