

Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023

ZOOM @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Officer and Committee Reports

➤ **President– Tom Brandt**

Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2024

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Tom Brandt, Jennifer Durot, Gary Edwards, Liz Rose Fisher, Jim Ross, Bill Sullivan

Board Member Absent: Tony Roma

Committee Members Present: Susan Baron

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes:

1. November 16, 2023 Gary Edwards made a motion, seconded by Bill Sullivan, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

Unfinished Business

1. Competition Viewing—Screen Quality

There was a lengthy discussion about the continued issues we have with the screen on competition nights. The judges commented that they could see pixels and said that the water drops were not sharp. Tom Brandt said that the original images were quite sharp, but that the screen showed otherwise. This continues to be a problem. It was suggested that we try to calibrate the tv monitors. It was also suggested that we use a computer monitor for the judges and the tv screen for the audience. The size of the computer monitor used is important (40"?). Tom Brandt and Liz Rose Fisher will talk with Carl Stineman and Sheri Sparks well in advance of the next competition to make sure everyone is on the same page. Tom Brandt and Bill Sullivan will try to calibrate the TVs in the church basement.

2. New Program Chairperson Needed for 2023-2024

Tom Brandt suggested that we have a committee, rather than a chairperson, to plan the programs for the year. He said he would ask Mike Burquist and Mike Kukulski if they would help the camera club by serving on this committee. Gary Edwards said he would ask Michael Schmidt if he would also help.

3. Newsletter

Tony Roma has been recuperating from knee surgery and was previously training for and working at a new job. He previously said he would get a newsletter out soon.

4. Insurance Coverage

Jennifer Durot called and spoke with Bill Hume's office (State Farm Insurance in Gurnee) three times. She explained that we wanted him to join the Zoom meeting to talk about the type of insurance coverage we need, and he never got back to her. Jennifer Durot and Tom Brandt are going to call other insurance agencies.

5. Competition Rules Update

Tom Brandt and Liz Rose Fisher have looked at the rules. They recommend that we form a committee to propose revisions to the whole handbook, including the bylaws, competition rules, board positions, and so forth. They should be reviewed every 2-3 years. This has not been done in some time. The following people volunteered to help with this: Tom Brandt, Sue Baron, Liz Rose Fisher, Jim Ross, and Jennifer Durot. They will meet at 5:00 p.m. on February 8th at Liz Rose Fisher's house: 1550 Greenbriar Drive, Libertyville, IL 60048 (Green Oaks).

6. Publicity

When reminders for the January membership meeting are sent out, they will include a request for members to invite other photography enthusiasts to attend our January Zoom meeting. They may share the Zoom link with their photography friends.

7. January Zoom Meeting at 6:45 p.m. The January meeting will be held on Zoom and NOT in person.

Join Zoom Meeting January 4 at 6:45 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/95321352409?pwd=OG1EOEFuNDAwY2E2ZVZ6YUROcG50Zz09>

Meeting ID: 953 2135 2409

Passcode: 954889

➤ **New Business**

1. Potluck or Get-together in January

There will be a potluck supper held at the Church on January 24th (tentative date pending Church approval) at 5:30 p.m. instead of a holiday dinner.

2. Shutter Café (Breakfast) Location

We get 4–5 people at breakfast each month. It was suggested that we try different restaurants in different areas to see if we get more members to attend. Liz Rose Fisher said that she would check with the Liberty Restaurant on Milwaukee Ave. in Libertyville to see if they would accommodate us on January 20th. More info to follow.

3. Getting Others Involved: The common thread in all of the discussion items this evening touches upon getting others involved, developing a sense of community, and fostering active participation in the club.

➤ **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 \$ 5395.57

Income since last report \$ 40.00

Expenses since last report \$ 377.73

Checking Balance \$ 4957.84

Savings balance \$ 6113.13

Cash Box - Other \$ 95.00

Total \$ 11,165.97

- **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: It was suggested that one of the upcoming programs could be about portrait photography and we could update members' head shots.
 - **Facilities Coordinator – Bill Sullivan**
 - **Hospitality Desk Coordinator – Sue Matsunaga**
 - Treats for February : We will ask someone at the January Zoom meeting.
 - **New Member folder – Sue Baron**
- **VP of External Operations – Gary Edwards**
 - **Excursion Chair – Tim Elliott**
 - 2023 Excursions/Calendar Updates:
 January 27 – Chicago Botanic Garden
 February 24 – Dawes House, Evanston
 March 23 – Old Joliet Prison

 Gary Edwards will see which programs still need write-ups, and he will call Tim Elliott.
 - **Community Involvement Coordinator – Gary Edwards**
 - **Publicity – We will ask members to invite guests to our January Zoom meeting.**
- **Past President –**
 - **Continuing Education Coordinator – Jim Ross**
 - **Small-Groups Coordinator – Sue Baron**
 - Small Post-Processing Group at Lake Villa District Library on December 16th at 10:30 a.m.
 - Portrait Photography Small Group: Mary Ellen Reszek volunteered to head this group.
 There are three interested people. They need portrait photographers to help facilitate or

guide their learning journey. People who understand lighting are also needed. Sue Baron will ask Chris Washburn about his experience with portraits.

- Tabletop Light Box: Three people are interested in starting a Light Box group.

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

- Shutter Café: December 16th (3rd 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: January 4th **on Zoom** Have prints submitted on 411-Vision by 12/31.
- BIRTHDAYS:
 - December 26 – Karolyn Berkiel
 - January – No Birthdays

Other:

Adjourn: Jennifer Durot made a motion, seconded by Jim Ross, to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. All in favor; motion carried. We wish everyone Happy Holidays!