

CCHHI EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

April 16, 2015

2:00pm at the Lens

Officers & Committee Chairs Attending: Al Heacox, Jean-Marie Cote, George Fusaro, Fran Hubbell, Kim Lewis, Natalie Nelson, John Parsons, Vicki Reilly, Bill Schmitt, Jim Smeltzer and Donna Varner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee: George advised attendees that he met with Robert Rommel to discuss possibility of offering additional classes. However, since the availability of the Lens is unknown and the club will recess shortly, no further classes will be held this spring.

Communication Committee: Donna Varner reminded attendees that submissions to the newsletter be timely and complete.

Membership Committee: Fran Hubbell indicated that the Club currently has 178 members of which 53 are new this year. Fran passed around a slightly modified Membership Form, and suggested that annual dues be increased from \$20 to \$25. Attendees agreed that justification for increase is justified and renewal & increase will be announced in the May newsletter.

Fran also pointed out, to everyone's agreement, that the business portion of our monthly meetings is running too long. Therefore, in order to shorten it Al Heacox will make the majority of announcements in abbreviated fashion.

Publicity Committee: Edith Wood is on vacation.

Lens/Website: Al Heacox advised attendees that according to Andrea Sisino, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the institute is interested in

perhaps partnering on a new location and is looking into the availability of the former Fudrucker's restaurant.

The immediate need, however, is to find storage space for the furniture & equipment currently filling the Lens. Jean-Marie & George agreed to check into the cost for storage rental space (5' x 10'), and John Parsons volunteered to store tables and chairs if necessary. It was agreed also that the Executive Committee would come together the day of our next workshop, May 7th to take inventory and clear out the Lens.

Bill announced that the Camera Club will not be participating with the All Saints Garden Club Tour this year. He also indicated that our website is functioning well and is being continually updated/revised by Natalie Nelson.

Competition Committee: Jean-Marie Cote informed attendees that so far five images have been submitted for the April competition, "Togetherness." As always we expect the majority of entries to be submitted just prior to the deadline.

The need to identify a judge for the Tri-club competition was discussed and several names were suggested. Al will follow-up with his request to Marge Agin.

Treasurer's Report: Al Heacox pointed out that Susi Huisman was unable to attend, but he is comfortable with recent figures. John Parsons reported that there is a slight discrepancy in the fees collected from Honey Horn (\$153) which will be corrected next week.

Field Trips: John Parsons advised attendees that participants will be visiting the Raptor Center on April 29 and Spring Island on 5/27.

John also reported that at the conclusion of the exhibit at Honey Horn, the club had sold 20 pieces of bin art, 20 pkgs. of notecards and 9 photographs. John was disappointed with the museum's PR efforts and will discuss opportunity for club to help with promotion next year.

John, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, was pleased to report that Vicki Reilly has agreed to run for the office of 1st vice president for the 2015-2016 club year. The board enthusiastically supported her decision.

Supporting Members Initiative: Vicki Reilly reported that as of 4/1/2015 fourteen members, four of whom are members of the Executive Committee, have met the requirements for the initiative and will receive pins. In addition, several others are on the cusp. It was agreed to award the pins at the May monthly meeting, and Vicki will email recipients to encourage their attendance.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Annual Banquet: Al reported that a signed contract has been submitted to Indigo Run Country Club for the June 11th dinner. Vicki agreed to prepare an article on the keynote speaker, Tony Mills, the Education Director of the Spring Island Nature Center, promoting his presentation. An honorarium will be given to Mr. Mills along with dinner.

Kurtzburg Awards: Natalie Nelson announced that there were 44 student entries, judging has taken place and awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners at the May CCHH meeting rather than at the high school awards program. It was felt the students would receive more recognition, and members of our club would become more familiar with the event itself by the change in venue.

Natalie advised attendees that Fiona Grygiel will not be able to assume responsibility for Kurtzburg & PSA, although she did handle judging of the Kurtzburg competition this month. Gerry Fagan may assume that responsibility. PSA activity will take place next month.

Library Exhibit: George Fusaro indicated that he has met with the director of the Hilton Head Library and the library's desire is to continue with the annual exhibit. The new 2x5 panels decorating hallway will allow for approximately 70 images with a maximum outside size of 16x20. (2 entries per member)

A short discussion followed regarding Kendra Natter's email regarding the possibility of exhibiting at the Bluffton Library. Al agreed to contact Kendra advising her that members are free to individually hang images, however, for now we would only exhibit at the Hilton Head Library as a club. Al also mentioned the fact that the Island Packet is now running a monthly photo contest. This

information will be shared with members, however, members will be encourage to read carefully the newspaper's policy regarding "photo rights."

Newcomers Committee: Vicki Reilly reported that the committee met on March 26, 2015, and put together a comprehensive plan of action geared toward supporting the new members in our club. Briefly, this plan included preparation of a list of useful photography websites with which to view & acquaint themselves, a used equipment sale, the sharing of photography magazines & books, a monthly article for the newsletter written by & for new members, anonymous critiquing sessions for new members, workshops and a possible mentoring program. Vicki will follow-up with responsible individuals to ensure all activities take properly place as discussed. Al agreed to contact a new member who has volunteered to run a mentoring program for us and discuss the possibility.

Spring Island Field Trip: Vicki advised members that the field trip to the Spring Island Nature Preserve will be handled differently from previous trips in that members would be accompanied by a naturalist & they would tour the preserve together with frequent stops for photographing. Vicki agreed to write an article for the newsletter promoting the trip on May 27.

Miscellaneous Items: Al announced that a speaker for the November meeting, Paul Shotts, has been arranged and he suggested the board consider inviting a special guest speaker next year who may require an increase in an honorarium. Names to be considered as well as representatives from companies i.e., Nikon, Epison etc., and/or combining clubs for a special guest were discussed.

Bill Schmitt indicated that he will be attending the meeting of the Arts Council next week representing CCHHI. Donna requested an update of the Memory Matters fundraising book project for which CCHHI members submitted images. John Parsons inquired about the status of the Members Show - images shown at the Coligny Theater prior to the movie. Bill Schmitt indicated so few CD's of images were submitted last year that efforts will have to start over and members will be asked to submit a minimum of 5 maximum 10 images on a CD so that he can put together a new show.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Reilly, secretary, April 20, 2015

