



Photography Club of Sun City Hilton Head Staff Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2018

Attendees: Executive Board members - President, Gracene Peluso; Vice President Bruce Rosenthal, Secretary Patricia Bellantonio, Treasurer Charlie Finn, John Burrack, and Bill McKinnery, Past President. Committee Chairs and others: Stan Lituchy, Jim Wilson/Kathy Leonard, Tom Rhyne, Jim Smith, Sophia Schade, Corky Burt, Paula Smith. . Following did not attend: Rich Matheny, Nancy Hoff, John Rhyne, Rich de Asla, Chuck Thomas.

Opening: President Gracene Peluso called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and warmly welcomed all staff members.

Minutes: There being no corrections offered, the minutes of the November 7, 2018 staff meeting were approved as posted on the club website.

Treasurer Charlie Finn presented the November 1, 2018 thru November 30, 2018 financial report. Opening balance of \$5,743, income of \$2,962, total expenses of \$816, leaving balance as of 11/30/128 of \$6,889

PCHHSC Banking Summary	
11/1/2018 through 11/30/2018	
Opening Balance 11/1/2018	\$4,743
INCOME	
Classes Income	\$281
Matting & Framing Income	\$85
Memberships Dues Income	\$2,280
Photo Printing Income	\$316
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,962
EXPENSES	
Advertising	\$20

Badges	\$96
Bank Charge	\$28
Meals & Entertainment	\$57
Photo Printing Expense: Photo Paper	\$309
Postage and Delivery	\$28
Speaker Expenses Reimbursement	\$100
Studio Equipment: Other	\$11
Studio Supplies: Misc.	\$47
Subscriptions	\$120
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$816
Change	\$2,146
Closing Balance 11/30/2018	\$6,889
Signed:	
	Charles Finn
	Treasurer

Financial Report: **There being no corrections offered, the Financial Report was approved and posted on the club website.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Competition Chair Stan Lituchy Competition: Judges have requested to see a digital file of our submitted photos before the night of competition. This will give our judges time to view the photos without the constraints of the actual meeting night.

1. This will be our procedure starting with the January competition wildlife.

A. Submit your digital files before midnight on Sunday. Minimum file size is half a megabyte or 500 kilobytes and the maximum is five megabytes.

B. If you miss the deadline, your photo will still be on the judging table, but the judge won't see it before the meeting.

C. The judges will be instructed not to make any final decisions until viewing the photo prints on the table

D. You must submit a digital file to compete. This has always been in our competition rules.

2. The Wildlife competition theme doesn't include household pets.

3. March's Black and White theme is traditional black and white, just black and white ,no sepia or tones.

Education Director, John Burrack presented the following report:

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Education Committee Report

John Burrack, 2018 Education Director

Class Schedule:

Fall-2 Schedule.

Seats: 80 filled of 100 available

Only 1 class remaining ... it has 2 seats available.

Gross \$385 Expected Payment: \$225.66

Winter Schedule in Planning.

Dates: Jan 14 – Mar 22

Teachers Class Dates by Jan. 7

Schedule Live for viewing January 8

Schedule Live for sign up – 11am Jan. 9

Curriculum Committee is meeting regularly creating plans for a multi-session sequence of classes and workshops. Current discussion is to create a separate Eventbrite schedule for this sequence of session.

Request for Volunteers to staff a new “Open Studio – Help” session went out Monday. We have receive 3 responses so far.

Extramural Exhibits Director, Jim Wilson introduced Kathy Leonard, who has been in our club for over a year and will be taking on the Extramural Exhibits chair. Jim will be training her.

Following is schedule for 2019 exhibits:

2019 Photo Club Exhibits				
Date	HHI Hospital	HHI Library	Bluffton Library	PRSF ?
5/3/19	Install			
6/28/19	Remove			
8/19/19		Install		
9/27/19		Remove		
9/30/2019			Install	
11/8/19			Remove	
12/13/19	Install			
01/30/20?	Remove			

Field Trips Director Rich Matheny did not attend but advised that they will have 10 members for the Darien trip on 12/17/18.

The dates for the yearly trip to Florida for 2019 are the 11th through the 13th of January. He is working on details for dining and hotels and will have information shortly.

Intramural Exhibits/Studio Calendar Director Nancy Hoff did not attend but advised that all is good. The Studio Calendar is updated daily by her or Dorothy Knudsen. She has also started to update the 2019 calendar with recurring events such as monthly meetings, special interest groups (SIG), help sessions, open studio time, etc.

Membership-Mentoring Director, John Rhyan did not attend. Charlie Finn stated that @ 90% of memberships were processed electronically and really helped to streamline the process.

Photo Service Director Rich de Asla advised all is good.

Program Chair Jim Smith presented following report:

Summary since last meeting

- Speakers added for both September and November 2019
- Topic for March 2018 is still in discussion with Chris Smith
- Sandy Dimke and Robert Rommel (tentatively) have agreed to do the Critique in April

- Proposing a two day workshop in conjunction with the November 2019 meeting. Will work with the Education Committee to determine interest

Programs for 2019

GOALS: Whenever possible, my goal is to line up speakers and judges who are experts in photographing, judging and speaking on the competition themes for that evening's meeting. As a secondary goal, I want to find and deliver speakers who will speak to the "art" of photography as it pertains to their subject matter.

