

Nassau County Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes for Monday January 8, 2018

Board Members in attendance: Dave Curtin, Val Interligi, Helen Albano Jane Allegretti, Julie Allegretti and Steven Kessler.

Absent- Joe Senzatimore and Ken Thalheimer,

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 4, 2017 were read, discussed and accepted.

Treasurer Report – Helen reviewed the Treasury Report of December 31, 2017 which was read and accepted. Closing balance as of December 31, 2017 was \$4,810.98.

Steven was added to the check signing account and Peter and Kathy were removed.

The Programs / Workshops Report- Joe absent- all available club meeting dates for this year are now filled with workshops and presentations.

Judges Chair: Joe absent.

Competition Report- Ken absent.

Membership Report- Steven – we received online applications for 4 new members- if all of them join membership will increase to a total of 40. Board discussed, as per past policy, if these individual do join now and pay their dues (since it is already January) their 2017-18 dues will also count as their 2018-2019 annual dues.

Webmaster Report- nothing new.

Selection Report: - Val - Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Fundraising was continue to be explored discussed – Raffles, sponsor related and club events will continue to be considered for income generation for the club. Still need someone to step up and help with organizing/running a 50-50/Chuck a Buck raffle at meetings.

Membership cards for current year are printed and laminated and being distributed.

PFLI dues already paid.

Schedule Update- Monday, may 7th- Astrophotography presentation by Jeff Norwood- it is already listed on Website calendar by Julie.

2017 Holiday party was a great success.

Membership dues payment vote was approved and constitution will be updated in near future by Dave and Ken.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

Joe continues to organize the End of Year Member's Choice Awards. Further details will follow as they are completed.

The initial November 26, 2017 deadline for the Nassau County DA's Office project has passed-. There were 47 images submitted by members and Dave has organized them into an online gallery for the District Attorney's office to review.

However no decision will be made for awhile so they have approved an extended new deadline for members to submit additional photos for this project into the spring. Dave will follow-up with a new email to all members that will review this project and explain the details and the new deadline.

Membership dues payment due-date revision vote was approved. New date: Starting with the 2018-2019 year the 1st competition submission entry deadline date (in September). Late payments will automatically require the use of competition makeup. Necessary changes to the club's constitution will be drafted by Dave and Ken in the coming months and reviewed by the board members before amending the club's constitution.

The Long Island Photo Gallery reception is scheduled for this Saturday, January 13th from 12:00-1:00 PM- Dave has already sent out both emails and listed information on this reception on our Facebook website. This event will be of interest to club members on all experience levels and should help bring us all awareness as to what goes into a high quality/gallery ready image. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

New Business:

The January 2018 NCCC Library exhibit was hung on January 2nd- thanks to all the volunteers for their help in setting up this beautiful display of our member's work. The exhibit will be up all month and will be taken down on January 31st. We may try to increase our exhibit space for next (not share the space as we have this year).

Members need to follow the detailed email sent out by Dave - and also discussed at our member meetings - so that size requirements for submitted framed photos and how wires, etc. are attached are followed more closely.

January 13, 2018 is the set date for the Long Island Photo Gallery in Islip reception for club members. Event details will be emailed and posted on our Facebook page.

The 2018 Library Exhibit by our club members will is scheduled for January 2-31, 2018. Dave has already sent out an initial email discussing the details and additional emails with necessary information will follow. Volunteers are needed for both setup and take down.

There was no PFLI Delegates Meeting held for December 2017.

The next PFLI Competition will be held this Friday, January 11th at SUNY Farmingdale. Dave has already sent out an email with the necessary parking permit (for printing) and necessary information.

Four new members sent in on-line application- and three officially joined the club last night. This brings our current membership up to 39. The Board discussed, as per past policy, if these individual do join now and pay their dues (since it is already January) their 2017-18 dues will also count as their 20128-2019 annual dues.

We attribute the attention and new application this and last year to two factors: One, the great new website that many of the new applicants mention. Two, in the overall listed on cameras clubs we are among the first listings when searching for a Long Island based camera club- even showing up ahead of PFLI during Google searches and we feel it is making a definite difference.

Discussion was held about a possible chance of venue for the End of The Year Party. Palmers in Farmingdale was suggested as a possible alternative and will be explored. Other new venues may also be checked out as well, as the restaurant used the past few year was very crowded and there were some issues with the charges last year.

Canon Tour/Presentation November 7, 2017 was a HUGE success but since it conflicted with our meeting evening Dave has made sure PFLI and Canon understood our NCCC club members will have difficulty attending these events on a Monday or Wednesday evening (club meeting days) and they will explore other days to hold this (Tuesday, Thursday) for these upcoming Canon events.

Next Board Meeting: will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Submitted by Steven Kessler, Secretary