

GREEN VALLEY CAMERA CLUB

Regular Board Meeting – March 1, 2010

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by President Al Crawford. A quorum was present.

Those attending were Al Crawford, Jerry Marrion, Phil Rock, Carl Sparfeld, Mary Jane Nowak, Bruce Magnuson, Joyce Harrison, Linda Gregory and Gary Logan. Those absent were Howard Benedict, Don White and Emily Bagley.

President's Comments: Al noted that the only meeting specifically mentioned in the Club's By-Laws is the April General Membership Meeting. At that meeting, an election will be held to replace six Board Directors whose two-year terms expire. Those Directors are Al Crawford, Don White, Howard Benedict, Gary Logan, Jerry Marrion and Phillip Rock.

Al called for a special Board of Director's Meeting to be held immediately following the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 15. The General Membership Meeting will be held at 1:30 pm at Las Campanas. The special Board meeting will convene at approximately 3:00 pm at Las Campanas. Two items on the agenda will be the election of officers for the coming fiscal year and to establish and/or document meeting dates, both for the Board and General Membership, for the coming fiscal year.

Review and Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Sparfeld) to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2010, Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report and Approval: Mary Jane presented the Treasurer's Report. As of February 1, 2010, the Club's checking account had a balance of \$34,804.31. The only major expense for the month was the purchase of five new Dell computers for \$4,596.31. A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Sparfeld) to approve the report as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Election Committee: The committee has currently received approval from six individuals willing to be placed on the ballot for consideration to serve as a Director. They are Al Crawford, Don White, Jerry Marrion, Phillip Rock, Doug Cameron and John Weakley. The committee will ask other Club members to consider running for the Board. Al will include a request in his weekly e-mail and Joyce will prepare a flyer for posting in the Club's lobby. The invitation will include a deadline of Friday, April 2.

Membership and Administration: Bruce provided a written report to the Board. As of February 28, we had 1173 paid members for years 2009 and 2010. Since July 1, 2009, we have recorded 863 paid memberships for 2010...553 renewals and 310 new members. 2009 members who have not yet renewed their memberships, currently 310, will no longer be tallied in Club's Master Database report.

The report also included data highlighting entrant count statistics. The counts for February 2009 were 2139 as compared to 1965 for January 2010. The Board again felt that the Frontage Road construction has deterred members from attending Club functions.

Phil has spent many hours working on the enhancement of our Database systems, both for the Sign-in Computer system and the Master Database system. Phil proposes that the systems will be combined as one. The Board agreed that once the enhancements are implemented, there would be no need to post the membership roster on our Web Site, eliminating concerns by members that their data might be compromised.

A motion was made and seconded (Rock/Magnuson) to remove the membership roster from our Web Site, to approve a budget of \$500.00 for the purchase of additional copies of Access 2007, and to approve the implementation of Phil's proposal to combine and enhance our Master Database system. The motion was unanimously approved.

Publicity: Joyce has prepared an article for the April issue of Keeping Current. Also, with Jerry Marion's support, Joyce will prepare posters for advertising our upcoming Open House and she will prepare an ad to be placed in the Green Valley News. Jerry agreed to submit the ad to the newspaper. The posters will be displayed at all GVR Social Centers and the Club's lobby.

Al will include an announcement in his weekly e-mail and will prepare an announcement for posting on our Web Site.

Jerry Marrion agreed to chair an Open House committee and felt he and Emily Bagley could make the necessary preparations without additional help. The Open House will be held on Saturday, March 27 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will include the Kino Room for the food setup. Invitations to attend will include the general public. The Green Valley Art League will hold their Open House on the same date and at the same time. They will be included in the newspaper ad and will be asked to share in the cost of it.

Exhibits: Jerry reported the Exhibit Committee has hung a new exhibit by Neil Hammitt on the Digital Darkroom south wall. Al Crawford has also submitted exhibits for that area. They will be hung once Neil's exhibit period ends. Also, the committee has hung an exhibit by Linda Gregory in the Hands-On Room.

Additionally, the committee will replace exhibits in the West Center lobby. Jerry stressed that the committee is in need of more exhibits for upcoming displays.

Computers: Phil presented the Computer Committee Report for March, 2010. The five new Dell computers with Windows 7 have been installed. Also, a new scanner has been purchased and installed. The Club now has five scanners for use by members. Phil also mentioned some members are still having printing issues.

Al presented a proposal for purchasing four new laptop computers, to include one or two Macs, for the Hands-On Room thereby increasing class sizes to 15. The Board agreed that classes are not held in the Hands-On Room often enough to justify the expense. Currently, members bring their own laptop computers when space is limited.

Setting up a Mac station for Club member use is still on the table for future consideration. Based on a survey of members attending the 10-week course, 10 percent indicated they use a Mac Computer.

Al presented a proposal to modify the no-drink policy the Club has in effect, especially for instructors who teach in the Hands-On Room. The current policy does not allow "food or drink" in the Hands-On Room or the Digital Darkroom. A motion was made and seconded (Rock/Harrison) to modify the current policy to allow no "food" in the Hands-On Room or the Digital Darkroom. Drinks will be allowed in all areas of the Camera Club. The motion passed 8 to 1.

Monitors: No monitor report was presented and no known issues were voiced. Board discussion was centered on the need to replace Danae Michael when she resigns later this year. The Board felt that a Volunteer Coordinator position is needed for the Club and that person could chair a committee whose assignment would include coordination of the monitoring program. Bruce pointed out that two individuals had recently expressed interest in volunteering as a coordinator by checking that box on the membership form. Al will follow up with Jim and Danae for the names of these members.

Education: Carl Sparfeld reported there are now 200 signups for the 10-week course, which is going smoothly. Members taking scheduled field trips have expressed lots of enthusiasm.

Carl and Jerry Marrion have been contacted by Quail Creek residents who are forming their own camera club. Both are assisting in their efforts, providing descriptions of our various programs.

Programs: Carl said the programs for our March and April General Membership Meetings have been scheduled. March will be Camera Club's potluck with Showtime as the program. In April, Jill Torrance of the Arizona Star will be the program presenter. Darlene and Vern Feil, who both attended the meeting, will purchase the necessary supplies for the Potluck. They felt a budget of \$200.00 would be sufficient.

Old Business: Gary Logan reported that the Camera Club equipment inventory (required by GVR) and the 2009 income taxes have been completed and submitted.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Board Member Comments: No Board Member offered any further comments.

Member Comments: Other than the Board of Directors, three Camera Club members attended. One attending member said the Board was doing a good job.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Harrison) to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce L. Magnuson