

ACCC Fall 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Sundial Recreation Center, Sun City, AZ

Saturday, September 30, 2017

The ACCC Fall Board Meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Joe Webster at Sundial Recreation Center in Sun City. Joe welcomed new members Saddlebrook Photography Club and Barbara and Roddy Wilder and asked everyone to introduce themselves with their club name.

Roll Call and Minutes – Present were representatives of Camera Guild, Grand Photos, Phoenix, Photography West, Prescott, Saddlebrook, Saguaro, Sedona, Sun City Festival, Sun Lakes, Trilogy, and West Valley Photography Clubs. Secretary Shirley Bormann stated that since all clubs but Rim Country and Westbrook Village were present, there was a quorum. She asked for approval of the minutes from last spring's board meeting previously sent out after that meeting and yesterday. She also asked for acceptance of the short minutes taken at the Roundup of the Executive Committee. It was brought up that there was a slight error in the terminology of the February 25 board meeting where file size was incorrectly referred to as "mg" instead of "MB". Other than this error on the February 25 minutes, a motion was made by Craig Watts and seconded by Ella Schreiber and the minutes were accepted. (*attached.*)

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Maryann Rapp said that there was \$9803.10 in the checking account and another \$823.60 from PayPal would be deposited early next week. She said that the revenue from Jan 1 till now was \$4,750.40 (for spring registration, digital image and print revenue) with dues bringing in another \$260.) Expenses for the Roundup were \$5,371.72. Said the Awards fees were higher than normal in spring.

Competition report – Competition Secretary Jim Warthman said there were 506 prints (there were 554 in spring). He appreciates when the club reps can get the report before the meeting and if possible, the spreadsheet should be in Excel. Said its good if one spreadsheet can be sent rather than several versions. Jim asked the club reps to use the spreadsheet "popups" to get the correct category and club abbreviations.

Club awards – Jim suggested that club awards have write-ups of rules so the judges know what they are looking for. Prescott recently submitted their requirements to award the "Excellence in Landscape Award". If the clubs who are sponsoring the awards want to attend the judging to help choose the image, that is great, otherwise the judges will choose. Discussion about the judges choosing the club awards. Tom Foley suggested its good for judges to jot down notes while judging to remember top ones in those categories so they can keep those in mind when choosing club awards. Discussion about need for definition and whether it should be in rules. Craig Watts suggested making a motion that respective clubs submit a definition by the next board meeting if the sponsoring clubs want to add a definition to their category so the Board can vote on it then. Lynn Thompson suggested the motion should be that if sponsoring clubs *want* a definition other than what is in the rules they will need to submit a definition before next competition, seconded by Tom Foley and approved.

Print judging is on Thursday in Gilbert – Tom said have three judges from three different clubs- Sun Lakes, Phoenix and Saguaro.

Print stands - Tom said he has only 320 print stands -- still needs 150 more. Dick Lund will bring 50 more stands Friday. (Terri Parks agreed that he can borrow the rest from Camera Guild.) ACCC needs to get more print stands itself.

Projected Image Report – Sheldon Wecker was unable to attend the meeting and Shirley gave his report. He received a total of 886 images, about 486 which came in the last 3-4 days. Said the new server is working well. Projected image judging is on Sunday, October 8 at Grand Photos studio. Asked that if any club giving special award interested in attending, let him know so lunch can be ordered. Judges will choose if no rep provided. In addition to the judges, 5 or 6 additional people are needed to operate computers, record scores, set up for lunch. He also needs someone to assemble the slideshow, etc. Said that he has used people from the same “well” in spring and now again for fall and in looking ahead for 2018, really would like to get some new people (from different clubs) involved. Please contact Sheldon for suggestions for new volunteers for next spring.

Projector – Laptop - John Livoti added that Stan Bormann has the projector and laptop and that Sheldon or Stan would bring to the Roundup. (Sun Lakes will have theirs as backup.) Discussion about bulb – Joe asked if extra bulb was purchased. (no) Stan said that he thought using a backup projector was a better idea than purchasing another expensive bulb.

