



## Photography Club of Sun City Hilton Head Board Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Photography Club of Sun City Hilton Head met at the Studio from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM to discuss two important projects that impact the Club as a whole. Four of the six members were present and a Quorum was declared.

The first item to be discussed was a proposed initiative to have the Photography Club start selling Club member photos. Presently the Club does not sell any photographs. The individual Club members sell their own work and are paid directly by the buyer. In the proposed initiative, the Club would sell the photos and SC taxes would be collected. The Club Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer would keep track of the sales and prepare the necessary paperwork for the Community Association. The individual photographer would be paid by the Club Treasurer.

After some discussion it was decided this initiative should be presented to the Board by Sophia Schade along with a member who would be willing to accept the role of Assistant Treasurer should the Board approve the initiative. Following that presentation the Board would decide if the initiative should be implemented. The President volunteered to contact Sophia and inform her of the results of our meeting.

The second item to be discussed was the implementation of a new *smartphone photos only* "Category" for monthly competitions.

After some discussion and a review of the Competition Committee's input, it was decided we should not incorporate a new category of competition for *smartphones*. However, it was suggested the iPhone User Group hold it's own competitions on a monthly or quarterly basis. The group could designate a judge from within it's ranks or the Board would assist in finding a judge for the competition.

For information on why the Board made this decision please see the attached email from the Competition Committee.

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COPY OF EMAIL FROM TOM MILLS AND THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Bill - I have received your request to look into the possibility of creating a new competition category for smartphones. I have contacted the members of the competition committee and it is our feeling that the club does not need a special category for the following reasons:

1. Smartphones take excellent pictures and have most of the same capacities as other cameras. As a matter of fact, cell phone pictures have been competitive in our monthly competition - recall that Peter Lauer won best in show last year with a cell phone picture.
2. We currently have several users groups (Canon, Nikon, Panasonic) but there is no special category for pictures taken with these types of cameras.
3. We currently have the space to display to the public the 16 pictures that receive ribbons in our monthly competition - I am not sure where we would get additional space to display 4 more unless we stop awarding Honorable Mention.
4. The Smartphone Users Group could have their own competition as part of their regular meetings.
5. In the long run, our club photography competition is all about the *image* rather than about the equipment that was used to make it. The camera is only a tool and depends on the skill and creativity of the photographer.

Bill McKinnery  
President