

FSTOPS CAMERA CLUB – BOARD MEETING MINUTES-06/15/21

June 15, 2021- 7pm meeting

Start 7:08pm

Board members present:

Lloyd Delaney, Dan Katz, Glyn Sun, Linda Pagter, Sharon Segal, Jhoe Abejon, Mike Gollom, Marc Epstein, and Susana Luiz

Members: Tom Sheehan, Francis Mercer, Jack Fitzpatrick, Marion Brown

Board members absent:

Bill Debley, Ron Goodman, Terry Mendelson, Mary Grant-Young

Report

- Lloyd reviewed the results of the survey:
 - In person/regular: 12, Other: 11, Zoom only: 07. Most people from the other category said to alternate zoom and regular/in person, that way everyone can be part. Zoom offers the potential it has to expand to other places besides our neighborhood. Alternating with zoom and in person gives everyone a chance to participate.
 - Result votes for future Format Photo Print competition: 05, Digital and Print: 08
 - Need find some kind of balance for the membership going forward.
- Mike said hybrid approach isn't difficult and can buy an affordable and nice camera and not cost a lot money, and not complicated.
- Dan explains the things are need to make this, as cameras, separate screens, somebody to switch and it can be a bit tricky with the judge as well.
- Linda asked about to collect money to pay judges and zoom meetings have the zoom fee as well.
- Glyn explained when the judge gets up to critique how will it work in zoom meetings and that when the judge is facing the room the video and sound might be an issue.
- Lloyd said that we need to learn more about the technology and how it might work better for us.
- Francis asked a focus for our next step. To get back to our basic format. Other features can be added later.
- Lloyd explains about several possible locations but we aren't able to confirm for our regular meetings in person. There is a meeting room in the Fire Department have a room for 50 people, that is an opportunity for us that when they open in public. In restaurant Lulu's is an option but need consume food, they want make money, which might make the meetings a bit harder.
- Marion mentioned about some facilities don't have the CDC guide lines yet, that's why some can't commit.
- Lloyd mentioned we need to explore what's the best option for us as a group.
- Marc comment about not committing to a path, but to let it evolve as we go forward. See what will be done temporary and what is permanent. Maybe announce how it will be done with that specific idea and then see if it works and might be good and then evaluate.
- Marc gave his idea to begin to meet soon in person like before Covid, not sure everyone will come back but probably most will. After we have a place and everything then begin to add different features, like add on features. A way we can go and get started. Or we can keep doing the zoom until we can find a place to meet in person and take it from there.
- Jack mentioned how with masks as of right now if you are a common area, you still need to wear mask and 6 feet apart, but at the CHP nobody is doing it. With the Fire Station have to see what they are doing and its free.

- Lloyd mentioned this meeting is seeing about the future of our meetings.
- Per Mike, the Vineyard facility not able and then didn't reply yet.
- Lloyd as an organization we will need to follow the guidelines. I like to accommodate people with what I can. The possibility of doing combo meeting, set up a group to test the idea in many locations and how the idea may work and we can try and if it works or not and who likes and not.
- Dan how are the pictures (digital, print) judged in person and zoom, like in the survey, some people said "I hate zoom meetings", what I like about in person meeting is the social aspect and having the human connection. We don't have to have an actual meeting for that. People do like shooting opportunities, create more events and where people can get together.
- Has anyone asked he judges if they will be able to come in person?
- Some has said they like the zoom because it's more flexible for them.
- Jack agrees and like the meetings in person and zoom, the print and can go along with the other stuff as well, when we go on field trips and shoot, he learns a lot. He misses having someone go out with and shoot (his friend that would go with him passed away), it's something he would like to see way more.
- Lloyd: When we are able to get together again, we can do that, and people post on Facebook their images as well. Its nice to go out with others to shoot. It's important to have the judge come look at the print pictures and judge.
- Francis: If we have any information how many people attended in person and how many attends zoom meetings, it will be interested to know if we would lose any members.
- Lloyd: Around 30 in live meeting and about 20-30 in the zoom. A lot of members would come in person for the social part of the meeting and once in a while they would submit digital images but they were happy to just come and talk and share.
- Sharon: I agree with Terry having zoom meeting is a different club and what caused to change to zoom was the pandemic and now the pandemic is ending and is in sight and we will go back to in person meeting, that the zoom was a temporary thing. We can have a different judging for print and digital.
- Marion- We need to bring more people; how do we get new member?
- Lloyd- Basically word of mouth. Carries card and gives to people he sees with camera; camera phones and gives them out. Some people find us online.
- Lloyd- It's about inspiration, opportunity, learning and enhance the areas for the photography need. Looking at ways to make everybody happy, but it's not possible but we can do hybrid and go back to in person meetings.
- Marc- People will always be able to submit print and be part of the activity.
- Lloyd- As board begins to figure out where we head but for now, we are not there yet.
- Francis- I really believe we need to do, we have plan A and now we running plan B and have plan C. And see all different ideas. Strong singular photo club is the main thing, we can feature but not lose who we are.
- Dan- How can we compare apples and oranges; do you have a digital category and print category for presenting. If someone wants to participate live but want to bring digital, how will that be comparing to print. I would love to present print. With Costco going away I don't want that to be an issue.
- Mike- Lets find a facility and location and hopefully we will find in the next month or so. Print is important but sometimes I need to bring digital. I can't bring it every month.
- Francis- First step finding place.
- Linda- What makes us unique is having the print. Instead of ribbon maybe print something best in show or something and fill out and give to them.
- Lloyd- I think one time Bill mentioned when needed to increase participation
- Francis- It was open category and since it was very low participation and when we gave awards more people started doing the assignment
- Glynn- Suggested the awards. Majority people submitting open category and not much in the assignment category. To encourage people the ribbons came in place. That's why print gets the award.

