

## **CCHHI Board Meeting Minutes - February 16, 2017**

In Attendance: Jean-Marie Cote, George Fusaro, Mary Greenwell, Rick Killmar, Kendra Natter, Linda O'Rourke, John Parsons, Bill Schmitt, Donna Varner.

Absent: Fred Chitty, Al Heacox, Fran Hubbell, Suzi Huisman, Karen Migliaccio, Natalie Nelson, Gretchen Nickel.

January minutes were approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Competition-Jean-Marie Cote**

A planning meeting of the three clubs' Tri-club chairs is planned for March 1. Paul Schatz cannot judge. Jean-Marie may ask a presenter from last year, whose name escaped us all.

#### **Newsletter-Donna Varner**

Hot shoe will be sent to promote class registration.

#### **Programs-Al Heacox**

Lydia Inglett is wrapping up the Hilton Head book; final edits are next week. We don't know if anyone has been notified.

#### **Field Trips-John Parsons**

The Wormsloe field trip had a record size group of 20.

John reviewed the remainder of the schedule.

**Proposal: Potential 2-day field trip to Wilson, NC.** The main program starts on April 8 with talks at 11am. There are many different events throughout the weekend. 20 of the 100 photographers will be there that weekend. The main photographer/speaker will present at 4pm on Sunday afternoon.

Bill checked on transportation: A bus is \$2000 and you must have 2 drivers to come back the same day. Train takes 6hrs10min. It is most practical and cost effective to car pool. Distance is 320 miles.

Bill and John will work on presentation about the trip for the February 28 meeting.

#### **Education- George Fusaro**

As of the meeting registration numbers were: Facebook-4, Lightroom-4, Printing Workshop-9

George surveyed members for their interest in classes at the January meeting. He distributed 50 surveys; only 9 were returned. The few comments mentioned equipment and landscape photography, and trip where a hands on skill would be the focus. Since there are still some survey forms left over, George will try again at the next meeting.

He will also ask at the February meeting if there is enough interest in having a class on video.

#### **Publicity- Linda O'Rourke**

All events have been submitted.

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### Exhibits- Kendra Natter

**OLLI Gallery night** – March 30 is the tentative date for this event; Kendra will talk to Mary again to confirm. We agreed that a Thursday night is preferable to a weekend night.

Kendra needs help with hanging, and with food and beverage for the reception. A \$5 hanging fee will subsidize the food.

Kendra intends to make a poster for the OLLI hallway and have it in place by the March 1.

The show needs a title; we are asked to brainstorm and come up with a title that relates to OLLI's mission of learning and our photography.

Space will be set aside for Kurtzburg award winners to hang with this show.

**Current exhibit** - Those who have photos in the current exhibit will be asked to pick them up at March 28 meeting.

**Bluffton Library Exhibit** – Dates are June 12 – July 21. \$5 hanging fee will apply. Size limits will be specified because the walls cannot accommodate large pieces. Kendra will announce this exhibit at May meeting.

### Community Relations- Bill Schmitt

Pet photo shoot on February 11 raised \$300 for Humane Society.

Bill thinks organizing a program for kids to take pictures at *Juneteenth* at Mitchelville may be a good way to start a Wilson kind of program "in our way". This may possibly be done in conjunction with CDM, as part of its reorganization of kids programs; it would be a good a middle school outreach program.

### Kurtzburg Awards- Kendra Natter

Kendra reported that there are 48 entries. Photos will be picked up on March 8.

Kendra will inform us as to what date the judging will take place. Awards will be given at club meeting March 28. Winning images will be displayed on the walls.

**Social Media- Karen Migliaccio** In Karen's absence John Parsons read from the her report:

#### **Current status:**

The Facebook Group is active and growing. We have 41 members. Approximately 18 members have posted photos in the last several weeks.

Linda is managing the Group events and this is proving to be a good feature. We have a listing of Club events, and FB members receive reminders.

There is a good level of activity with photos. We are seeing individual photos, plus photos from Club activities such as the Wormsloe outing and the Humane Society fundraiser.

The separate Admin Group has proven to be a good setup for discussion of procedural questions offline from the member Group.

#### **Next Steps:**

Natalie and I will hold an informational session on Feb 21 at 7 pm at OLLI on the FB group. I can bring my laptop for a live demo; can someone assist with the set up and WIFI?

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I would like to rotate the banner image frequently, featuring member images.

Started that today!

Board members and committee chairs who have interesting info are welcome to post or provide the info to one of the Admins (Karen, Natalie & Linda)

Start a weekly (or every other week) challenge around various themes to encourage participation.

Consider if we want to remain a closed group or open it up at some point.\*

\*The consensus of the group was that it should be kept private.

**Annual Banquet:** Banquet contract with Indigo Run is approved. Same price as last year; same menu; same place; June 15.

### **New Business**

John Parsons - Coastal Discovery Museum Revised Format for 2018

Coastal Discovery Museum exhibit discussion was very positive. John Parsons will meet with CDM in preparation for a more thorough discussion with Natalie Hefter at our March Board Meeting.

We generally agreed that having a theme is a good idea.

John presented a list of a number of subjects that would fit the new mission; we discussed the idea of an exhibit theme: *how narrow should it be?*

John raised the point that only about 24 people participate in our exhibits, and maybe just invite them. Bill suggested that photographs should have to qualify according to the subject.

John reminded us that CDM has frames, all the same size. (Recall the Macro exhibit where all the images were 11x14 and framed the same way.)

John asked for volunteers for the **nominating committee**.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Varner  
(substituting for Gretchen Nickel)