Roundup – Ella asked if there were any door prizes. John said he had one from PSA, and a really nice one from Westcott. Ella suggested that John contact Kathleen Reeder for some books, and suggested that John Frelich be contacted to get a Arizona Highways donation. Roundup brochures are ready, both on the website but he brought some flyers too. John said that gluten-free meals can be made available if asked ahead of time. John suggested bringing PayPal receipt in case name doesn't show up on list. October 26 is the last day of registration for food count.

Program Director – Ella Schreiber said that Kathleen Reeder, wildlife specialist, was the speaker for the upcoming Roundup. Joe asked if any speakers were scheduled for next spring. She said that she had not contacted anyone for next year, that she been doing this for a number of years and thought it was time for someone else to step up to the plate.

Ethics Report – Harold Johnson gave his normal report -- nothing to report. Discussion that it was good he had nothing to report but Lynn Thompson said it was necessary to have an Ethics Committee should something come up such as intentional rule violations, retitling images, etc.

Honors Committee – Ella Schreiber sent a notification in the Chronicle asking for nominations for Honors and received no responses – nothing. There are no nominees. Shirley Bormann mentioned that the Chronicle is published in the summertime and perhaps not read by as many people at that time. Suggested that an announcement be made at the Roundup so people are

made aware of it. Stan Bormann suggested that it might help to have Honors submissions before the Spring roundup instead of Fall when members are more conscious of volunteers.

Old business - Overmats of prints. Discussion - Ella Schreiber said when she was print chair, the overmats added weight and they get caught but weight was the big issue. Tom Foley, Print Chair, has no problem with them. Said he and a few others at the Roundup last spring sampled 100 prints out of 550 prints. Said ended up being fewer than 15 percent of the prints had overmats, and added 17-20 extra pounds, to him not a big deal. In terms of claim that it is a big advantage, he's not sure that anyone had 1st, 2nd or 3rd with overmat. Terry Parks said that some of those were disqualified at their judging a year ago.

Craig Watts said he would make a motion to disallow overmats. If it fails, will make another motion to allow them. Whatever decision is made, has to apply to future events. John Livoti said prints mounted on mounting board that were double and triple matted were disqualified. Barbara Wilder read the rules which allows a single overmat. Jim W. said generally we try to encourage participation and people entering competition. We want people to submit prints but when the print chair doesn't believe it's an issue he personally thinks the less restrictive we are the better. Rules say allow one overmat, just follow guidelines. Craig Watts said if overmatting is currently allowed, we should reaffirm that and need to follow it. Thinks we should make a motion to table the issue. Concerned that we spend a lot of time talking about it but no one wants to make change. Craig withdrew his motion to disallow and instead made motion to table the issue, Don Price seconded, and motion passed. Tom said far more important that there is nothing on the print back that causes damage, if there is sticky stuff, etc. Tom said that he assumes that the club representatives check prints out in advance, that you check Nature prints to make sure no Hand of Man, etc.

Website - John Livoti said that the new Visual Pursuits website is almost ready to go, maybe by December. Said a Sun Lakes person has been helping set it up and that John Vekich from Trilogy who has 40 years in the IT business may be part of it. He offered to look at the Visual Pursuits website and it looks like he may be willing to be the Administrator, while the Sun Lakes person who is doing their website can update new information and is looking to jazz it up.... Don Price said that ACCC is primarily to run Competitions and would like to have easier access to Competition on the front page. Said it would be nice to have two people to do that if one is unavailable.

Shirley Bormann suggested that a gift certificate be given to Tom Ginsberg as a token of appreciation for all the years he has helped with the ACCC webpage which was supported by the group.

New Business:

Nominations Chair – Stan Bormann, Nominating Chair, asked if there were any additional nominees for the slate of officers to take over after the Fall Roundup. There being none, the following slate of officers was unanimously approved for the 2017-2018 term:

President - **John Livoti**; President-Elect – **Ella Schreiber**; Treasurer - **Maryann Rapp**; Secretary – **Shirley Bormann**.

Said the candidates are from four different clubs which is good but said next time around would like to have other candidates from different clubs. Said haven't had officers from Phoenix or Saguaro for quite a while. Will need to look at President Elect to work with Ella after she takes over and will work with Ella on finding replacement. Said it's possible the Treasurer or Secretary may want to leave at that time so if anyone from one of the clubs is interested to let him know. Stan said the Nominating Committee is only responsible for these 4 positions. (Other slots are filled by the President.)

