

Nassau County Camera Club
Zoom Teleconference - Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday
APRIL 16, 2024

Board Members in attendance: Helen Albano, Jane Allegratti, Vince Como, Dave Curtin, Steven Kessler, Stu Schneider

Absent - Julie Allegratti, Bill Brown, Ellen Gallagher, Pete Mirabella, Kathy Sheldon

President comments:

- Steve has formulated a draft slate of officers for next year. All members are willing to stay in their roles. Membership will be polled for any other members interested in serving on board.
- Jane will stay on 'formally' as VP, understanding that time commitments make it difficult. Board members agreed that they would be willing to cover Steve and serve VP functions if and when needed.
- Dave will be turning over the Digital Chair at end of calendar year and work with his replacement till the end of the 2025 season. Steve and the board will manage that transition.

Treasurer Report:

Helen reported.

- As of 2/29/24 balance of \$3,183.13.
- As of 3/31/24 balance of \$2,525.37.
- As of today, 4/16/24 balance of 2425.37
- Payments noted:
 - GoDaddy paid for 2 years for website hosting
 - Chuck Pine 3/13 judge
 - Alan Agdern 3/20 presentation
 - Library donation
- Upcoming expenditures noted:
 - Judge for 5/8 competition
 - Three Judges for end of year competition
 - Jeff Mantell 4/17 presentation
 - Plaques for end of year
 - Discussion was held as to whether we really need to purchase plaques. Board was happy to stop plaques and issue certificates instead. This will provide a savings that can help to pay other expenses such as GoDaddy subscription or Zoom subscription. Steve will announce to club that beginning 24-25 season, we will issue certificate instead of plaques. Plaques will continue to be presented, however, to Presidents Award.

Programming / Workshops Report:

Vinnie reported.

- Upcoming meetings include:
 - 4/17 – Jeff Mandell presentation on use of flash
 - 4/18 – Wildlife zoom presentation by invitation from Syosset Camera Club
 - 4/24 – Member image critique
 - 5/15 – Suggestion by Kathy to hold a social gathering in the library and cater food (heroes, sandwiches, salads, etc.).

- Alternative suggestion was proposed to cater food to summer picnic to help entice membership to attend and participate. We could alternatively consider scheduling a club photo-outing for May 15. Suggestions are either a day event or evening sunset shoot which would accommodate those who are working. Steve will poll membership at meeting for feedback.
 - 5/22 – End of year members choice competition in the library. Steve offered to provide coffee and donuts as refreshments.
 - TBD – Summer picnic. Cater food (heros, sandwiches, salads, etc.)
- Sharing events and meetings with other clubs has been a success. Syosset continues to invite us to zoom meetings.
- Joint Bronx Zoo visit was a success. Five members from NCCC attended.
- 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:

Steve reported for Pete.

- Some letters were sent to interested prospective new members.
- Helen raised the question of whether we should raise dues by \$10. Dues currently are \$50/year. Presenter costs have gone up. We will soon have to fund our own Zoom account once Dave leaves the club next year. Dues haven't been raised in several years. GoDaddy costs have increased in recent years. Other club dues mentioned:
 - Great Neck Manhasset \$50
 - Syosset \$60
 - Huntington \$75
 - Pomonauk \$80
- Steve will announce dues increase effective 24-25 season at meeting on 4/17.

Webmaster Report:

Jane reported.

- Jane and Julie will continue to support website.

Digital Chair Report:

Dave reported.

- May final competition of year theme of *Liquid*. Steve noted, following up on a club member's question, that ice is not considered liquid, it is a solid. If ice is melting and liquid is present in image, it will be accepted. Liquid doesn't have to be dominant in the image. Example: water droplets on a flower

Selection Report:

Dave reported.

- Selection committee meeting on 4/18

Judges Chair Report:

Steve reported for Bill.

- Judges are set for rest of the year.
- Bill continues to take recommendation for new judges for future competitions.

- Bill appreciated commentary and critiques on judges following recent competitions.
- High praise to last week's judge John Bruno

Library Chair Report:

Kathy reported.

- Kathy will be stepping down as Library chair. Membership will be polled for replacement.
- Club exhibit in library will be in June. Bill has volunteered to sit in library to co-host the exhibit on Saturday June 15. We need one more member to co-host with Bill. Steve will poll membership.

Old Business:

- No other old business

Unfinished/New Business:

- PFLI Spring Spectacular is April 21.

Next club board meeting has not been scheduled.

Submitted by Stu Schneider, Secretary