
Foresters Meeting

Tuesday, 04.19.2024

Agenda

- ★ Phil opened the meeting by saying that the focus of the meeting was to be looking forward to next year in part by reviewing recent changes to the club's format to date and considering other next steps.
 - Meeting start times: Members agreed that we like having the first 15 minutes set aside for socializing. So we'll stick with that next year.
 - Specials: The majority of the group agreed with just going with the same CACCA specials scheduled worked out OK for us. But Jim (our CACCA rep) will provide their list for next year when it's available, then we'll review it and see if we want to use all or part of it.
 - Presentations: It was voted on and agreed that going forward we'll be willing to pay presenters up to \$100.
 - Dues: It was voted on and agreed that dues will remain at \$50 per person.
 - Treasury balance: Mike Verdak reported that our current balance is \$1,800 and no unusual outlays are on the horizon.
 - ZOOM: We have the club license and have been under utilizing it. If anyone has suggestions for a working session for club members, reach out to Jack Martin, our program coordinator. If you would like to utilize our ZOOM line for a one-on-one training session, reach out to Phil for scheduling info.
 - Photo shoots: Phil suggested that we should look to schedule more "come shoot with me" outings and "lipstick on a pig" challenges.
 - "Come shoot with me" or "Meet-up" outings are where members get together and go shoot something like an airshow, special event or a special location together.
 - Bob Dietz offered to forward events as he becomes aware of them to the group. But everyone is welcomed to make suggestions.
 - "Lipstick on a pig" is where we identify a "target" and folks go out and take pics at their convenience. Then we have a ZOOM call to compare how our shots came out. We've had some real fun with this in the past.
 - Phil volunteered to come up with some suggestions. Including thinking up some ideas on how we can creatively enjoy the upcoming cicada invasion.
 - ★ Our Year End banquet will be held at our normal church meeting location on **Tuesday, May 21st**. It will be a pizza party like we had for the holidays. Spouses and significant others are welcome.
 - Normally year end awards would be part of the program. The group decided to forego doing awards this time around. Our focus this year has been less on competition than in prior years.
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- ★ Competitions format for next year:
 - DPI: The group agreed that we'll stick to our newly adopted format. The only difference is we'll add is that we will run through all the images once before the scoring process begins. This quick preview will help the judges weigh the entries in advance.
 - Prints:
 - We will continue not actually judging them as a club, but members who are interested will still be able to have their images submitted to CACCA.
 - The club will buy the boards. We have enough for the next couple of years.
 - We have plenty of the required labels.
 - Jack Martin is going to draft and circulate a proposed new process for print submissions that will involve a sign-up procedure. One of the details to be worked out is how they'll be submitted to CACCA. More to come.
 - Loud speaker: In order to ensure everyone can hear the dialogue during judging and critique sessions, the club will invest in some sort of amplifying device. Phil is going to do some research and come back with some possible options.
- ★ WVAC show: Bob told the group that we're invited to submit entries for display at an upcoming event at the Vogt Visual Arts Center (VWAC) in Tinley Park. The theme is "With Wings". It is scheduled to start on June 6th. Bob will provide more details regarding exactly when entries are due. We've always had a good turnout for prior events.
- ★ Next year it will be time for the club to have a new set of officers and leadership. Via a combination of drafting and volunteering the following are the roles that have been defined to date. There's still more to be solidified, but this is a good start.
 - DPI Coordinator - Scott Striker
 - DPI Title Reader - Ron Centanni
 - DPI Scorekeeper - Bud Dyke
 - Membership Coordinator - Bud Dyke
 - Treasurer - Mike Verdak
 - Technical Director & Program Coordinator - Jack Martin
 - Instagram Coordination - Scott Striker and Jack Martin
 - Print Coordinator - Steve Zasadny
 - Hospitality Coordinator - Norma Berry
 - Publicity Coordinator - Bob Dietz
 - President Emeritus - Phil Chimino
 - President - Anne Zarzycki
- ★ Upcoming meetings:
 - **May 7:** We will have our End of Year DPI competition.
 - Please send the names of the entries that you would like to submit to John Lubon (jlubonki@gmail.com) by end of day on May 1st.
 - *These should be entries that were previously entered for competition this year.* You don't need to resubmit the image itself. John will find the image and stage it for you.
 - We will only have 2 categories (Color and Black/White) this time. So you can submit photos that were previously in Specials if you'd like.
 - Each person can submit up to 4 images in each of the 2 categories.

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- Steve has graciously offered to bring pizza that night. 🍕 *So please respond as soon as possible to let us know if you will or will not be attending so we can right size the order. **Thanks Steve!!***
 - **May 21:** End of season party
 - It was decided that we will hold our end of season party at the church the way we did for the holiday party.
 - This will be an all out pizza and more fest like we did for the holiday party.
 - Spouses and significant others are welcome!!
 - *Again please let us know if you will or will not be attending and whether you will be bringing a guest so we can order appropriately.*