

Monthly Business Meeting  
Stony Brook Camera Club  
May 20, 2010

The monthly business meeting of the Stony Brook Camera Club was held at the Wrentham Senior Center on May 20, 2010. President, Rosemarie Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made to waive the treasurers report along with the minutes from last month's meeting. Due to an objection, there was a brief rundown on the balance in the treasure's report, after which the motion was passed.

Next order of business was about the Scholarship Fund. Billi Manning spoke about what the scholarship involves. Last year there were four awards given at differing amounts. Billie requested award money for four candidates this year, again at differing amounts. There was a motion made to accept , motion passed.

Mike DiStefano made a motion for funds to have the slide projector cleaned/serviced. Motion passed.

At this time, Chuck Noel, chairman of the by-law review committee spoke about the proposed by-laws. He spoke about how the committee worked towards their final goal using our existing bylaws, recommended bylaws from PSA, and a goal towards being inclusive, simple and functional. Each line item was projected and explained. There was much discussion about line item # 2 and it's wording. The issue was the elimination of the word "Natural", and centered on keeping the language of the club's beginning and how to include the changing member interests. A motion was made to amend the wording to read..."a broad appreciation of nature and our environment". Motion passed. At this time, a motion was made to postpone further discussion on the bylaws until the competition part of the evening was completed. Motion passed.

After the awards for images of the year were final, the bylaws review discussion was resumed. A motion was made to accept the proposed bylaws, including the amended wording "a broad appreciation of nature and our environment". A vote to accept the new by-law revision was passed with a 22 - 19 count.

A motion was made to set up a committee for further amendments to the by-laws. Motion was not seconded as there was a suggestion any decision on this topic should wait until next year and according to our bylaws, committees are not created by vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Cleveland, Secretary