

Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

ZOOM @ 6:30 p.m.

Officer and Committee Reports

➤ **President– Tom Brandt**

Next Meeting Date: April 11, 2024

Roll Call:

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

Committee Members: Carl Stineman, Tim Elliott, Sue Baron

Guests: Mary Ellen Rescek

Approval of Minutes:

1. February 15, 2024: Gary Edwards made a motion, seconded by Jim Ross, to approve the minutes.
All in favor; motion carried.

Unfinished Business

1. Review and approve competition rules update: Sue Baron sent the revisions via email on February 15th at 7:40 p.m. The Board will review them on their own time and vote at the April meeting.
2. Increasing # of DPI Images for Competition: Tom Brandt and Liz Rose Fisher would like to increase the number of DPI images that may be submitted. Some other clubs are DPI only. Others allow more DPI submissions than we do. Tom Brandt has collected data about what other clubs are doing, which he will organize into a chart and send it out for review. Any changes would not go into effect until next year. He noted that we currently allow 5 images if one is mono. He suggested allowing 6 images if 2 are DPI or 7 images if 2 are DPI and one print is mono. Sue Baron asked if we would also increase the number of images required to be considered for Photographer of the Year.

Gary Edwards suggested in addition to increasing the number of DPI images to also increase the number of prints allowed, which Liz Rose Fisher, soon to move into the co-president role, pointed out would entail more work for the Competition Chair who will be new to the role. Liz emphasized the labor-intensive nature of managing print competition prints and spreadsheets and reminded the Board that the upcoming April competition will be her final one as Competition Chair, underscoring the need for a swift replacement. Concerns were raised about finding a successor for

the position, prompting Tom Brandt to assure that whoever takes on the role would receive ample support from the team.

Jim Ross stated that if we want to continue as a club, we need more members to get involved and volunteer. We should have a club discussion regarding the urgency of the situation.

3. **Scoring Pads:** Carl Stineman provided an overview (in addition to a lengthy email with the specifics) of the scoring pads he purchased and tested. They included wired/wireless and backlit/not backlit. He noted that he met with Lee Marin after a North Shore meeting and resolved some settings issues with Competition Assistant. The Board authorized the purchase of the backlit, wireless scoring pads that connect via Bluetooth to the PC. They are rechargeable. The DPI Chair will be in charge of charging the scoring pads in between competitions. Carl Stineman will send Jim Ross the receipt for reimbursement. Everyone thanked Carl for his time and effort on this project.

4. New Business

- a. **Meeting Place for Next Year:** Jennifer Durot will research a few alternate meeting locations that were recommended and report back.
- b. **New Members:** Terry Dott and Barry Dott from Cary, IL would like to join. Jim Ross made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Durot, to approve these new members. All in favor; motion carried. We now have 54 members, down a few from last year's 62 members. It was noted that the Shutterbugs club was down to 4 members and 2 moved, leaving 2 members...
- c. **The Small Post-Processing Group** that meets at Lake Villa District Library will continue to meet on the third Saturday of the month, but we will start at 11:00 instead of 10:30 to allow additional travel time from breakfast in Libertyville.

5. Presidents-Elect – Tom Brandt and Liz Rose Fisher

- **Long Range Planning Coordinator –Tom Brandt and Liz Rose Fisher**
- **Competition Chair – Liz Rose Fisher Vacancy**
- **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**

6. Treasurer – Jim Ross

Month's checking balance \$ 4822.89

Income since last report \$ 0

Expenses since last report \$ 0

Checking Balance \$ 4822.89

Savings balance \$ 6113.89

Cash Box - Other \$ 95

Total \$ 10,431.78

Tony Roma has been added to the financial accounts so that we have two members on the account. Sue Baron has some cash and checks to be deposited.

• Membership – Sue Baron

➤ Secretary – Jennifer Durot

- **Webmasters – Sue and John Baron**
- **Challenges – Mike Ludtke** No themes. Send in your favorite images taken each month.
- **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: Mary Ellen Rescek volunteered to be a Program Co-Chair. We need to find someone to help her. Everyone thanked Mary Ellen for volunteering! Liz Rose Fisher said that she would get together with Mary Ellen to share what has been done in the past for this position.

The May program will be the Show and Tell that was scheduled for the March meeting, which was cancelled. More info to follow.

- **Facilities Coordinator – Bill Sullivan**
- **Hospitality Desk Coordinator – Sue Matsunaga**
 - Treats for April: Sue Matsunaga has the sign-up sheet.
- **New Member folder – Sue Baron**

• VP of External Operations – Gary Edwards

- **Excursion Chair – Tim Elliott**
 - 2024 Excursions/Calendar Updates:
March 23 – Milwaukee Zoo

April 27 – Daniel Wright Woods

May 11 – Montrose Magic Hedge (migrating birds)

June 1 – Milk Days in Harvard, IL (Is this still scheduled? TBD)

June 8-9 – Door County Weekend Trip (tentatively scheduled)

June 22 – Old World Wisconsin

July 6 – Dog Days of Libertyville

August (Date TBD) Milwaukee Sailing/Racing on the Lakefront (McKinley Harbor/Milwaukee Community Sailing Center) and Milwaukee Art Museum Wings

- **Community Involvement Coordinator – Gary Edwards**

- **Publicity – Vacancy**

- **Past President –**

- **Continuing Education Coordinator – Jim Ross**

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

- Small Post-Processing Group at Lake Villa District Library on April 20th at 11:00 a.m.

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

- Shutter Café: April 20th (3rd Saturday of the month, Liberty Restaurant, Libertyville, at 9:00) PLEASE RSVP.

- Small Post-Processing Group at Lake Villa District Library April 20th at 11:00 a.m.

- Excursion: Daniel Wright Woods, April 27th Please RSVP

- Feedback Corner: Before non-competition meetings at 6:30 p.m. (January, March, May, June, July, August, September, November)

- Next Meeting: April 4th

- **BIRTHDAYS:**

- April 4 – Gary Edwards

- April 5 – Liz Rose Fisher

- April 25 – Tom Brandt

- April 29 – Mike Trahan

Other: Jennifer Durot and Sue Baron will meet to plan the itinerary for Door County.

Adjourn: We adjourned at 7:48 p.m.