

Grand Rapids Camera Club
Board Meeting
September 13, 2023

Members in Attendance: Russ Barneveld, Mike Bergeon, Richard Coombs, Jack Eichner, Kathy Kendall, Della Landheer, Jan Lewis, Shealyn McGee Sarns, Christine Mooney, Steve Port, Ruth Thornton, Jeanne Quillan.

Meeting called to order by Jeanne Quillan, President pro tem at 7:07pm

Approval May Minutes: Della Landheer

- Approved with one change: ODC Correction from May 10, 2023 meeting: \$920 collected, profit \$420. Richard Coombs made motion to approve May 30 addendum minutes on AI meeting. Passed.

Presidents Report: Jeanne Quillan, President pro tem

- Jeanne welcomed the board back for another season and thanked those who re-upped (Della, Steve, Richard, Jack). Welcome to new Board Members, Russ Barneveld, Ruth Thornton.
- Greg Ferguson has resigned as editor of Lights and Shadows. No newsletter was done for September. Question asked: do we need one? A quarterly newsletter could be considered. A Word version works to publish a newsletter as opposed to publishing software. Jeanne will ask at the next meeting if anyone is interested in doing the newsletter.
- How to proceed without a President. Division of responsibilities. Jeanne mentioned that differing board members could run the meetings. For now, Jeanne, Russ, Richard and possibly Becky will host the general meetings.
- Time to return to in-person Board meetings? After a vote, it was decided to continue Zoom for now.

Treasurer and Membership Reports: Christine Mooney, Treasurer

- Checking account balance is \$8,676.38. Paypal balance is \$172.55 for a total balance of \$8,848.93. Equipment fund balance is \$1,910.61 (included in the total balance).
- Total members 2023 to date: 72. 18 did not renew. 1 new member in May, 1 new member in June.
- Zoom costs \$14.50/mo, because it's the cost of doing business, decision made to keep Zoom year around.

Website Report: Shealyn McGee Sarns

- Squarespace Update. We have been charged an additional fee by Dreamhost since May due to our out-of-date PHP software.
- The new website is up and running, same address. Board expressed appreciation to Shea for her work to establish a new website.
- Members will be solicited for new images from around Grand Rapids for the Home Page. Images should be full resolution.

Membership Outreach Committee Report: Jack, Shea & Richard

- A lot of info was collected, now we need to sift through to determine what is doable. Key is, comments that were gathered have been brought up before. Board needs to determine what should be implemented, soon. Feedback to members is clearly needed. Jack would like the board to break into 3 committees, take one category each and make recommendations. Richard would like to have board decide the order of implementation. Ruth talked about establishing a *Facebook Group* to invite members to an event. Would be a simple way to encourage social contact and interaction. Decision: each board member should email Jack indicating which question 2, 3 or 4 that they would like to work on. (reference email of Fri Sept 8). Next meeting date to meet for discussion: Oct 11.

Fundraising Mail Campaign Report: Della Landheer

- Total cost for donor envelopes and stamps: \$145.42. Within the \$150 budget.
- Mid October the flyer will be released for the Facebook page and to send out a Mail Chimp appeal.

VP Programs Report: Russ Barneveld

- Scavenger Hunt to be held in October.
- Russ has plans through February. Needs suggestions for March, April, May and June.

VP Competition Report: Jeanne Quillan

- Membership Manual revised for AI guidelines
- September Judges: Jan Lewis, Russ Barneveld and Diane Durand.
- PSA has changed sizing, new dimensions: 1920ppi x 1080ppi.
- PSA has program for club members for critiquing images, limited to 30. Needs to be arranged ahead of time, board members indicated interest.
- From Jack: PSA has posted a statement on AI and photography.

Educational Zoom meetings: Steve Port & Russ Barneveld

- No Outside the Box plans at this time. Russ is open to suggestions.

Gallery Exhibits:

- Jack will check out Ada Library. Russ will check with Sarah-GVA. Christine says she visits Forest Hills Art Center, they have a gallery, is that a possibility?

Workshops/Trips: No Report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned: Russ made motion to adjourn, second by Jan at 9:04.

Minutes submitted by Della Landheer, Secretary