

Nassau County Camera Club

Zoom Teleconference - Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, 8/11/20

Board Members in attendance: Dave Curtin, Helen Albano, Jane Allegretti, Julie Allegretti, Susan Kozodoy-Silkowitz and Steven Kessler -

Absent- Joe Senzatimore

Treasurer Report: Helen reported - She reviewed the end of year audit to close out the 2019-2020 club year and it was reviewed and approved. The monthly Treasurer's Report for 7/31/2020 was presented and there is a balance of \$3,200.42. A proposed budget for the upcoming 2020-2021 year was also submitted by Helen and voted on and accepted by the board.

The Programs / Workshops Report: Steven, Vinnie and Dave reported - For this year, all programs/presentations will initially be on-line Zoom meetings. It is possible that pending the health/pandemic situation and the library availability that all presentations this year will remain on-line but this will be reviewed as the year progresses and will be determined in the future. Now that dates are set, we are working on the booking the presentations for the first half of the club year and presenters will be contacted to firm up this schedule.

Judges Chair: Susan reported – Now that the competition schedule is now set, Susan is exploring past and possible new judges for our remote on-line competitions the 2020-2021 club year. A number of possible judges for our on-line competitions have been suggested by board and club members.

Competition Report: Dave reported - Dates for this year's nine competitions are set and will be shared via email and the website with our membership.

Membership Report: Steven reported - During the summer we received one possible new member who contacted us via the website. A detailed welcome back email will be drafted and sent to members in the near future. Annual club dues of \$50.00 remain the same as in past years. Interested parties who may wish to join NCCC will be invited to attend on-line meetings to see if they wish to join our club since there are no in person meetings scheduled at this time.

Webmaster Report: Julie and Jane reported - They will continue with web updates as they receive information from Dave and the other board members.

Selection Report: Joe Senzatimore is now chairing this committee and has rejoined the executive board. Valerie will continue to serve on the committee with Dave and Joe.

Old Business:

The last Board Meeting Minutes and Budget report were reviewed and accepted.

As noted above, it is possible, if not probable, that pending the health/pandemic situation and the library availability that all meetings and competitions/presentations this year will remain on-line but this will be reviewed as the year progresses and will be determined in the future. Although we will miss our in person contact and comradery, we had almost record turnouts last year at the on-line competitions, and many of our members enjoyed not traveling/driving at night to some meeting, especially in bad weather..

The tentative schedule for the 2020-2021 club year is the following: There will no longer be meetings on the first Monday of each month:

- First Wednesday of each month- images for competition are due to Dave
- Second Wednesday of each month- monthly on-line competition
- Third Wednesday of each month- on-line workshop or presentation
- Fourth Wednesday of each month- on-line workshop or presentation

The 2019-2020 delayed Members Choice Awards for the 2019-2020 club year will be held later this fall – the actual date for this will probably be in late October. The method for this voting is being worked on by Dave.

The Mandatory Topic of “Opposites” for the 2019-2020 club year was also delayed and will be scheduled for a date in December. For those members who already took images for this, hold on to them, or shoot additional ones. For those members who have not had the chance or who need more time, you now have it available. This theme will also now be the theme for the 2020-2021 club year. As always, the theme applies only to your color and black and white but not creative images.

Unfinished and Ongoing Business:

As you know, the End of The Year/Holiday Party at Palmers originally scheduled for June 2020 had to be postponed due to the ongoing concerns of the Covid 19 epidemic. The Holiday Party is still tentatively scheduled for this December 8, 2020 at Palmer’s in Farmingdale. This is where we have held it for the past 2 years as they have done a very good job hosting us and membership feedback was very positive. The ability to hold our Holiday Party will be reviewed as we get closer to this date regarding the health situation and any other concerns.

We will also still have our postponed competition awards and plaques for 2019-2020 for our A, B, Salon and Creative competition winners as well as all the other typical categories as we have each year. If the Holiday Party is held, the awards will be presented, as usual, at this event. However, if the party is not held, other arrangements will be made.

New Business:

We may be able to get a free workshop on-line webinar from Mike Moats, a nationally known macro photographer. However, Mike will only do his presentations during the day so stay tuned for details if this can be arranged.

Ken continues to keep tabs on the Levittown Library status for 2020-2021. The library also has a detailed reopening plan for reopening with multiple steps. Ken will stay be in contact with the library staff to determine available dates for meetings at the library once the situation with Covid 19 is cleared and in-person meetings are once again possible. The club will request two meetings a month on the third and fourth Wednesdays each month. More information will be shared when available.

Steven has explored the advantages to the club of membership in PSA (Photographic Society of America) regarding available resources for members, availability of judges and other possible help to the club and members. The board reviewed this and voted to join PSA for the 2020-2021 club year.

Next Board Meeting: The next on-line Zoom Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM. – If necessary the board will meet prior to that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. - Submitted by Steven Kessler, Secretary