



**Photography Club of Sun City Hilton Head
Staff Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2020— 10 a.m.
(Held on Zoom)**

In attendance: President John Burrack, Past President Gracene Peluso, Treasurer George Newman, Secretary Diane Brayden, Education Chair Freddi Hoffmann, Staff members: Elaine Garcia, Dorothy Knudsen, Bob Ricketts, Jim Smith, Chuck Thomas, Corky Burt, John Rhyan, Dale Methven

Club treasury: George reported the balance at month-end November was \$12,600. \$1,350 is due from CAM.

The Epson technician will be in the studio on 12/14/20 to repair the 7000 printer. The Epson 3880 remains available for use by trained members.

Rewiring the Studio is part of the work order list submitted to association management.

Membership: John reported we have 210 renewals and 17 new members for a total to date of 227.

Education: Freddi summarized the Education Committee activities resulting from this pandemic year—

- Instructors learned a new way to teach on Zoom as flexibility became key to continuing member involvement
- Monitors became class assistants, helping out in both practice sessions and attendance taking
- Hands-on was often incorporated into the Zoom classes on an individual basis
- Zoomies (short mini-classes) were introduced, often with index cards for reference in camera bags
- There was a increase of 250% in summer class activity
- Photo travelogues quickly became a very popular activity
- The number of instructors rose to a dozen
- The Curriculum Sub-Committee revamped the user groups including renaming *Creativity* to *Competition* and adding a new *CLIC* group in January
- User groups are now an extension of the Education Committee and the upcoming Course Selection Guide will include user group information

Competition: Bob reported themes are set thru 2021. There was a discussion regarding the rule on layers not being allowed in the Novice and Intermediate competition levels. It was decided there needs to be clear definition of layering and compositing and what is allowed for competition. A small sub-committee, including one Novice, will be formed to decide if a change is necessary.

Speakers: Jim has speakers lined up thru September, assuming Zoom meetings at least thru March of 2021. He questioned whether a workshop is appropriate in May and will discuss the combination of a Zoom session and field work with the instructor.

Bylaws Review: John, Corky and George will review the existing bylaws for necessary updates. One area needing to be addressed is the requirement for all expenditures over \$200 to be approved by two board members since we operate without a budget.

Sales of Members' Prints: There was a discussion of the possibility of selling members' work at the first Saturday gatherings held in the square outside the studio. The major issue to be addressed is the tax situation. The Art Club has a procedure to do this and the project coordinator could work with them to do the same for our club. All agreed this would be a worthwhile activity of benefit to our members as well as possibly generating more use of the studio printers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Brayden, Secretary