

Nassau County Camera Club
Zoom Teleconference - Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday
FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Board Members in attendance: Helen Albano, Jane Allegretti, Bill Brown, Vince Como, Dave Curtin, Ellen Gallagher, Steven Kessler, Pete Mirabella, Stu Schneider, Kathy Sheldon

Absent - Julie Allegretti

Treasurer Report:

Helen reported.

- As of 1/31/24 balance of \$3,408.13.
- Steve reported he has dues money from new member Peggy Toro Julian.
- Payments to judges Kathy Bacca (December) and Butch Mazucca (January) will be sent this week. Butch Mazucca requested that payment for his judging services be made in form of a donation to the Semper Fi Fund to support the US Marine Corps.
- Helen will arrange to complete the audit for last year's finances.
- Helen asked Dave to get thumb drive to her for updating the club's financial files.
- Stu inquired if we have a need for cloud back up of club documents of any sort. Dave has a drop box account he uses to save competition documents. Board felt there is not enough documentation to warrant paying for a cloud backup service.

The Programs / Workshops Report:

Vinnie reported.

- Upcoming meetings include:
 - ✓ 2/15 – Joint club zoom meeting sponsored by Syosset Camera Club. *Meg Faehl Zoo Photography*. Five clubs are joining. Limited to 100 people. Link is on our Facebook page. Participation is covered for members by the club paying \$20.00, however it is being shared by 4 clubs
 - ✓ 2/21 – Joe Pellicone presenting *How to Make Your Images More Creative* at in person meeting
 - ✓ 2/28 – Image editing demonstration using selected club member images to show how to make them more competitive in competitions. Will be facilitated by Dave and Val.
 - ✓ March – there are no programs current scheduled for March.
 - ✓ 4/1 – Bronx Zoo field trip with Syosset Camera Club. Will try to pair up Bronx Zoo members with non-members where possible.
- Ideas and suggestions for workshops and presenters are needed. Vinnie reported that it is difficult to get presenters at in person meeting in Levittown. It was noted that many clubs are now fully on ZOOM.

Membership Report:

Pete reported.

- We have 39 active and lifetime members. There are 8 potential new members.

Webmaster Report:

Jane reported.

- Nothing new to report. Have been responding to questions about where scores and various other things are on the site. Feel free to call Julie with any questions.

Digital Chair Report:

Dave reported.

- PFLI sizing issue was reported in an email sent to member clubs on Sunday 2/5. Resulting from issues at recent PFLI competition and their use of a new larger screen, resolution and sizing requirements are being revised effective immediately. The new sizing requirement is 1800 pixels on the long side. The resolution setting has not been made clear but may stay at 72. Dave will confirm and reissue the documentation for competition submissions.
- Dave reported that the short notice for the sizing change is difficult for our club because he has already collected images for the February competition at the previous sizing requirement. Dave's proposed solution is that we hold our competition as scheduled and those images that are selected for PHLI will be not be submitted to the PFLI competition this month. Instead, the image makers will be asked to resize them at the new requirement and they will be submitted to PFLI as makeups in their next month's competition.
- Changes in sizing requirement may allow us to bring back the competition program we were previously using. With the enhanced resolution requirement, the shortcoming found in that program may no longer be an issue. Dave will assess that as we go forward.
- Dave reported that he will be retiring from the Digital Chair role after the 2024-25 season while he and his family prepare to relocate. He will continue in the role till the end of the 2024 calendar year. The board will need to identify a replacement and Dave will begin training and transitioning to prepare for end of year turnover. Dave will remain with the club and participate with the new Digital Chairperson in January 2025 to ensure a clean and easy transition. Dave plans to stay with the club through 2025. We all appreciate Dave's time and commitment to the club and his fine work in this capacity and we wish him well.
- Ellen reported the availability of a new program that can be used to manager image submissions for competitions. More evaluation of the software will be needed if the club feels there is interest.

Selection Report:

Dave reported.

- Dave will schedule a date for the selection committee to meet.

Judges Chair Report:

Bill reported.

- Judges shave been identified for February through June. Bill will remind judges that images are not going to be resubmitted after the competition, so they should judge and score images accordingly.
 - February: Andy Kerchey
 - March: Chuck Pine
 - April: John Bruno
 - May: Jeff Mantell
 - June: Kathy Bacca, John Bruno, Chuck Pine

Library Chair Report:

Kathy reported.

- Kathy raised the question of making a donation to the library this year. In the past we had donated \$300. Since Covid we donated \$150. We meet generally 2 times per month for 8 months. Board felt that \$150 was appropriate. This was actually discussed during the Treasurers Report.
- There was discussion about bringing food or refreshments to our end of year meeting. Steve suggested we discuss and start planning it at our April meeting.

Old Business:

- Three-part education series at club meetings will finish on Feb 28 with an editing demonstration using member images. There are 13 images that members agreed to allow for use in the workshop. Dave and Val will facilitate. Editing suggestions will be taken from the floor.

Unfinished/New Business:

- PFLI Spring Spectacular is scheduled for April 21.
- Dave noted that the constitution requires a Nominating committee and chairperson be identified for March meeting. It's usually a board member who would ask current members and solicit new members. Steve will seek a nominating committee chair before the next in-person meeting.

Next club board meeting is scheduled for April 16 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Submitted by Stu Schneider, Secretary