

Stony Brook Camera Club Board Meeting

April 21, 2009

Held at the home of President Glenn Browning, the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Present were, Vice President, Rosemarie Marsh, Treasurer, Don Plouffe, Ray Guillette, Bob Doyle and Rob DeRobertis.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Don also reported that there are 21 new members which brings our current membership to 162 with a cap of 165.

First order of business: Reimbursement policy for members who take judges and speakers to dinner. Stony Brook will pay for the meals of judges, speakers and their guest, with a cap of thirty dollars, including tip, per meal. The expense will be paid by the club, and members will pay for their own meals. Motion was passed unanimously.

Second order of business: Competition. There was a discussion about Slides. It was decided that both class A & B Slides will be grouped together due to the fact that so few slides are presented at the time of competition. Therefore, the category for Slides will be, General, Nature and Creative. Members will be responsible for knowing and following the rules regarding the Nature, General and Creative categories. Images that do not fit the category will be disallowed by the committee chair and the judge may also disqualify an image.

Also discussed was submitting the images through the web. Rob spoke about having to write new software before this could be possible. Also there are members who are having trouble with e-mailing at the present time. There are still problems with how to name images, how to resize images, and getting images to Tony on time. Glenn recommended that we stay with the current program and that next year we give a program on how to handle these problems. Rosemarie suggested doing a tutorial on You Tube on how to go about all the steps. Rob spoke about all the variables involved which are too many to deal with at this time. There was also a suggestion on writing a list to be handed out to the membership on how to accomplish all of these steps, not only for Photoshop but also for Mac, Lightroom, Elements, etc. Volunteers to write the manuals will be sought at meetings.

Image Make-up Policy: It was decided that the rules posted on our web page will remain as is. No make-ups for digital images except for new members.

Awards Banquet Preparation: Set for June 18th. No more information was available at this time.

New Business: Rob spoke about shopping through our web site through affiliates such as Hunt's, B & H, Adorama, etc. He will present this to the membership at the next business meeting. Also, he spoke about using our web page to download images from field trips members have taken versus "Flicker". The Website committee will do further research and present its findings at the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cleveland, Secretary