

Lehigh Valley Photography Club
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Photography Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on August 21, 2008 at The Banana Factory in Bethlehem, PA by President Andy Smith.

Present: List available upon request

President's Message – Andy Smith

1. Newly elected President Andy Smith talked about his goal of making the Club a positive experience for everyone, based on creativity, socialization and knowledge. He suggested that the business portion of the meeting be conducted in a less formal way.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Grim

2. Jeff noted that a summary of the Treasurer's Report has been posted on the Club's website, and full copies of the full report are available on request, as usual. He also noted that as the By-Laws call for prorating dues for new members, all members joining after September 1st will pay 75% of dues for their respective classification.

Education/Programs Committee – Lee Levin-Friend, Chairperson

3. Lee reported that the September 18th meeting will be a presentation by Greg Crisp, professional sports photographer, while the October 16th meeting will be held at Dan's Camera City in Allentown. Directions to Dan's will be provided on the website.
4. Club photographers who wish to display their work at the Lower Macungie Library on a rotating monthly basis were asked to submit their names. From the names submitted, members Lisa Hettler, Ricky Mensch and Ken Kovak were drawn from a hat to be initial contributors in the project.

New Business

5. **Smugmug Proposal** -Anthony Lauro presented a proposal for the Club to accept an offer of a free account on Smugmug, where Club members can donate and post photos for sale. Proceeds from any sales would accrue to the Club. He described the advantages of a Smugmug account, including user-defined pricing, unlimited storage, copyright protection and dynamic watermarks. Other advantages would accrue to individual Club members. It was noted that this would not replace anything we are already doing, but would be an additive feature.

It voted unanimously to use the free account. Further details of the use of the account will be discussed later. More information will follow on the Club website.

7. **New Digital Committee Chairperson** - With Nick Democritos the only remaining member of the Digital Committee, the President appointed him as the Committee Chairperson. Members will be sought to fill out the Committee.

8. Vice-President and Secretary Positions Open – As a result of recent resignations, the Club needs to fill the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. In order to give members time to consider their nominations, the positions will remain open until the September meeting. Brenda Fortna nominated Susan Smith for Secretary. Scott Husted nominated Sandy Gelatt for both Secretary and Vice-President. Andy Smith nominated Ray Whiten for Vice-President. Nominations will continue throughout the month. Duties of the offices are listed in the By-Laws.

9. Membership Committee Chairperson – Alice Lipe was appointed as a Member and Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

10. Second Monthly Meeting for Print Competitions – In lieu of the resignation of Print Chairperson Reggie Root, the recent Executive Board’s approval of his proposal to hold a second monthly meeting for print competitions was withdrawn. The Board had approved it for a three-month trial period.

Following discussion, there appeared to be group interest in holding critiquing/competition in some form on an alternating month basis.

11. Member Introductions – Members introduced themselves, as well as their Club Website and/or Flickr screen name.

12. Guest Limits -Andy announced that the Club would enforce a policy allowing for individuals to attend no more than two Club meetings or events as guests.

Events Committee – Loretta Killian, Chairperson

13. Loretta noted that the next two monthly events will a visit to the Lehigh Valley Zoo on September 21st, and the Phillipsburg Train Ride on October 19th.

Presentation – Digital Workflow

Club member and Internet Technology Chairperson Scott Husted made an enlightening presentation on Digital Workflow, based on the use of Adobe Photoshop Lightroom software. As part of his presentation, he answered numerous questions from the membership on digital imaging and post processing techniques.

Additional New Business

14. September’s Assignment - The topic chosen for September’s photo assignment is “Happiness is...”

15. Winning Assignment Photo -President Andy recognized Alice Lipe for submitting the winning photograph for the August assignment, “Sleep”.

Next Meeting

16. The next meeting will be held at the Banana Factory at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 18th.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Grim, Acting Secretary

Approved by: Andy Smith, President