

Spokane Camera Club ~ Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2009

Present: Tim Bailey, Marilyn Bashore, Don Burnell, Paul DeRocker, Beverly Hardin, Tony Horpel, Donna Larsen, Will Murray, Joan and Doug Oriard, Steve Shining.

Location: Conley's Restaurant, Spokane Valley.

Call to order: 7:00 pm.

Meeting minutes: Minutes of July, 2009 read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$700 and change reported by Paul Derocker, treasurer. An discrepancy of \$160.00 was encountered from a deposit to the account. Paul is following up with Chase bank on this issue. After this is resolved he will be moving funds to Global Credit Union. A bill of \$121 for engraving was submitted to Paul from Will Murray. Will also asked that the \$200.00 revenue brought in by "First Night" be allocated to a new/replacement equipment fund. Report approved as read.

Old Business: Discussion ensued regarding an equipment fund. It was suggested that donations from members, fund raisers and money from the "First Night" celebration be set aside for replacement of or purchase of new equipment. Some items that may need to be added or replaced are large flat screen or HD projectors. A suggestion was made to borrow PSA's projector to try before purchasing one for our club. Trying out high definition TV and projectors prior to purchase would be necessary. Discussion continued to try a big screen for digital competition in September and a high definition projector for October digital competition. By November we may have enough comparisons to make a decision on what to purchase. Suggestions for fund raisers for the club are always welcome.

Membership: There are 30 paid members as of this date, for the 2009-2010 year. Steve Shining will e-mail dues reminders prior to the September 2009 meeting.

Spokane Interstate Fair: LeRoy Nielsen, chairman. LeRoy needs additional help with the photo display at the fair. An e-mail will go out asking for

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additional help. There is a place on the SCC website for people to sign up for a time and date. Please encourage members to participate.

New Business: Annual Salon: Debora Shilling, new chairman. The South Side Senior Activity Center was discussed as a potential place to hold the salon in 2010. Other sites were also suggested to try to reduce the cost of the salon. Donna Larsen volunteered to talk with Mukogawa Center to see if nonprofit organization status discount could be utilized for our next salon. She will look into other alternative sites as well and report back to the SCC board.

Competition: Tony Horpel, Chairman: September critique'r is Carlos Degadillos, and for October is Al Berger.

Monthly Digital Competition: Will Murray suggested that the critique be recorded at the meeting and be available on the website for those members that are out of town or unable to attend the meeting. This would be attached to their image on the website. Will and Doug will discuss this technique and report back to the membership on any updates. The question arose, should we limit the number of images submitted each month or leave as is? The goal of having the meeting conclude prior to 10 pm, was encouraged. There was also a suggestion that members could submit a 60 second digital story on CD or DVD that could be played during 4-5 minute breaks in the monthly program.

Monthly Print Competition: Tim Bailey, Chairman, will have labels printed for identification of prints. These will adhere to the back of the print, and also have a copy for the print reader's list.

Promotion and publicity: At the Spokane Interstate Fair display, have cards, brochures, handouts, name tags, and a sign that says "ask me about the SCC". At our monthly meetings have greeters and members to talk with visitors to make people comfortable with our club. Encourage people to return several times prior to joining the club. Be friendly and share information on field trips, competition, equipment and photo techniques.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully recorded,

Beverly Hardin, Secretary