

**Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2023**

**ZOOM @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Officer and Committee Reports**

➤ **President– Tom Brandt**

Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2023

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members:** Tom Brandt, Jennifer Durot, Gary Edwards, Jim Ross, Bill Sullivan

**Present After Roll Call:** Tony Roma

**Committee Members:** Susan Baron, Carl Stineman, Liz Rose Fisher

**Guests:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. October 19, 2023: Gary Edwards made a motion, seconded by Bill Sullivan, to approve the minutes as presented. On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Competition Viewing—Screen Quality: Tom Brandt hopes to have something different for the December meeting. After some discussion, Sue Baron and Carl Stineman agreed to meet Tom Brandt and Liz Fisher at the church on Wednesday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. to test different options. The hope is to have two screens—one with excellent resolution and picture quality for images and one for scoring so the members can see the judges' scores.
2. New Program Chairperson Needed for 2023-2024: Still need to find a volunteer.
3. Newsletter: Tony Roma is working on this. He recently had knee replacement surgery.

**New Business**

1. Insurance Coverage: Board members agreed that our current coverage does not meet our specific needs. Jennifer Durot will call insurance agent Bill Hume to discuss the matter and see if he can join our next board meeting on Zoom to provide us with additional options.
2. Competition Rules Update
  - a. Clarification of competition rules: Classes and how members move to Class A and remain there.
  - b. Judging: Plan to send email to judges prior to competition reviewing the judging criteria and then a quick summary 'cheat sheet' card the day of judging.

- c. The Competition Chair will maintain a judge list and prioritize who not to call to judge for our club. Will communicate this to the judge procurer.
- d. Judging Scores can be analyzed if input is made for each competition. We need to start inputting the judging information to the 411 Competition Assistant.
- e. CACCA and several clubs have implemented using half points for judging.

The five items above were discussed. Liz Rose Fisher and Tom Brandt went to the CACCA meeting and had a lengthy discussion with Bob Marin and a meeting room full of members. It was noted that we need to update our Competition Assistant software to capture each judge's score, which can be projected on a second screen. There were also judging inconsistencies at CACCA (in addition to those experienced at LCCC)—for example: 6-7-9; 6-7-8; or 6-8-8. Liz Rose Fisher is drafting a revision to the competition rules to reflect current practices and will share the draft with the Board for feedback when available.

- 3. **Publicity:** We need someone to take charge of publicizing the Lake County Camera Club and maintain/update social media (Facebook) account. We need a public account to attract new members. Tony Roma posted things on the Next-Door app, a group for Northern Illinois Photographers, and a real estate Facebook page. Sue Baron and Jennifer Durot have also posted on the Next-Door app.

### ➤ **Presidents-Elect – Tom Brandt and Liz Rose Fisher**

- **Long Range Planning Coordinator –Tom Brandt and Liz Rose Fisher**
- **Competition Chair – Liz Rose Fisher**
- **Competition Assistant – Carl Stineman**
- **Judge Procurer – Harold Hauser**
- **CACCA Representative – Linda Kruzic**
- **PSA Representative – Jim Ross**
  - **PSA: Travel – Cristina McGill**
  - **PSA: Photojournalism – Marc Huntley**
  - **PSA: Nature – Sheri Sparks**
  - **PSA: Projected Image – Ron Sheade**
  - **Recent PSA Results**

### ➤ **Treasurer – Jim Ross**

Month's checking balance \$ 4264.30  
 Income since last report \$ 1376.98  
 Expenses since last report \$ 85.11  
 Checking Balance \$ 5395.57  
 Savings balance \$ 6112.88

Cash Box - Other \$ 95.00

Total \$ 11,603.45

- **Membership – Sue Baron**
- **Secretary – Jennifer Durot**
  - **Newsletter Editor – Tony Roma**
  - **Webmasters – Sue and John Baron**
  - **Challenges – Mike Ludtke**
  - **Payment Center on Website – Sue Baron**
  - **Event Communication – Jennifer Durot and Susan Baron**
- **VP of Internal Operations – Bill Sullivan**
  - **Program Co-Chairs – Vacant**
    - Plans for Programs/Calendar Updates: January — Jennifer Durot shared what Karolyn Berkiel told her was being done in Riverwoods. As a result, the Board decided to do the same on January 4. Instead of meeting at the Church, the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (DO NOT GO TO THE CHURCH). Members will be invited to upload up to 5 images to Competition Assistant (between December 1 and December 31) that they would like feedback on. Non-LCCC judges will be procured to provide feedback on Zoom. Members may also ask questions or make comments about images after using the RAISE HAND feature and being called on by the moderator. This will provide everyone with a learning opportunity—to see other members’ images, to hear the feedback that is provided, to ask questions or make comments, and to have a discussion about both the images and the feedback. We will then be able to apply what we learn to our own photography and post-processing.
  - **Facilities Coordinator – Bill Sullivan**
  - **Hospitality Desk Coordinator – Sue Matsunaga**
    - Treats for December: Tom Brandt volunteered to bring cookies if Liz Rose Fisher will remind him.
  - **New Member folder – Sue Baron**

- **VP of External Operations – Gary Edwards**

- **Excursion Chair – Tim Elliott**

- 2023 Excursions/Calendar Updates: Additional details about the following excursions are on the LCCC Calendar. Be sure to check them out!

- December 2 – Shiloh House, Zion

- January 27 – Chicago Botanic Garden

- **Community Involvement Coordinator – Gary Edwards**

- **Publicity** – This was discussed previously.

- **Past President –**

- **Continuing Education Coordinator – Jim Ross**

- **Small-Groups Coordinator – Sue Baron**

- Small Post-Processing Group at Lake Villa District Library (November was cancelled; Next meeting December 16th)

- **Upcoming Events – See Calendar for Details**

- Shutter Café: November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 16th (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Hillside Café, Grayslake, at 9:00)
  - Feedback Corner: Before non-competition meetings at 6:30 p.m. (January, March, May, June, July, August, September, November)
  - Next Meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. It is competition night. Have prints submitted by 6:15 p.m. **NEW TIMES**
  - DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
    - December 26 – Karolyn Berkiel—Happy birthday to Karolyn!

**Other:**

**Adjourn:** Bill Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Gary Edwards, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.