December 2018: No speaker this month. People's Choice awards

January 2019: Speaker is Tony Mills who will be speaking on *Animals of the Low Country*. Separate judge for the competition is Fred Chitty Homer. \$100 stipend to be paid to each.

February 2019: Speaker is Kelley Luikey who will be speaking on *Birds of the Low Country: Where and When to Find Them*. Separate judge for the competition is Donna Varner. \$100 stipend to be paid to each. Information about the speakers, judges and topic has been provided to Sophia and to Chuck for publishing in *SunSations* and on the website.

March 2019: Speaker is Chris Smith who I've requested speak on *Demystifying Flash Photography* (Chris has been originally scheduled to speak on *Wildlife Around the World*; however, I have requested the change because that would be 3 wildlife talks in a row and wildlife is not Chris Smith's specialty, but lighting and flash photography is). Stipend of \$150 to be paid.

April 2019: This is the Club Critique session. Sandy Dimke has confirmed that she will do the Critique for us again in April. Robert Rommel is in Alaska and needs to check his calendar when he gets back. But if it's open, he said he would do it. If he can't, then I will ask Linda Sykes who recently did a superb job critiquing photographs in the black and white users group.

May 2019: Speaker is Les Saucier who be speaking on Macro Photography Made Easy, which is in line with our Competition theme of Flowers for the month of May. Stipend of \$250 to be paid.

September 2019: Speakers are Keith and Tiffany Briley, owners of Charleston Photography Tours. Their specialty is Landscape Photography, which is the same as the Competition theme for that month. Stipend of \$150 stipend to be paid.

October 2019: TBD

November 2019: Les and Janet Saucier to speak on the art of seeing, with their Beyond the Rule of Thirds talk (to possibly be followed by a two day workshop – see below). Stipend of \$250 to be paid.

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Proposed Workshop

[Les and Janet Saucier](#) are interested in doing a workshop in conjunction with speaking at our November 2019 meeting. Their subject for the workshop is the art of seeing and the title of their talk is *Beyond the Rule of Thirds*. The workshop would be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday immediately following the meeting. They can take up to 20 participants in the workshop. Most of the workshop will be in the field but a facility will be needed for critiquing photographs and as a backup in the event of inclement weather. I propose reserving the Studio.

The total cost for the workshop to be paid to Les and Janet Saucier is \$1,050 plus expenses (lodging, food and transportation/mileage) in addition to the stipend for speaking. Roughly speaking, if there are 20 participants in the workshop, that will be \$100 per participant. The Hilton Head Club is offering this workshop to its membership in February at a cost of \$130 per participant. At their last meeting, they only had one seat left for it. Charging \$130 requires only 15 to sign up to break even.

Les Saucier is speaking to our club in May. I propose we announce the workshop to our members at the May meeting and start taking sign ups then. We could make a final decision after we have the paid signups from each attendee. If the Board agrees with the approach described here or with the idea of moving forward on this, then I'll ask the Sauciers to provide a formal proposal for doing the workshop.

Gracene proposed that Jim work with the Education Committee on the suggested workshops. John Burrack said it was a great idea, Charlie Finn suggested they do not use Eventbrite to purchase workshops. Sophia Schade suggested a survey be sent to members to see if they would be interested.

Public Relation/Communications Director, Sophia Schade was congratulated on the great article in SunSations. She advised that all marketing was done for Double Vision.

Librarian, Marge Pangione advised that all is set with Jack Frost ice cream for the December General Meeting.

Studio Manager, Corky Burt presented following:

1. Please forward Ideas for New or Improved Facilities or Equipment for 2019.
2. We now have formal quote to replace Studio red Chairs (20) which are worn and 10 years old. Total quote including shipping is \$595.
3. We are doing a search to find a replacement for the 43" Panasonic TV/Monitor for high quality photo display with a 65" Model which has IPS wide angle viewing, good black values and OLED, 4K image quality. Goal is to find 2 or 3 options having target specs and track pre/post Holiday sales. We will retain the Epson Projector system for large scale imaging of power points and editing displays. Gracene approved this but will need to be presented to members to vote on at General Meeting.

Paula Smith suggested we invest in headset microphones for our general meeting. Will wait till after the renovations to Hidden Cypress to see if we need to do this.

Studio Matting Coordinator, Paula Smith advised that the timer for the dry mount machine is set up. She also revised the directions for easier use. New mat order is in.

Studio Monitor Assignment Leader, Marty Shimp all is good.

Webmaster Director, Chuck Thomas was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hidden Cypress schedule-renovations-Gracene advised that the January, February & April meetings will be held at Pinckney Hall. March is open and she will research with Palmetto Commons to see what facility can be used. Sophia Schade suggested we write to the Board of Directors about our need for a room for our meeting and also to inform our members of the challenges that we are faced with during the renovations.
2. Double Vision meeting on 12/10/q18 to discuss arrangements, notifications, etc for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Internet Service - Rich de Asla, Bruce Rosenthal and Bill McKinnery will research internet options for the studio. Sun City is replacing their IT infrastructure and this may affect our service.

Adjournment: 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bellantonio, Secretary