

ACCC BOARD MEETING - MARCH 27, 2010 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1 PM by Stan Bormann, President.

Stan announced that items to consider at the meeting were the Leadership Forum, the Fall Round Up, The digital competition and the Nature definition as used by PSA.

John Beamer reported that the Fall Round Up are coming together nicely. They have the rooms reserved, the cost of the meal which is being catered by the Sun Lakes facility and the menu is set. John will get together with Jim Warthman to review other expenses involved and then will announce the cost of the event to the membership.

Jim reported that the Spring Round Up of this day will come close to breaking even. The attendance is 158.

Since Board members are at scattered tables for the Round Up luncheon and may get served lunch late, there can be a problem with them finishing in time for the Board meeting following lunch. Therefore, it was recommended that Board members be invited to the buffet table first to alleviate this potential problem.

Dave Erickson is working on revisions in the competition rules. As such, he presented the new PSA definition of Nature for ACCC to consider adopting. It reads as follows:

“Nature Photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict observations from all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archeology, in such a fashion that a well informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify as to its honest presentation. The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining a high technical quality. Human elements shall not be present, except where those human elements enhance the nature story. The presence of scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals is permissible. Photographs of artificially produced hybrid plants or animals, mounted specimens, or obviously set arrangements, are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement. No techniques that add to, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements except by cropping are permitted. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photography without changing the nature story or the pictorial content are permitted. All adjustments must appear natural.”

Dave added the following:

This definition does not limit nature photography to Wildlife subjects. Scenics, zoo shots and game farm shots are permitted. Processing techniques such as levels, saturation, sharpening, HDR, Helicon Focus and panoramic stitching are permitted as long as they do not change the nature story or the pictorial content. Modifying the scene to remove the hand of man using processes such as cloning the contents of the image is not permitted.

After some discussion Dave made a motion to **“Adopt the PSA Nature definition for ACCC competitions”** The motion was seconded by John Frelich and passed unanimously.

John Frelich brought up some difficulties with the digital competition. With the addition of the new Monochrome category it was confirmed that only six entries per person is allowed for the digital competition. It was also reconfirmed that the maximum size of any entry be 500K.

A discussion followed concerning the submission of the same image for both print and digital competitions at the same Round Up. It was determined that while we would like to limit the entries to only one of the same image per Round Up, it would be difficult to enforce. It was decided to suggest that any image should be submitted only once per Round Up when the Competition Rules are redone.

Joe Webster brought the Board up to date on progress for the Leadership Forum this summer. Decisions still have to be made on what type of facility to use. It was suggested that we should plan for around 60 people to attend with at least two members of each club participating. The purpose of this event should be for an exchange of ideas among the clubs so that they might be of better service to their members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Bernardine Ginsberg, Secretary