Other new business:

Photojournalism - Stan brought up that the Grand Canyon Exhibition started out as a Photo Travel competition but then added Projected Image, Nature and now Photojournalism section. Stan thought that many of our members could use some training on photojournalism and that Larry Cowles has volunteered to do a presentation on photojournalism. (Shirley said perhaps could do at Roundup next spring.) Stan suggested that maybe we should have some flexibility in ACCC competition to try other categories in either print or projected images. Tom Foley said we might be able to remove one of existing categories in prints. Said currently have Mono Open and Mono Nature and in digital have just Mono. Discussion about various options. Mono Nature could be deleted from Prints and another category added instead. Lynn Thompson suggested that we should really try to align our definitions more with PSA definitions. Said PSA does not have a Mono Nature section. Should only need a Nature category which could be either color or mono. Said the closer we align ourselves to PSA's definition, the easier it will be for our members to compete and the easier it is for judges to judge. He said often different clubs have different definitions which is difficult for judging. Stan said that perhaps Photo Travel and Photo Journalism can be rotated in alternating years. Lynn suggested getting a committee of perhaps 6 people together to add some sections that more closely align to PSA definitions and categories. Jim agreed to the idea and it was generally agreed that the Competition Secretary (Jim Warthman), Print Chair (Tom Foley), Digital Chair (Sheldon Wecker) and at least Lynn Thompson and Stan Bormann be part of this committee.

Roundup questions - John Livoti brought up questions about Roundup that the President of Sun Lakes had including increasing break time to view prints. *(There is not really time in schedule for more breaks, that people could come early, look at morning and afternoon breaks and at lunch time.)*

Slide show of projected images – was asked if we can increase viewing time of slides for a few seconds more to be able to read name and look at the image. *(Currently HMs and above go 5 seconds, non-acceptances less, etc.)* Can't add much more time unless we want to be at the Roundup till after 4 pm. Discussion about length of slide show and number of images – Don Price thinks we should cut number of images allowed to submit to 6 or 8. Tom Foley asked for

a show of hands - how many people would vote for 8 images maximum (most people able to vote agreed – no one supported reducing to 6 images). It was discussed that it may not be easy to build into the software that only 8 images are allowed but should be looked at to lessen number of images displayed so time viewed can be lengthened.

Duplicate images – prints and slides – Rules do not allow duplicate images but happened last Roundup on several images. Ella mentioned that its helpful when Digital and Print chair attend each other’s judging to avoid this so duplicate images could be disqualified.

Used equipment - John was contacted about the passing of Jim Meyers in an email and was asked if we could do a moment of silence at ACCC and if a friend of Jim Meyers could sell his camera equipment. The board discussed this issue and decided that it was not appropriate to do either at ACCC. John noted that once the new website was up and running there would be a spot to sell used equipment.

Phoenix Suns Game – John Livoti said that ACCC and PSA AZ were offered a chance to shoot courtside on Sunday, January 14 with the Phoenix Suns and opposing team as they are warming up before the basketball game started with the club photographer who would coach with settings etc. (We cannot shoot during the game itself.) We do have to have to guarantee a certain number of ticket sales. ACCC and PSA AZ can purchase tickets ranging from \$22-\$34. We are not limited to the number of seats so family members can also sit in the stands while the photographers are courtside before the game taking photos. Asked if ACCC will put \$100 down. (PSA AZ paid \$100 as well.) Agreed to do this and Treasurer will cut check. He will send more information to all ACCC and PSA Arizona Chapter members by email.

Website fees – John Livoti said that Jim Warthman has been billed for quite awhile now on auto pay for website fees. John asked if Jim can submit a late bill to the ACCC treasurer? He will do a breakdown of what he spent. It was approved with no motion needed.

Bank signatures needed after Roundup - Maryann reminded John that after he became president that the names at the bank needed to be changed before the end of the year. Secretary and Treasurer need to be in attendance too.

Motion made by Craig Watts, seconded by Don Price to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Bormann
ACCC Secretary

Attachments: Amended Minutes of March 25 Board Meeting and Treasurers Report