

Yamhill Valley Camera Club Minutes November 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Pifer at 6:45 pm.

24 In Attendance.

The first order of business was assigning minutes to Debbie Voorhees, as secretary Julie Carl was absent.

Volunteer Opportunity

Craig opened the meeting by asking for a volunteer to step forward to replace Stuart O'Hare on the field trip committee. Shannon Trunde volunteered. The print committee co-chairs will assume all responsibilities for prints, of which very few are submitted for competition, as Stuart resigned from this committee as well.

Fundraisers

2007 Calendar

Sandi Colvin passed around copies of the YVCC 2007 Calendar along with an order sign-up sheet. Sandi reported there were over 50 submissions for the calendar. The calendar committee had a difficult time deciding which images to include as there were so many beautiful submissions. Calendars are \$15.00. Print and production costs are \$7.50. For each calendar sale, the club makes \$7.50.

If you would like to purchase a calendar or two or three, they will be for sale at Hidden Treasures Gallery and The Shutterbug in downtown McMinnville, as well as Main Street Photography and Events in Carlton.

Auction

The print auction is on Saturday November 25th. Auction location is Main Street Photography and Events, 203 West Main Street, Carlton, OR. Donated images need to be delivered to the Shutterbug as soon as possible.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and the auction. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Set-up is on Tuesday evening, November 21st at 6:00 o'clock p.m. The auction is on Saturday, November 25th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., so several slots need to be filled.

Craig produced a flyer to be printed up and displayed in downtown businesses to advertise the auction.

The group discussed pricing quite a bit. A minimum bid of \$15.00 was agreed on, and a "buy it now" option was voted in. There was considerable debate over pricing for the "buy it now" option. One suggestion is that the artist submit a "buy it now" price with their image. The final decision will be made Tuesday night as to how this will unfold, so if you have strong feelings or opinions about this be sure to sign-up as a volunteer for Tuesday night.

Volunteer by calling Craig at the Shutterbug, 503-434-2777.

Slide Chair Report

Sandi was very happy to report that for the first time in YVCC history, we are in first place in our division. Our first month of competition, September, garnered four out of five Awards of Merit. All of the winning images are on the website, along with photographer's credit.

No news yet on the October competition results or the Top 80 year-end results.

Members had questions about the competitions, and Sandi did a great job of explaining our relationship to the Columbia Council of Camera Clubs.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Werner, Treasurer, gave an in-depth report of our financial situation. We are solvent to the tune of around \$1200.

Field Trip Report

Yours truly reported that the field trip to the Oriental Gardens was great. Nine members attended and the fall colors in the gardens were exquisite. The day was foggy and cold, but no rain. Several members of the group ate lunch together at Buster's Barbeque following the shoot.

Krista Beckner reported on the field trip to His Hiding Place. Three and 1/3 members attended this trip. The 1/3 member was Craig's 16-month old daughter. Despite the rain, they were able to get some award winning images from under their plastic bags with holes cut in for their lenses. Krista reported that the owners of His Hiding Place are very gracious about letting photographers on the grounds if you call ahead of time to arrange. The property is for sale, so members are encouraged to gain access now as we don't know if the new owners will be as gracious.

Field trips are a great time to get together, get creative and learn from each other. Be sure to check the website for upcoming field trips.

Clinic Night Report

The next clinic night will be at Stuart's house on November 28th. Bring your cameras as we'll be learning to shoot Christmas lights. Debbie will bring handouts on shooting Christmas lights. Space is limited to the first 15 RSVPs. Contact Stuart by email if you plan on attending. We'll be shooting and reviewing images taken that evening.

Newsletter Report

Shannon is doing a great job with the newsletter. She's looking for articles and images from club members to include in the newsletter. This is a great opportunity for writers and photographers to have some of their work published, everyone is encouraged to submit.

There have been technical difficulties getting the newsletter on to the website, so Shannon brought two hard copies to the meeting. Craig has worked on this and encourages us to try to access the newsletter on the site at a later time. If we have problems, please contact Craig and let him know.

Competition

Many images were submitted for competition. Winning images and their owners are posted on the website.

Website

The last item of the evening was a tour of the website. Craig asked for a show of hands to see how many members are accessing the website on a regular basis. He then opened the website and gave us a virtual tour. The website has a new front page with pull down menus for easy navigation. He's included hyperlinks to the Columbia Council of Camera Clubs and the Photographic Society of America. The site is user friendly and intuitive. Craig has done a phenomenal job designing this. Thanks Craig!

See you next time! Respectfully submitted by Debbie Voorhees