

Nassau County Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes for Monday November 6, 2017

Board Members in attendance: Dave Curtin, Joe Senzatimore, Val Interligi, Julie Allegretti, Jane Allegretti, Helen Albano and Steven Kessler
Absent- Ken Thalheimer,

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 2, 2017 were read, discussed and accepted.

Treasurer Report – Helen reviewed the Treasury Report of October 31, 2017 which was read and accepted. Closing balance as of October 31, 2017 was \$4,970.98.

The Programs / Workshops Report- Joe reviewed that most available club meeting dates for this year are filled with workshops and presentations – the two open dates are April 25 and May 7. Possibly have Cathy Baca back for hands on workshop or a presentation. We might need better lighting and multiple setups and better time controls for this. In addition almost all the slots for judging our monthly competitions have been filled. The Members Choice voting night will probably be held on May 23rd with Dave assembling the IOM photos and Joe working on making a ballot. First Place plaques for the 9 winning photos will be ordered and presented at the end of the year party.

Competition Report- Ken was absent.

Membership Report- Steven reported that, counting Julie, we have had five new members join our club this year and we have received an application for a sixth new member.

Webmaster Report- Julie reviewed that the new PFLI scores have been added to the website. Board members shared that we continue to receive positive feedback on our website from current and new members. Dave reported he is listing many of our special events and competition on the Facebook page as early as possible.

Discussion was held on whether to advertise and open up our special events presentations – but not the closed ones like hands on shooting – to other clubs and outsiders- possibly could advertise them through PFLI as well as our website.

Selection Report: - Val stated that the newest PFLI scores were quite low.

Old Business:

The Mandatory topic for May is Architectural Reflections.

Fundraising was discussed – Raffles, sponsor related and club events will continue to be explored for income generation for the club- possibly start the 50-50/Chuck a Buck at the November or December meetings. A Holiday Basket Raffle will also be held.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

Joe discussed the plans for the Member's Choice Awards- as discussed above. Further details to follow as they develop.

Our new Website conversion is complete – thanks Julie. Dave stated that the old website will be completely closed down as of November 18, 2017.

The Nassau DA's office project due date is November 26, 2017. Info sent out by Dave via emails and postings on the Facebook page.

New Business:

Discussed clarifying and setting a firm date for the Membership Dues cutoff each year. For the 2018-2019 year and moving forward, member Annual Dues will be due at the first month's (September) meeting or, if a member misses that date, must be in the hands of the membership chairperson and/or treasurer on the same day as the deadline for submitting entries into the September competition (typically the Wednesday before the 1st competition). If a member misses that date, he/she will not be able to have any submitted photos included in the competition and will be placed into the makeup file until their dues are paid. If there is any need, the constitution will be reviewed and revised accordingly to reflect the above.

We need volunteers to help plan and set up for the December 27 Holiday Party. This will be discussed at the meeting this evening.

Dave has visited and been exploring The Long Island Photo Gallery in East Islip to possibly create a reception for members interested in visiting this gallery, to explore current exhibits, to learn how a gallery can help members showcase their work, to determine what goes into producing images that sell, etc. Simple refreshments may be part of this outing. Further details will follow as available.

2017-2018 Membership Cards are being completed by Dave and will be distributed soon.

The 2018 Library Exhibit by our club members will is scheduled for January 2-31, 2018. Volunteers will be needed for setup and take down. Dave has already sent out an email discussing the details for this.

Annual PFLI dues for the club were paid by Helen- we have received our receipt from them.

The PFLI Sunday lecture series remains on hiatus for the 2017-2018 season.

PFLI monthly Competitions will be held at SUNY Farmingdale. Dave will continue to send out a monthly email with parking permit information.

The PFLI Spring Spectacular is scheduled for April 15, 2018 – Possible keynote speakers are being explored with possibilities being Jake Reznicki, George Lepp, Charles Glatzer, Jimmy Chin or Jennifer Wu.

PFLI had arranged a special evening at Canon headquarters in Melville for tonight, Monday, November 7, 2017 but it was in conflict with this evening's presentation by Dick Hunt. It included equipment to examine, a presentation by a Canon Explorer of Light and additional parts to the program. They quickly filled the allotted slots (expanded from 50 to 100) and Mike DeRienzo is exploring a possible second presentation by Canon that will not conflict with our club's Monday and Wednesday scheduled meetings. Stay tuned for more information if and as it becomes available.

Newest paid club members are: Ilyse Blohm and Barry Elberg. Welcome to both of them. We have also received a membership application from Tina Zito.

Next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Submitted by Steven Kessler, Secretary