

Toledo Photo Arts Club

Board Meeting

May 8, 2008

The Monthly Board meeting for May was held May 8 in their clubhouse. President Todd Grinonneau called the meeting to order at 7:30 P M. Present were Todd Grinonneau, President, Al Henderson, Treasurer, Wennie Anderson, Secretary and Board Members, Mike Essi, Ben Anderson, Ruth Rittichier, Steve Stalker and Jack Lykes. Absent was Vice President Tajinder Singh.

Al Henderson presented a treasurers report.

Membership is now at 75 active members. There are 40 some members with soon to expire or expired memberships. An email will be sent to those members, who we have addresses for, to invite them back into our membership. Betty Houston will be contacted to see if this is something she could do.

Ruth Rittichier asked to have the active members names alphabetized.

May 31st is the NWOCCC Portside shoot, more information will be available from Todd Grinonneau at or after the Toledo Photo Arts meeting on May 15th, competition night in the clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

June 5th , the first meeting of the month, is slated to be our annual Scavenger Hunt in the park. This is a well attended activity and it's so much fun to see what the members shoot to complete the hunt. These images will be shown at a later meeting.

June 7th is the NWOCCC trip to Schedel Gardens in Elmore OH with a rain date of June 8th. Mark that on your calendars, more information will follow. Anyone wishing to carpool can meet at the clubhouse.

There will be no meeting July 3rd due to the holiday.

Club Trips were discussed and it was reported that several TPA members have already signed up and paid their deposit for the 2009 Maine Trip. There is a June deadline for signing up for this trek.

The weekend trip to Oscoda MI needs to have a head count if it is to be a go. This promises to be a great photo op with many areas within a short distance of Oscoda to shoot. A couple of lighthouses, an old school house, lumbermen's monument, morning sunrises on Lake Huron, overlooks that take your breath away and much more. The Andersons need to know if they should make a schedule of events or drop it if there is not at least 6-10 interested photographers to do this. The projected date for this trip is August 22-24th. A very reasonable motel located right on Lake Huron will be our place to stay. They offer a free huge breakfast that should satisfy any appetite from 6:00AM –11:00AM. Motel has an indoor pool, Jacuzzi and Sauna. Bonfires can be built on the beach to sit around and spin tales of your photography. Please let us know if there is any real interest in this trip.

Other items brought up for possible shoots, were a junk yard shoot if we can locate one that will let us in. Anyone know of any?

Since we did not get to go to the Whitehouse, OH butterfly house last year as scheduled, it was suggested that we look into a date while the butterflies were still nice looking.

We discussed the First Sunday's in the Park. The gardens want us to be present in our clubhouse with activities for visitors to see and

do. It was suggested that we do Color Book Prints of the couples or children. This would take someone with a laptop. Ruth Rittichier said she could set up an action that would be easy to follow.

If this cannot be done before the June first Sunday, perhaps in July and August this could be handled.

It's the goal of the TPA group to get the additional repairs finished before the repair people move on to other clubhouses. The sink needs to be removed and trash that is no longer needed will be disposed of. Mike Essi will start this project soon and Steve Stalker will pick up a new smaller sink and faucets.

It is the plan of this committee to make the former darkroom into an organized storage room. The cabinets that are now in the clubhouse bathroom will go into there.

Todd is in process of sending thank you notes to the judges and sponsors of the Photo Contest.

Mike Essi will bring down all the projector bulbs and have them on the table for members at the June 5th (Scavenger Hunt Day) meeting. Members are asked to take what they can use. The rest will be thrown away. If you know someone that could use these in a crafty creative way, painted Christmas ornaments perhaps?, please take them.

There does not seem to be an interest in the Saturday Photo Day at TBG on June 21st. No one wants to take the ball and run with this one so we will discuss this with the Gardens.

Club Membership cards are printed and ready. They will be at our next meeting and there after until they find their namesakes. They are beautiful; Steve Stalker did a wonderful job printing them.

This is also your proof of being in a photo club for discounts etc. So be sure to pick up your card.

A need for Roberts Rules of Order was brought up by Jack Lykes. This idea was tabled until further notice.

There was a discussion of the motion made at the April meeting to contact Smug Mug about the wording in their site. Todd will see what can be done.

The Board ran out of time to review the Constitution and Bi-laws of the TPA club. We will need one or two full meetings to complete this. It was noted that several items needed new wording/changes to bring motions etc. up to date since it was last reviewed.

The annual Audit of the Treasurers books will take place soon. It was noted that the Trek to the Smokies delayed this action.

The Toledo Museum of Arts Exhibition to be held in 2009 is "Little Worlds" Jennifer Bandeen offered to speak to the clubs about the show.

We are asked to send Betty Houston one item or article to include in the newsletter each month. Her email address is listed in our monthly newsletter.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Wennie Anderson

Toledo Photo Arts Secretary

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