

F-STOPS BOARD MEETING

January 29, 2019

Attendees: Lloyd Delaney, Ron Goodman, Glyn Sun, Bill Debley, Terry Mercer, Carla Semola, Jhoe Abejon, Linda Pagter, Laura Astor and Dan Katz

Lloyd Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The agenda and the prior Board meeting minutes were approved.

Lloyd Delaney made the following announcements:

- President's report was skipped;
- Lloyd will send a reminder email to the unpaid members that the 2019 dues must be paid in order to continue submitting photos for critique;
- Lloyd will also send an email to the unpaid/dormant members regarding the new meeting format and events to encourage them to return;
- Lloyd to also email new members, including a form to be provided by Linda Pagter;
- Discussed the revised ByLaws:
 - Read the updated Mission Statement which was approved by the Board;

Jhoe Abejon gave the Treasurer report:

- The Club bank account balance as of this meeting is \$2,505.67 – this includes the anonymous \$500.00 donation previously received by the Club;
- Summary of 2019 membership to date: 59 members remain on membership list of which only 39 are currently paid members. Out of the 39 paid members, nine (9) are new members;
- Annual budget to run club: \$2,000.00 (50 members x \$40.00);
- The Club is \$440 shy of meeting the annual budget based on the number of paid members to date;
- Receipts for membership dues are only given to members who pay cash (cancelled checks are receipts for members paying by check);
- Discussion re increased charge for members using PayPal to pay dues and event fees (tabled for future discussion in six months after determining impact of PayPal fees on Club's budget);
- Current bank charges a \$14 per month service fee; Jhoe is researching "no cost" banks to transfer the Club's bank account to – if the account is transferred, the current signatories will have to re-sign signature cards. Laura suggested also checking out credit unions;
- Discussion re meeting attendance by non-members: as previously discussed, non-members will be allowed to attend one meeting without charge. Non-members will be charged \$5.00 (raised from \$3.00) to attend any additional meeting(s) and will be encouraged to become a paid member.

Laura Astor discussed upcoming scheduled and potential photography events:

- Only five people have signed up to date for the mylar photography event;
- Bill Debley will lead the event to be held at the Japanese Gardens on Sunday, 2/24/19 at 10:00 a.m. (meet in parking lot);

- Cost is \$5.00 for paid members (for mylar board);
- Cost for non-members is \$15.00 (\$10.00 fee + \$5.00 for mylar board);
- Potential event in March at the Getty or Moorpark College; other ideas include Santa Inez, Tejon Ranch, Placerita Canyon Nature Center and Vasquez Rocks.
- Glyn Sun also suggested doing another field trip to the LA Zoo;
- Terry Mercer advised re PhotoLA which is scheduled for February 1-3.

Terry Mercer discussed the 2019 judge lineup to date:

- The judge for January 2019 and February 2019 is Robert Fields – genre is movement;
- The judge for March 2019 and April 2019 is Leslie Crane – genre is edges;
- The judge for May 2019 and June 2019 is Keith Skelton – genre not yet chosen;
- Potential judges: Gerard Burkhart, Christopher Broughton and John Grusd (Gary Moss has declined to participate as a judge for now).

Terry Mercer also discussed the continuing search for a Board Secretary to replace Carla Semola and will reach out to Club members who may be interested in the position. Carla Semola advised that she will continue as Board Secretary until a replacement is found as long as Board meetings are not held the first week of the month when she is unavailable to attend.

Carla Semola also requested to be re-designated as a Member at Large upon being replaced as Board Secretary.

The Board meeting was adjourned. A date for the next Board meeting was not announced.

Please send any corrections or omissions to Carla.