

Nassau County Camera Club

Zoom Teleconference - Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, 6/4/20

Board Members in attendance: Dave Curtin, Helen Albano, Jane Allegretti, Julie Allegretti , Valerie Interligi, Susan Kozodoy-Silkowitz and Steven Kessler

Treasurer Report: Helen reviewed the Treasurer's Report for 5/30/2020 and there is a balance of \$3,150.42.

The Programs / Workshops Report: Successful program year although some of the scheduled workshops in the second half of the club year were cancelled due to the library closing and health situation in the county/country. For next year, especially in the first half, we will have to explore more on-line Zoom meeting possibilities. We have several cancelled workshops which can be explored for the upcoming year. Vinnie Como will also be helping with programming for the 2020-2021 club year.

Judges Chair: With the plans to do more Zoom monthly competitions next year it opens the possibility for Susan to explore new judges to be used for competitions for the 2020-2021 club year. Val and others have possible judges to suggest.

Competition Report: Val reported that club images for the end of the year PFLI competitions and the Glennies were submitted by the committee and we had another very successful year as a club at PFLI.

Membership Report: Steven reported no additions to club membership- membership sign up and payment for the upcoming club year will present several challenges.

Webmaster Report: Julie and Jane reported that all available new club information has been added to the website and they will continue with updates as they receive information from Dave.

Selection Report: Valerie reported that she is stepping down as chairperson for the Selection Committee but will remain as a committee member. Joe Senzatimore, an ongoing committee member, will become the new committee chairperson for the upcoming 2020-2021 club year. We thank Val for her many years of great work as chairperson and are pleased she will continue on the committee.

Old Business:

Last Board Meeting Minutes and Budget report were reviewed and accepted.

The board updated rules for promotion to Salon from the A Group. With regard to moving to Salon from A, the highest scoring member in Color and B&W with a minimum score of 76 will move up. This year 4 club members will move up to Salon – this change in rules will be added soon to the club website. All club promotions for 2020-2021 in all groups will be listed soon on the club website.

As discussed at the last competition, the current club board members were reelected to continue in their current position for the upcoming 2020-2021 club year as no new slate of candidates was suggested by the membership.

The Glennies were held in Massachusetts and results of our club's submissions for this competition will be added to Facebook and the club website soon.

The EOY on-line competition went very smoothly with three judges giving their scores from their homes – congrats to all the winners and the scores and final placements will also be included shortly on the club website. We thank Dave for the tremendous amount of work he put in and the great job he did in pulling this difficult task together so smoothly.

Unfinished and Ongoing Business:

The plans for the delayed Members Choice Awards for the 2019-2020 club year call for it being held later this fall - details are still being worked out for an on-line event if an in-person meeting is not available.

The Mandatory Topic of "Opposites" for the 2019-2020 club year will also will be held later this fall - details are still being worked out for an on-line event if an in-person meeting is not available. Members should continue to consider this and take the additional time to shoot images for this theme.

The end of the year party at Palmers originally scheduled for June 2020 has been postponed due to the ongoing concerns of the Covid 19 epidemic. As noted in past minutes the we have rescheduled our holiday party for December 8, 2020. More information will be shared as available.

We will still have competition awards and plaques for 2019-2020 A, B, Salon and Creative competition winners as well as all the other typical categories as we have had each year. However, the plaques cannot be made for a while as the stores are closed. Tentatively, they will be presented at the End of The Year/Holiday dinner in December 2020.

New Business:

We realize the current times present very unusual circumstances and challenges for the upcoming 2020-2021 club year and we request the patience and ongoing support of our membership so we can continue the great work and comradery the Nassau County Camera Club has always had.

This summer will require some unusual and difficult planning by board members to get ready for the start of and planning for dates, programming, competitions and content for the upcoming 2020-2021 club year. The board will hold Zoom meetings as needed for planning and share information with membership as available.

A welcome back email to members with information on the club's plans as well as a determination if members will be continuing their membership for the 2020-2021 club year - as well information on payment of club dues - will come out, as usual, later during the summer.

Ken continues to keep tabs on the Levittown Library status for 2020-2021- he reports that the construction resumed a few weeks ago and will continue to take several months to complete. Ken will also be in contact with the library staff to determine available dates for meetings at the library once the situation with Covid 19 is cleared and meetings are possible. The club will continue to request three meetings a month, as we have held in the past. More information will be shared when available.

For the next club year, starting in September, the board decided that we need to continue with our monthly competitions as an on-line Zoom experience for the membership. This will continue for the foreseeable future due to concern for the health and safety of members and the ongoing library situation. The on-line monthly competitions for the end of the current 2019-2020 club year worked out well and we actually had more members attending as well as some members attending who had not physically been to meetings in a while.

Steven will be exploring advantages to the club of membership in PSA (Photographic Society of America) regarding available resources for members, availability of judges and other possible help to the club and members.

Next Board Meeting: The next on-line Zoom Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. - Submitted by Steven Kessler, Secretary