

Stony Brook Camera Club Executive Board Meeting minutes – Sept. 2, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:50PM.

The board accepted the Treasurers (Ken, Eva Coop) report and budget for the coming year 2010-2011.

A lengthy discussion as to whether the Treasurer should confirm via e-mail if he received a Pay Pal payment from club members. Board members solution: A member, when in doubt if his/her PayPal payment was received, can request the Treasurer to confirm his/her payment.

Tony Mistretta (Vice President) did an outline of the outstanding programs for the coming year. The program list is on the website. If club members require more information on certain programs there will be more explicit information forthcoming on our web site. Tony and his committee spent many hours preparing and soliciting great programs and speakers for our learning and enjoyment experience. Tony's program was accepted by the board members. Thank you Tony and your committee for a job well done.

Image study changes - Club members will be allowed to bring 2 images to image study night. The first image will be critiqued. The second image, along with other club member's second image, will be shown on the screen with no critiquing. There will also be 2 choices for presenting image study night. On Sept. 30th Ray Guillette will be our judge and critique the images as he would at a competition for other clubs. On Oct. 28th there will be a panel of members along with Ray Guillette judging the images. In the future there will be a vote as to which presentation format best suits club members. Again, you will be able to submit 2 images. One for critiquing and one for showing on the screen.

There was no old business brought to the board.

In new business, the question of whether club members images being used outside of the club is permissible. The board decided that images should be used for in-club use only. Examples would be competition, the club's website, image study night, awards. Verbal permission should be asked of the maker for other uses.

An issue of what to do about old images stored on our old computer in the basement. The suggestion was to delete the old images on the old computers. Newer images will be held for at least 2 years.

A committee will be formed to look into legal issues such as incorporating our club and the expenses it would incur. The panel will inquire into other clubs and NECCC as to what they do for legal protection.

Proposal for honorary membership to SBCC. Gary Farber has been suggested to be an honorary member to SBCC for his willingness to educate and enlighten our members. An honorary member is just that. He/she will have no voting power in our club. It was decided that we will solicit more input from members and make a final recommendation later in the year.

Procuring an outside facility for the George Lepp program was discussed as a large crowd and outside (invited) clubs are expected. Ann Crawford has looked into a place in N. Attleboro called Living Waters Church. The facility will hold 400 people and offers other accommodations such as a snack bar. Because of Ann's association with the facility we will receive a 50% discount for the rental which is about \$300.00.

Tony Mistretta has suggested to make the sorting of image categories easier for our computer folks - that members refresh themselves with the rules of competition. Many members are confused as to which category to submit their images into. Reading and understand the rules will answer many questions you may have. Rob DeRobertis has generously offered to print copies of the competition rules for members who wish to have a copy. Thank you Rob!!

Meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

SBCC Secretary,
Vicky Elliott