



Lehigh Valley Photography Club

Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Photography Club (hereinafter The Club) was called to order at 1:00 pm on February 17, 2008 at The Banana Factory in Bethlehem, PA by The President, Ricky Mensch.

Present:

See attached file.

A. Approval of Agenda

1. The agenda was distributed by The President to the Executive Board and approved.

B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

2. N/A.

C. Open Issues

3. Attendees not on the Executive Board introduced themselves to the rest of The Club.

D. Treasurer's Report

4. The Treasurer stated that he will be providing a monthly report on The Club's funds.
5. To date The Club's funds are at \$188.00.
6. The Treasurer stated that there are currently twenty one members of The Club. *(Writer's note: As of the end of the meeting there are now thirty three members.)*

7. The Treasurer also stated that the current membership fee is prorated at \$10.00 and will increase to \$30.00 for each year hereinafter.
8. The year will run from June 1st to May 31st.
9. Renewal Applications will not be required unless changes to a member's original application are made.
10. The rental fees for the monthly meetings are paid from the funds of The Club.
11. A P.O. Box has been established for applications and dues.
12. A motion was on the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Loretta.

E. President and Vice-President Comments

13. The President stated that meetings will occur on weeknights and shoots will occur on the weekends.
14. The monthly shoot location will be voted on by members.
15. The expenses for trips will come out of individuals' pockets and not from membership dues.
16. The President stated that volunteers are needed for the various the committees the Executive Board has already established.
17. The President asked if The Club would like to continue using trophies as monthly awards or go to ribbons.
18. The President announced "Geekninja" as the winner of the January 2008 contest. "Geekninja" was not present to receive the award.
19. The Vice-President stated that this being The Club's first meeting the turnout is amazing.
20. The Executive Board stated that we would like The Club to remain independent, without any ties to one particular sponsor.
21. The Vice-President reinforced The Executive Board's belief that this is a club where we can all learn from each other and all are encouraged to participate in the contests.

F. Public Relations Chairperson's Report

22. The Public Relations Chairperson stated that there is a ten second spot running on the local cable company, Service Electric.

23. It was also stated that press releases have been sent to two local papers, The Easton Express-Times and The Morning Call.

24. The Chairperson will be contacting local area chamber of commerce's.

G. Events Chairperson's Report

25. The Events Chairperson stated that a number of members have been submitted emails regarding event ideas and gave examples of some of the suggestions.

26. The question was raised whether or not to limit The Club's events to only the Lehigh Valley and if so what defines the Lehigh Valley.

27. The President stated that events should not be limited and that there should be a motion to decide if The Club wanted to participate in events outside the region. The President asked if anyone wanted to put the motion to a vote. There was no motion to put this to a vote at this time.

28. The President asked if anyone would want to form an Events Committee with The Event's Chairperson. Jeff Grim and Sandy Gelatt volunteered.

29. The Executive Board stated that monthly assignments are separate from day trips/ events. Day trips currently are not themed events. Day trips can occur quarterly. This will voted on at a later time.

30. The newly formed committee will be in charge of determining how members can vote on which events The Club will participate in.

31. The Chairperson encouraged members to upload their pictures to the online website Flickr (www.flickr.com) and join the various Lehigh Valley Groups.

32. The Club's official group on Flickr is called The Lehigh Valley Photography Club.

H. Digital Chairperson's Report

33. The Digital Chairperson's role is to tally all votes at the end of competitions and contests to announce the winners.

34. The Executive Board stated that the competitions are anonymous and members are encouraged to participate.

35. Steven Febbraro volunteered to join the Digital Slide Committee.

I. Print-Slide Chairperson's Report

36. The Print-Slide Chairperson stated that there could possibly three print competitions per year.
37. The Chairperson stated that the competition rules are up on The Club's website.

J. New Business

38. The President stated that the Executive Board recommended changes to the By-laws. To be a member of The Club, a person must be at least twelve years of age. To become a member of the Executive Board, a person must be at least sixteen years of age.
39. There was a motion to approve the change to the By-laws.
40. The By-laws were unanimously approved.
41. The President asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. Anthony Lauro was nominated. There being no other nominations, Anthony was unanimously voted in as Executive Board Secretary.
42. After a majority vote, meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month excluding holidays and will be held at the Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA unless members are notified otherwise.
43. After a majority vote, the time for the above mentioned meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.
44. The President stated that meetings will not be held on Holidays.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Ricky Mensch and seconded by Scott Husted. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 20, 2008 at the Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA.

Minutes submitted by: Anthony Lauro, Board Secretary

Approved by: Ricky Mensch, President