Orlando Camera Club Minutes
May 16, 2016
6:30 pm

Members present: Michael Adkins, Katrina Bennett, Wayne Bennett, Ron Caimano, Barry Kirsch, Ron Lawrence, Julie Lee, Christian Mildh, Cliff Morris, Jr., Greg Neeley, Greg Nelson, George Stedronsky, Carol Winardi

There were only seven voting members of the board present where a quorum of eight voting members was needed to carry forward any official club business. The minutes therefore were not approved nor any other club business carried forward for the record.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by president Barry Kirsch. As mentioned above, the minutes were not approved not having a quorum.

George Stedronsky, Treasurer presented his monthly financial report. The club is solvent to the tune of $22,104.64. Last month, $995 was taken in ($1050 net) marking five consecutive months of gains in membership dues. Lincoln Tech contributed a check of $175 for the photographers who participated in their final graduation exercises.

Nothing was new with sponsorships particularly. Amazon is still being courted on a fix for our website that will permit direct purchases for our club members. Jacob (Steve's son) at Colonial Photo & Hobby is our official contact to manage our sponsorship arrangement.

Facebook and Flickr are both going along well with no apparent problems.

There is a VCI event this Friday from 11 am – just after lunch. Two photographers are scheduled to shoot this event. Another photographer is being sought to serve at this event. The next event needing coverage is in October 2016. Please stay tuned for more information as this event comes up.

Programs is in need of a speaker for the upcoming September annual banquet. Most of the other programs scheduled have been covered. Our next club meeting of Monday, May 23rd will feature a Camera Equipment Swap at the Mark Street Center in the Oak Room. Please bring all equipment you are interested in either selling or swapping to the Oak Room for this event.

The library is closed for now. Suggestions were made that there are more frequent announcements of new book purchases in the beginning of the meeting. Note that book inventory is printed on our website for members. Stay tuned for sales as book inventories are rotated and replenished from time to time. Jim and Jan are available for any questions you might have.

Our A/V projector is running well. Greg Neeley has tested this projector for four hours without a hitch and there are no apparent problems. Suspicion there might be a problem with the cord that is tracked under the rug (disconnection of some sort). After an equipment listing was sent out, the recommendation was made that we keep the Mac laptop since all systems software was updated. Suggestion was made also to keep the large projection screen as well.

EQUIPMENT SWAP MEETING ON APRIL 23, 2016 (ONLY PLAN FOR THAT NIGHT)

We are still in need of a Mentoring Chair since Debbye is no longer able to serve in that capacity.

No Novice Chair report was available.

No Competition report was available.

Christian Mildh reported he has located three judges who are very well able to give our competitions a great service. Mike Adkins (IT guy) drew up documentation for judges and judging that is very helpful. We are seeking to find a better definition for 'Creative' in that category to help delineate what precisely would guide the judging in that area. Suggestion was made that we have both black & white and color categories under a Color A (seasoned photographers) and Color B (amateur photographers). The upcoming town meeting might be a great time to discuss the preferred options of our members.

The Camera Club currently has 321 members according to Greg Nelson.

The Leu Gardens field trip went very well according to Julie Lee. Adjustments may be upcoming in managing rsvps (possibly having to cancel events due to lack of registrations). There is a shootout scheduled for June at the Florida Museum of Photographic Art in Tampa. In July, a food photography shootout is being scheduled with George Crudo. Stay tuned for these and upcoming events in August and beyond.

Sherry Bunde will be the featured artist in our Fine Arts session slated for June 13th. She currently has an exhibit at the Crealde Art Center that may be of interest to our members. Reg Garner was suggested as a potential speaker for a future Fine Arts event at the the club.

Mike Adkins is relocating back to West Virginia soon and is in need of a skillful helping hand to man (or woman) our website. Though he is able to remotely handle the day-to-day modifications, he is eager to have someone take up where he will leave this website (all is going pretty well at this point). A problem uploading .jpg files is being looked at and should be resolved soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.