

**Grande Prairie Photography Club
Executive Meeting
April 6, 2009**

In attendance: Jen, Steve, Heather, Janice, Rhett, Dwayne, Candi

Regrets: Klaus

ACTION BY:

1. Agenda Review

- Jen presented the agenda for the meeting and it was accepted

2. Review of Previous Minutes

- Executive Meeting, March 12/09
- minutes were reviewed by all
- MOVED accepted as read: Dwayne; SECOND: Steve; CARRIED

3. Old Business

- Bylaw Review - will be headed up by Rhett. Interested members of the club will be asked to join him. Once a new draft is created it will come back to the executive for review and then presented to the membership for approval. *Rhett will ask for volunteers to assist with this at the next meeting.* Rhett

- Club Bank Account - Rhett hasn't had a chance to make a deposit or go through the paperwork left by Penny. Will do so the week of April 13/09. Rhett will provide the account number to Janice so that new signature cards can be done. Rhett & Janice

- Societies Annual Return
 - Societies Annual Return will be prepared by Janice; year end Financial Statement will be prepared by Rhett. Both of these documents need to be sent in together. Janice & Rhett
 - Prior to sending in Financial Statement will need to be audited by a few members of the club Rhett

- TEC Centre - discussion about the philosophical basis for opportunities like the TEC Centre...is it something the club wants to actively pursue or support or is the role of the club to make information available and then see if members are interested in it and willing to take on the coordination of it.
 - decision: Executive will bring these opportunities forward to general membership and if someone is interested and wants coordinate, they can take it on

- Dusk to Dawn Workshop - 23 have registered so far...break even point was 20 people.
 - need to take care of insurance - bank account has to be organized first
 - Holly - will be the host and Megan will help with menus. Heather will coordinate
 - make ask for donations for brunches...Heather will do up a list of food requirements

Heather

- Field Trips - not sure whether all costs were recovered for Loberg trip
 - email list needs to be updated so that all members can be notified of field trips
 - Rhett will get new member info to Heather so that the list can be updated

Rhett & Heather

- Membership Survey - Jen shared a revised survey
 - survey will be put together using Survey Monkey and sent after the next general meeting so that we can alert members about it
 - Janice will organize the survey; Heather will email it out to members

Janice & Heather

4. New Business

- Executive Meeting Guidelines - tabled until next meeting since Klaus was not present

- City of GP Request - Jen has received two requests from the City of Grande Prairie.
 - Arts Festival, June 16 - 24...looking for photographers to capture the spirit and feel of the event
 - Connections magazine - seasonal publication, looking for candid photos of recreation and people participating at city events or facilities
 - a sign-up list for interested members will be available at the next general meeting; Jen will pass this list on to the City

Jen

- Next General Meeting - will include a critique session (first half hour) and then a session on Photoshop for all members. The group will then split into two - CS (advanced) and flower photography (beginner).
 - May Meeting - info session on Creative Arts Centre and what it offers photographers
 - June Meeting - two sessions on learnings from Dusk to Dawn

- Monthly Themes - May - flowers & spring; June - Light painting.
 - Heather will develop themes for rest of year and these will be posted on website.

Heather

- Membership & Email - Heather has agreed to be our membership and email list guru - she will take care of emails to members about monthly meetings, themes, etc and will maintain the email list. Rhett will give Heather all the membership registration forms once he has confirmed the financial info and she will maintain and update the list as required. Heather will forward this list to Klaus as well for communication about field trips. Heather
- Fundraising - discussion about whether this is something we want to be involved in as a Club. Funds raised could go toward club equipment or speakers for club meetings. We will include a question about this on the survey to see what Club members think - Janice to take care of this. Janice
- Advertising - Jen asked about what our Clubs goals are - are we trying to grow the club, maintain status quo, etc. Rhett suggested that we may need to go through a business planning session at a future date to help us with direction. Photos from field trips should be sent to Steve and he will put them on the website and show them at meetings so that members know what goes on at field trips.

5. Financial

6. Other

- Dwayne will get back to the people with the DVDs

7. Next Meeting

- Next meeting: TBA; to be held at Heathers house again

8. Adjournment

- meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm