

Nassau County Camera Club

Zoom Teleconference - Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:30pm

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Board Members in attendance:

Steven Kessler, Dave Curtin, Helen Albano, Jane Allegretti, Julie Allegretti, Vince Como, Bill Brown, Pete Mirabella, and Stu Schneider

Absent: Kathy Sheldon, Ellen Gallagher

Steve announced an upcoming B&H event commemorating their 50year Anniversary. Information can be found at [B&H Bild Expo: A 50th Anniversary Celebration](https://www.bildexpo.com/), or <https://www.bildexpo.com/>

Meeting minutes from July 11, 2023. Board meeting were accepted with no changes.

Treasurer Report: Helen reported.

Prior to the meeting Helen submitted to the board the NCCC Year End Financial Statement 2022-2023 and the NCCC Treasurer's Report 7/31/23

NCCC Treasurer's Report 7/31/23

- July opened with balance of \$2291.06 and closed with \$2391.08.
- 50/50 raffle at picnic generated \$71
- Pete asked if paid member names can be included to assist in tracking paid membership. Discussion followed and all agreed it was not necessary. Helen provides membership updates for Pete and for Dave to verify members in good standing for competitions.

NCCC Year End Financial Statement 2021-2022

- Income is \$300 more than anticipated due to new memberships.
- Fees for judges show Actuals are \$50 less than budgeted. Judge Butch Mazzuca asked that we donate his fee to Semper Fidelis.
- Donation was made in memory of club member Ken Thalheimer.
- Increased costs for website maintenance. Website renews March 24, 2024. Dave advised that GoDaddy fees will be a total of \$473.72 to cover domain name, WordPress web builder toolset, and our domain protection coverage for 24 months. This is not including tax. Dave suggested to allocate \$500.

Programs / Workshops Report: Vinnie reported.

Total expected programming cost this year is currently \$640. We need to explore ways to keep costs down. Syosset Camera Club expressed interest in joint club presentation to share fees and reduce costs.

- 9/28 Syosset Camera Club invited us to a shared zoom presentation by Jim Zuckerman on AI. This is a free invitation to us.
- 10/19 is a co-shared zoom meeting with Syosset Camera Club and Island Photo Group. Cost is \$65. Program topic is Angie McGonigal Abstract Architecture Photography with Emphasis on New York City Venues.
- 10/25 is an already scheduled in-person meeting at the library. This will be a in-person macro workshop. It was agreed to keep the two in person meetings in consecutive weeks.

- Holiday Party in December was discussed and concerns about cost was raised. More discussion will be needed however some suggested that members can pay their way to this.
- April meeting is a possible co-share meeting with Paumanok Camera Club. Total cost for this is \$300 so more clubs would have to participate.

Membership Report: Pete reported.

36 total members

6 lifetime members

3 potential new members

\$400 dues collected thru 8/14/23

Webmaster Report: Jane and Julie reported.

- Julie asked Vinnie to provide her with program schedule so she can update the web and social media pages.

Digital Chair: Dave reported.

- No new updates to report.
- Dave asked Bill to provide judges' contact information.
- Dave will start looking into new competition program options.

Selection Report: Dave reported.

- Valerie and Steve will assist Dave in image selection process.

Judges Chair: Bill reported.

- Steve noted that other clubs have most, or all their judges committed for this season.
- Bill reported that he has two judges confirmed so far. He has reached out to others and is awaiting responses. He is also trying to contact PFLI for other available judges.
- Dave suggested he refer to PFLI website (PFLIonline.org) for judge list. Steve pointed out certain judges that we may prefer to avoid on that list.

Library Chair: Kathy was absent.

Old/Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- Summer picnic and awards ceremony – Picnic is considered a success. All awards were distributed, including those not in attendance. About 17 people attended. Steve mentioned Presidents Award to Dave and again expressed his appreciation for the work Dave has done for the club.
- Club fundraisers – the idea was raised at the last club meeting. Idea of selling old equipment as a fund raiser was suggested but received a rather lukewarm reception. It will be raised again and there will be more discussion. Additional Ideas raised were a member paid Year End dinner and holding 50-50 raffles at each in-person meeting.
- Calendar updates for the 2023-24 club year – Julie asked that all calendar updates be give to her for timely updates to website and social media.

- Library dates and room availability – concern raised about library bumping us out of our room on short notice. Kathy has a good relationship with the library and will try to minimize this.
- Programming with other clubs – Vinny addressed this in his Programs report.
- Digital issues and sizing of competition photos – Dave reported that we will continue to use the program and the process he has in place for now. Dave will discuss with Ellen Gallagher when she returns from vacation but expects that introducing a new program may be costly.

New Business / Other Items:

Consistent with the suggestion by some member of having group outings, the following are on the schedule:

- Polo Match meet up – Sat 8/19 at 3pm at Bethpage State Park
- Bronx Zoo meet up - Sept 12 or 19 at Southern Blvd entrance.
- Annual themes for May 2024 – theme is set for “Liquid”.
- Suggestion to set up membership table at library to solicit membership. Can distribute copies of card that we currently display at the exhibit. Julie can post the card to our social media sites to increase exposure. Open questions such as: when is the best time? and will library allow it? needs to be explored.
- Suggestion made to put club information in library newsletter and mailings and other announcements. Kathy will be asked to follow-up with library on these.

Next Board Meeting: The next on-line Zoom Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stu Schneider, Secretary