

**NIH Camera Club Board of Directors Meeting
September 6, 2015**

Attendees

Stan Collyer Saul Pleeter
Linda Eisenstadt Jim Turner
George Lea

Meeting began at 1:00 p.m. at the home of George Lea

Agenda Items:

1. **Summer Program:** Saul reported that the summer program was well received, probably around 15 people/session. His cost ran \$40 and Jordan spent around \$50. Lew Lorton's session was the largest attendance. Discussed the summer program for summer 2016 and who would run it. Saul would still teach the Basic elements but doesn't want to plan and run it next summer. The summer program is usually geared towards the beginners/novice photographers. The programs have drawn members from other area camera clubs.

ACTION: The Board needs to begin looking for a summer program coordinator so workshops and programs can be geared toward the 2016-2017 competition topics and skills. Perhaps have co-chairs

2. **Program Committee - Suggestions for 2015-2016 Speakers and Judges:** George has confirmed Tim Cooper for the November critique meeting. We will only have prints for the critique night. He will contact Tim to ask him how many prints he'd like to have for the critique portion of his presentation. The first part will be a presentation on his new book on HDR, he'll have 1 ½ hours total time. George also confirmed Meryl Silver as judge for the December competition.

We still don't have a Program chair. Margaret Sprott informed George that Larry Clare would like to volunteer in some way. The board needs to appoint a committee to begin working on competition topics for 2016-2017 so workshops can be planned. A committee is usually formed to plan competition topics. The board would like to see the competition topics go back to more of the basic topics with perhaps 2 skilled topics a year. If skilled topics are chosen, the club must plan workshops during the year or summer to help the members prepare.

We don't have a judge for October, January, February (critique), March, April (critique) and May. The board decided the following people would be asked to judge, October being the priority: Justin Black, Roy Sewell, Harvey Kupferberg, Lew Lorton, Dick Sprott and Greg Holden (critique). The 3rd critique night will be a panel of 3 senior club members. **NOTE: David Blecman is available to judge, speak, critique or workshop 9/7.**

ACTION: Stan Collyer will contact Suzanne to ask Justin if he would judge an open month. He will also contact Roy Sewell about judging. **9/7 Suzanne D will contact Justin**

Saul Pleeter will contact Harvey Kupferberg and Lew Lorton about judging once Stan lets him know what months are available. **9/7 Harvey is in Iceland; Lew Lorton asked for information and dates, interested.**

George Lea will contact Dick Sprott **9/7 Dick will judge but not October**

Jim Turner 9/7 will contact Greg Holden for Feb. critique

Linda Eisenstadt will send out the list of topics to the board. The board also needs to go to other camera club websites for topics, why recreate the wheel. **Done 9/7**

3. **Treasurer Report:** Stan reported the 2015-2016 started with a slight surplus, dues were higher and expenses were less last year. This year, he is anticipating a deficit of \$525. To date, 38 members have paid their dues. Last year, the club had 85 members. He discussed several itemized points: a) R&W – they are undergoing reorganization and have not mentioned NIHCC owing the R&W dues (\$720 owed to them). If they don't ask, these funds will cover our deficiency; b) Cedar Lane Church, \$600/year room rental for 2 parties – Linda checked out the cost of catering by 5 Star Residence, approx. \$30/person + other expenses; during this year, the board should look into different venues for our 2 parties/year; c) Table Tents - \$200; d) no longer offer the mailing of newsletters; e) Nature Visions \$250 – we have 2 more years to pay these dues; and, f) Plaques and Ribbons - \$400, hand out certificates instead of plaques. The budget was approved.

ACTION: Stan will remove mailing newsletters off the membership/renewal form.

The Board to look for other venues for the parties, check out the Old Line Wine Store and Restaurant.

