

Grand Rapids Camera Club  
Board Meeting  
January 10, 2024

**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. Guest: Jim Shearer.

**Meeting called to order** by Jeanne Quillan, President pro tem at 7:05 pm.

**September Minutes:** Della Landheer, Secretary

- Motion made to approve minutes by Jan, second by Ruth. Approved.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Jeanne Quillan

- 2024 Budget: Mostly stayed the same with a few minor changes. Publicity amount was increased. No questions from the board. Motion to accept the budget by Mike Burgeon, seconded by Jan. Approved.
- Resthaven Photography Contest. This memory care facility is seeking photos for their facility and will be holding a photography contest. They are looking for images that reflect scenes along the general lakeshore area. Submit digital images Feb 1-29, they will print at their expense. Prizes for the winners.

**Treasurer and Membership Reports:** Christine Mooney, Treasurer

- Checking account balance is \$10,941.52. Paypal balance is \$182.94 for a total balance of \$11,124.46. Equipment fund balance is \$1,875.64 and is included in the total balance. \$665.00 received as dues from members. Jan will send an email reminder that it's time to pay dues.
- Total 2023 Fund Raiser, Sept-Dec is \$2,239.79.
- Total members to date: 99. 17 did not renew for 2023. 2 new members each in Nov and Dec.
- Motion to accept treasurer report by Jeanne, seconded by Jack. Approved.

**VP of Competition:** Jeanne Quillan

- Year End Competition plans. Things are moving along, members responded with their entry choices. Judging is January 27 at GVA.
- Year End Award meeting-need volunteers, Della will get cake, Dianne Durand will help with handing out awards, Russ or Randy could possibly help with slides.
- Year End Print competition. Fewer prints this year due to the change in rules.
- From PSA: GRCC will be presented with a 90-year member certificate.

**VP Programs Report:** Russ Barneveld

- Upcoming programs: March is open, Richard has possibly lined up someone for sports photography. April-Henry Grotski, black and white photography. May-Jim Zeman is working up a program.
- 6 groups entered the Scavenger Hunt. Russ has display ready for Jan 17 meeting.
- Workshop: March 27—Sandy Freed works at Apple store and would like to do an iphone photography demo.

**Membership Outreach Committee:** Jack

- Update on what has been accomplished—Jack is following up with libraries. Shea will be working on a new logo and flyer.

**Digital Coordinator:** Shea

- No report.

**New Business:**

**1.** Proposal for the addition of a non-competitive category:

Russ made a motion to create a new, non-competitive Exhibition category to the Grand Rapids Camera Club.

Proposed Guidelines:

- Photographers may opt out of regular club competition or split their four submissions between the two areas, competition and non-competition.
- Photographers may submit a maximum four images per month.
- The Exhibition category would be strictly an open category following the Open category rules.
- The Exhibition category for *prints* may be displayed in the months that the club does NOT have print competitions.

Motion seconded by Mike, Vote was 10 yes, 2 no. Approved. The category will be called Exhibition.

**2.** Jeanne brought up that a member entered a nude image in January competition that she feels is not in good taste. The image was judged and will be shown, the board will see what the reaction is from the membership and take action if needed.

**Motion to adjourn** by Jan, second by Jack. Meeting adjourned at 9:13.

**Minutes submitted** by Della Landheer, Secretary