

MINUTES OF THE STONY BROOK CAMERA CLUB (SBCC) EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at Wrentham Senior Center, Wrentham, MA

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Mistretta, Jake Jacobson, Ed Gooltz, Jim West, Rosemarie Marsh. ABSENT: Dan Gyves.

CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Coop, Eva Coop, Melba Armour, Vicki Schepps, Chuck Noel, Robert Lahanka, Delores Rogers and Ann Bertulli

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Mistretta at 7:20 PM. Tony welcomed all to the 2011 – 2012 club year and reviewed club policy allowing all members to attend Executive Board meetings. Only Executive Board Members may make motions and vote. An agenda, attached and included as part of these minutes, was followed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Club Treasurer, Ed Gooltz presented the 2011-2012 Budget, attached and included as part of these minutes, and compared costs and expenses to the previous club year. He noted that speaker costs for the upcoming year are higher than last year, a new Color Munki was purchased and overall the budget is consistent with last year.

There is approximately \$9,100.00 in our account and it is estimated that our income over expenses for the upcoming year will yield an additional \$1,000.00

Questions and discussion were raised about purchasing resource and library materials, PSA renewal periods, treatment of the 50/50 Raffle and long terms plans for replacing equipment and other uses of club money.

Jake Jacobson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rosemarie Marsh, and passed unanimously.

#### PROPOSAL TO KEEP MEMBERSHIP DUES THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

Tony Mistretta introduced this topic, proposed that dues be maintained at last year's rate and opened the topic for discussion. The Club membership will vote for approval of the due's amount and the executive board can make a recommendation. Rosemarie Marsh recommended this action. Ed Gooltz moved that at the first club meeting, the

membership vote to keep dues at last year's rate and that payment be due within 30 days. Jake Jacobson seconded this motion. Discussion included timing of dues payment and the first club competition, use of e mail to communicate with members and maintaining courtesy treatment for financial hardship cases. The motion was passed unanimously.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Jake Jacobson presented the Program Schedule, attached and included as part of these minutes, for the club year and expressed thanks and appreciation to the members of the Program Committee for their hard work during the summer months. This year's Program includes nine (9) competitions, six (6) Image Study nights and a variety of speakers from within the club and throughout the photographic community.

Our First Club meeting will feature the popular "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." Power Outages resulting from Hurricane Irene may impact club members' abilities to timely forward images prior to the club meeting and alternative methods were discussed. Image Study will continue to evolve.

Members discussed this year's Quad Competition which will be held at Stony Brook facilities. It was suggested that the Program Committee explore the logistics and appropriate date for this event.

Ed Goltz moved to accept the Schedule drafted by the Program Committee. Jim West seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## REFRESHMENTS AND OTHER COMMITTEES

No member has volunteered to chair the Refreshment Committee, vacated by members Melba Armour and Linda Massey. Melba Armour reported that the job has grown and that it might make sense to only offer refreshments on occasional evenings. Refreshment breaks give time for social exchange however, the consensus was to postpone refreshment time until a volunteer or team of volunteers come forward.

Tony Mistretta reported that there will be fewer Newsletters this year and next year there will be an opportunity for a new Newsletter chairperson. Also, the Mentor Program has been important to club members and efforts should be made to continue mentoring opportunities.

## PROPOSAL TO INCORPORATE AND OBTAIN INSURANCE

Tony Mistretta summarized the purpose and status of the committee established to review the appropriateness of incorporating and obtaining insurance. Vicki Schepps summarized the legal consideration of incorporating while Ed Gooltz explained the tax and accounting options and process of obtaining 501(c) 3 tax status. Delores Rogers provided information and clarification about club insurance.

The Executive Board discussed the responsibilities and risks associated with this topic and recommended that the committee continue researching this topic. It was recommended that a future proposal include an estimate of yearly expenses for compliance.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Jim West moved that a \$25.00 donation be made to FastStone seconded by Ed Gooltz.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Schepps

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### Agenda:

- Treasurer's report
- Proposal to keep membership dues the same as last year
- Program schedule
- Refreshments and other open committees
- Proposal to incorporate and obtain liability insurance for the club