

CCHHI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2014
2:00pm at the LENS

Officers Committee Chairs Attending: John Parsons, Wes Grady, Michael Harris, Al Heacox, Fran Hubbell, Vicki Reilly and Robert Rommel.

John Parsons called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. The minutes of March 20, 2014, were approved as written. The treasurer's report, submitted via email by Dave McCoy, was accepted as presented.

Competition Committee: A discussion took place regarding the number of meetings that would be held without a competition. It was expressed by numerous attendees that there is an educational value to both components and if, for example, a program with an exceptional speaker was scheduled a competition could always be postponed. It was agreed that five (5) competitions would be held, and for now we would be set aside February & April as TBD.

Wes Grady distributed a handout identifying all the themes for the 2014-2015 club year. The themes for October & November will be flip flopped as our macro images for the exhibition at Honey Horn will be due mid November. Wes offered to draft a survey to illicit members thoughts/feeling about the club's competitions.

Education Committee: Robert Rommel indicated that two classes are currently scheduled to begin mid May. A class devoted to photographing cars will be taught by Bill Schmitt, and a modified version of Photo 101 focusing on shooting in the field will be offered by Jean-Marie Cote.

Membership Committee: Fran Hubbell announced that the current membership is 174. Fran is proposing that mid May the Membership Renewal Form be sent out via email with a description of the benefits of club membership. The annual fee is \$20.

Fran was commended on the inclusion of her article the PSA's national magazine focusing on CCHHI's involvement with students in the community.

Honey Horn Exhibition: John Parsons announced that 83 images were hung representing participation by 43 photographers. The reception was very successful with 125 people in attendance. The hanging fees covered the cost of all the food & refreshments. The People's Choice awards were tallied following two weeks of voting.

1st place - Robert Steadman (egrets), 2nd place Robert Ovelman (sunset), 3rd place - John Parsons (flamingo) and Honorable Mention - Vicki Reilly (musicians). Fran indicated the the Biography Book has been updated & new participants were included. The book contains bios for nearly all.

Misc. John reported that Tony Topleski has arranged for Robert Porter, a former B17 turret gunner in his 90's, to be the **keynote speaker for the club's Annual Dinner** on June 12 at the Indigo Run COuntry Club . Robert indicated that the **switchover** of our web site has not as yet taken place. The **Tri-Club Competition** in May held at Sun City will be hosted by CCHH this year. John will contact the president of the Camera Club of Sun City as a courtesy, and ensure that Susan receive from Wes information on winners for publicity purposes with her usual contacts. The **field trip** to the Bamboo Farms will be rescheduled due to a rain out to the week of May 12.

Old Business

Nominating Committee: John Parson reported that the following individuals have agreed to run for office: president - Al Heacox, 1st vice-president is open, 2nd vice-president - Robert Rommel, treasurer - Susie Heinzman, secretary - Vicki Reilly, and past president - John Parsons. The three Members at large will be George Fusco, Kim Lewis and Jim Smeltzer. The following committee chairs have agreed to continue in his/her role: Communications - Donna Varner, Membership - Fran Hubbell, and Susan Thomas will retire as Publicity Chair and will be replaced by Edith Wood. The full slate will be presented to the general membership at the May meeting.

Macro Exhibition at Honey Horn: John Parsons announced that the museum will be able to handle 80 images which they will print, frame and hang. Natalie Hefner is the contact person. The images will be due mid November and both close-ups and macro will be accepted. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Membership Participation Program: Al Heacox distributed a handout outlining a revised & streamlined initiative including both background information and qualifying club events. Discussion was favorable and attendees agreed the program will be introduced to Club via the June newsletter and implemented in September. Fran agreed to tally totals as provided to her by, for example, instructors and/or field trip leaders. Members who meet the standard of participating in at least 5 events in 3 different categories will be awarded name badges for the following club year labeled, "Member Extraordinaire."

Assignment Initiative Program: John Parsons agreed to talk with Bill Schmitt to assess interest in offering a 2nd education topic & assignment in the next newsletter, similar to the one he offered earlier on, "cropping."

New Business

Novice Activity: John Parsons advised attendees that he and Robert met with Rich Daley regarding an idea aimed at novice members entitled ,“Ten Minute Tips.” A short presentation could cover, at the general meetings, topics such as understanding depth of field, composition, toting a camera. It was agreed to try out the concept at our April meeting.

Expert and Guide Program: This initiative has not been well utilized by the members, therefore, instead of dropping program it was decide to combine the resources at one table near the front door welcoming center, labeling the table as a Help Resource and offering cookies to those the are given advice and/or help. Additionally, the availability of the resources will be highlighted in our newsletter, and the initiative will continue to be offered for 2-3 months preceeding the general monthly meetings.

Audit Committee: John Parsons indicated that as president he would like to appoint Fiona Grygiel and Susan Robacker to an audit committee to review our financial records and our property inventory. The committee will meet with Dave McCoy, Bill Schmitt and John to conduct the review. A report will be made at the Annual Meeting in May. A summary of proceedings will be recorded by our club secretary.

Additional Items: Robert asked whether Dave McCoy issued a 1099 form to the IRS on earnings paid to instructors. Instructors did not receive a 1099 form. Dollar threshold unknown by any of the attendees. John will discuss issue with Dave.

The meeting was adjourned by 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Reilly, secretary
April 20, 2014