- Jack- Agree with the print idea. Saw on digital and printed and looks very different. Opinion is there is two categories but still have the print. To increase membership have them do a human-interest story, weekly paper, Chatsworth patch and ask them to do interesting story in our group. With an assignment it makes the person go out and shoot and try new things.
- Lloyd- Summarizes where we are, we don't have ability to meet in person yet. We want to be able to do that when its' available to us ad present the print. We also have digital side that has worked for us and having their work judged and be acknowledge with an award. You get to be on the web page is pretty cool, it drives people. We want other people to see our art. There is no problem having both digital and print being acknowledge by the judge. We have to be able to get the judge to the meeting. That way we can satisfy both print and digital people. Mike, Glynn and whoever is interested in seeing how it will be to bring people in zoom to our in-person meeting. A lot of people really like that feature and is not interested in printing. We been doing print and digital. Would enjoy a hybrid if it's something we can accomplish in a reasonable manner. A separate issue is when it becomes possible, we can start going out and shooting. There are some groups we can tag along for this opportunity. I like going out shooting with any of you.
- Jack- Make a phone call or send an email to club members to go out shooting.
- Lloyd- In the past have we sent a roster out to everyone?
- Glynn- No because some people may have privacy concerns. That's why we haven't done.
- Jack- Send email saying we doing roster and who wants to be included and who doesn't want.
- Marion- And add the location you are. There are times I want to go out but I don't have anyone to go with and don't feel comfortable going alone.
- Sharon- Have events commute but stopped during Covid, if there's anyone else that would be interested in being part.
- Jack is interested.
- Sharon- Discuss what we can do and any idea for us to go take photos.
- Jack- Every month get something different to go shoot, I like the idea of seeing other people.
- Lloyd- With having an assignment to judge we can do a group and shoot for that assignment.
- Jack- Do a list of that equipment to bring and use.
- Joe- Have a roster about 99% of emails, but phone numbers have some.
- Lloyd- Have emails on mail chip. In terms of roster see a way to ask about opting out of sharing emails and where is located. If the person is okay with having their emails shared and out there.
- Joe- Maybe he has the location.
- Marion- Maybe have option where person prefers text message or email.
- Tom- Avoid ruffling feathers use an opt in instead of an opt out system.
- Glynn- Events page on site people can comment, have a conversation, like a blog, its there. If Sharon creates an event its there.
- Jack- Comment on contact Chatsworth patch about Covid.
- And Marion gave the site (<https://patch.com/California/Nothridge>)
- Sharon asked for volunteers for the event committee. Mike, Jack and Marion said they were willing. In the past Martha Chapin and Linda Pagter also participated. Sharon is setting a Zoom meeting for Wednesday, June 23.

Lloyd closed meeting with have a goodnight. Finished at 8:20pm.