

FGCC Meeting Minutes 2/11/14

Cyane called the meeting to order. There were 23 people present including members and guests.

Old Business:

- Website
 - Al reported that he would be the chair of the website committee and that Bill would be the website coordinator.
 - Al said a top priority was to better integrate the newsletter with the website.
 - John recommended that an effort be made to update the section of the website identifying equipment individual members were using. He said this was a useful resource for members who had questions about their own equipment.

Treasurer's Report:

- Gilpin reported that the account balance was \$2595.66 as of 1/14/14. Expenditures included \$54.95 for gift cards for presenters and \$25.00 for Infinity Graphics. The ending balance is \$2515.71 as of 2/11/14.

New Business:

- Cyane reported on the upcoming programs –
 - March 11 – John Garofalo and a members' showcase
 - April 8 – Ben Greenberg
 - May 13 – Brown bag presentation plus the Annual Meeting
 - June 10 – opening of the Suntrust exhibit
- Members' Showcase
 - John urged members to consider participating in the program. He said the program could use 4-to-5 members who will be allowed 12-to-15 minutes to present however many images they wish within that time-frame.
 - He asked that members simply contact him with their topic and their approximate time-frame needed. He said images should be sized according to the Round Table guidelines and brought to the meeting on a flash drive.
- Field Trips
 - Debbie reported there are trips in the works including possible visits to the river and the zoo.
- Membership
 - Cyane reported Chuck Spalding was having difficulty traveling to meetings but would like to remain active. She recommended he be made an Honorary Member. Honorary membership for Chuck was approved.
 - Cyane reported Ken Hitchens would be taking a leave of absence for personal reasons.
 - She also reported that our membership is now down to 31 and we have a cap of 35. She urged members to seek out potential members among their friends and colleagues.
- Video seminar by Tim Wright

- Cyane reported Tim has offered to do video making seminar for anyone interested. There would be a fee for the seminar although he had not given that information to her.
- There were a few questions. John said he would be interested if the seminar were geared towards use of equipment we already have. Cyane will report back to Tim there are a few members who are potentially interested.
- Nominating Committee
 - Cyane reported it is time for the Nominating Committee to be formed and under the Bylaws the committee consists of the current past president, a member selected by the board, and a member selected by the membership. The current past president is Linda Warfield. The Board selected Gary Sargeant at its meeting last week.
 - Bill Billings was selected for the committee on behalf of the membership.
- By-Laws
 - Cyane explained that the current By-Laws fix June as the Annual Meeting for the election of officers for the coming year but this year we have scheduled the Suntrust Exhibit in lieu of the June membership meeting. There are other sections of the By-Laws with fixed dates all geared towards a June Annual Meeting. She recommended a change in the By-Laws to allow us more flexibility in scheduling.
 - The By-Laws require that any change to the By-Laws be presented at a general membership meeting and a vote on the changes take place at the next general membership meeting.
 - The proposed By-Law changes are as follows:
 - Section 6.3: The proposed budget will be presented to the membership at the **regular meeting preceding the Annual Meeting**.
 - Section 6.4: Annual Meeting. The last membership meeting of the fiscal year will be considered as the Annual Meeting. Election of Directors and the approval of the budget will take place at this meeting.
 - Section 7.4: The first official meeting of the Board consisting of the elected President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Past President, will be held no later than **the end of June**. The membership will be notified of the elected officers at the Annual Meeting and by e-mail as well as through a posting on the Club Web Site.
 - Section 8.1.2: Nominating Committee. This committee will have three members. The Board will appoint one member, the membership will elect one member and the most immediate past president will serve as **chair**. All members of the committee must be Full Members. The committee will be formed by the end of the calendar year and will present its slate of officers for the coming year to the membership at the **regular meeting preceding the Annual Meeting**.
 - There was a brief discussion. The above proposals will be on the agenda for the March membership meeting for approval.
- Photo Contest

- Linda has volunteered to chair the committee for the 2nd Annual FGCC Photo Contest.
- Dates
 - 3/1/14 – Submissions accepted
 - 4/18/14 – Deadline to submit images
 - 5/13/14 – Winners announced at the May membership meeting at which the winners will be expected to attend
- Judges will include Linda, Ralph, Kathy, and Travis.
- Winners will be given the opportunity to have prints of their images placed in the June Suntrust exhibit.
- Debbie offered to make a Facebook page for the event.
- Posters were distributed for posting at various places. A digital image of the poster will be emailed to members to post on webpages, etc. A recommendation was made that an effort be made to reach out to the public schools for contestants.

Presentation:

- The guest speakers for the evening were members Ralph Sell, Ron Ratcliffe and Tim Slavin who gave a presentation on using Lightroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Retherford