Linda will see if plaques and ribbons are mentioned in the by-laws and will need to be voted on by the membership. What else needs to be updated in the by-laws? This will be a topic for the next Board meeting. **9/7 Plaques mentioned in Rules of Competition; I highlighted areas of the by-laws that should be reviewed; also sent rules of competition with topic descriptions and list of topics.**

4. **Education Nights:** November, February and April are critique nights. Jim has planned programs for September, and October. No education nights in November (Nature Visions) and December (Holiday). He would like ideas for the future meetings, lectures; poster session; software, etc.

ACTION: The Board needs to give Jim ideas

5. **Projector:** The board decided to have a board meeting at the 5 Star Residence and compare the club's projector with Suzanne Daters' projector on the screen that is used at the meetings.

ACTION: George needs to plan when this will happen.

6. **Miscellaneous:** There are still vacancies on the board: Program, Hospitality, Field Trip and Outreach/Publicity. Perhaps have co-chairs for these positions. Linda prepared a "Volunteer" Sign Up sheet to pass around at Tuesday's meeting. George will also send around a Travelogue Sign Up sheet. George will be the one to make all announcements at the meeting but he'll call upon Jim Turner to talk about Nature Visions. He would like to introduce Emma Howells, our website won 3rd place at the PSA website competition.

Morris Pelham suggested we show the print, entered for competition, prior to the start of the meeting. He'll have to help sign in the prints and collect them prior to the print competition.

This past week, there was no email announcing when digital photos are due. No one knew who was responsible for sending them out since Gary McDavid is no longer helping with the newsletter. Since Melissa Park handled the announcements for the summer program, the board will ask her to send announcements to the members for: digital entry dates (the Thursday prior to the meeting), all meetings, and any special announcements. She is also helping Diane Poole (VP but also in charge of the newsletter) with making room reservations (the NIHCC should have the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the month reserved) and other duties the VP may have.

Emma Howells, webmaster, has asked for guidance, approval to use assigned funds for an upgrade (wash out in funds), update on the new competition software and back up for her. Stan has talked with John and Kay Norvell about volunteering to assist Emma. They would be

considered Webmaster Liaison and part of the board. This position would be accountable to the board. This position would work with the Webmaster; point of contact for web content; keep content current and delete old material; as well as other needs. The board approved this new position. The board also approved Emma's request to use the \$99 for the new plug-in.

Saul mentioned he has a "green" screen that can be used to take photos of the 5 Star residents and insert their picture into "scenes".

ACTION: Stan will write up the position, talk to the Novell's, and announce the position in the newsletter.

Linda will check the by-laws to check if this needs any formal action and send announcements to George. **Done 9/7**

George will contact Dick Sprott on the status of the new software and who were the testers.

George will ask Lisa Kruppa if she would be willing to be Emma's back up for the website.

Saul plan a date to use his green screen and get volunteers to help with this activity

The meeting adjourned at 3:30. There was no date set for the next Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Eisenstadt, Secretary, NIHCC
September 6, 2015 Finalized September 7, 2015 and sent to complete Board.

Minutes sent to Board Members, September 6, 2015 for comments. Responses due by September 15, 2015.

The current Board consists of:

President: George Lea

Vice President: Diane Poole - Melissa Park to assist with room reservations, announcements and duties

Secretary: Linda Eisenstadt

Treasurer: Stan Collyer

Past President: Susanne Strickland

Digital Czar: Quentin Fisher

Education Chair: Jim Turner

Field Trip Chair: vacant

Hospitality Chair: Interim Linda Eisenstadt

Membership Coordinator: Leonor Guillen

Nature Visions Rep: Jim Turner, alt. Stan Collyer

Newsletter: Layout and Content-Diane Poole

Editing-Stan Collyer (not a board position)

Nominating Committee Chair: vacant

Outreach Coordinator: vacant

Program Chair: vacant

PSA Rep: Dick Sprott

Webmaster: Emma Howells

Webmaster Liaison: John and Kay Norvell (to be agreed upon, not announced to date)

No longer needed, not a board position - Website Committee Chair: Saul Pleeter

not a board position - Summer Program: Saul Pleeter