

Omaha Camera Club  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Nov 24, 2020

## Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Present: 19 members

President Chris Amberg greeted the members

Election Results - Eva Lovas secretary reported the election result : 32 valid votes has arrived in e-mail. All votes favored the ballot, none against it. New 2021 Officers/Board Members:

President: Don Otis  
Vice President/Program Director: Dorothy Sansom  
Treasurer: Larry Schmidt  
Secretary: Eva Lovas  
Director: Donna Gray  
Director: Chris Amberg  
Director: Larry Headley

President-elect Club Vision - Don Otis

Don had 4 areas he'd like to work on:

- Membership Development: currently appr. 50% of the membership is active and attends meetings, participate in competitions. Looking for the opportunity to get more people being visible in college, social media, Omaha community.
- Leadership Development: Need to focus on officer and chair succession so that back ups are available.
- Program Development : taking a look at other clubs' activities; new program ideas from the members, change in the number of monthly meetings; PSA webinars; alternating Show & Tell and program.
- Website/Online Development : making more useful; fresh information ; calendar.

Administrative "Housekeeping" Updates - Don Otis

- Articles of Incorporation : members agreed to reinstate our club at the state
- Bylaws : was renewed in 2018; Chris Amberg takes the lead in drafting
- Banking arrangements: Being switched to new Treasurer and President

Break - 5 minutes

Board Update (Chris Amberg - 30 minutes)

- 2021 Membership Dues Changes** : Unanimous vote by the Board on 11/18/2020. new membership fees: \$20.00 for individual; \$25.00 for family; \$10.00 for students (under age 23).

•**Meeting Frequency** – members discussed deeply how many times the club should meet. Issues include low meeting attendance; attracting and retaining officers willing to commit to multiple monthly meetings. Don Otis noted that other Clubs usually meet once or twice per month. Fontenelle Forest Camera Club is 1X per months (with no digital contests or show and tells). Motion by Chris Amberg for vote:

16 members voted for 2 meetings/month; one against it; one abstained.

Members voted to meet two times per month from January through May, once a month during June-Aug, twice per month September-November, and once in December.

Holiday Initiatives - "Giving Back" – Discussion:

Chris Amberg suggested a motion to write a check of \$250.00 for the food pantry of Nebraska Methodist College as a donation. Individual monetary donation is encouraged.

Motion was passed. Eva to provide contact information to the membership and to Larry Schmidt so he can write a check to the pantry.

### **2022 Assigned Subject/"Homework" Brainstorm Session**

Suggested subjects by members:

patriotism, motion,energy, night photography,city parks, tools, antique kitchen appliances, crafts people, workplace environmental, panorama, neighborhood street photography, weather, water, fire, smoke, food, wood, metal, shapes (triangles), trees, wings, first responders, joy, love, despair.

Chris will send out and have members vote for their top choices.

Reminder: Next meeting: Tuesday, December 8th @ 6:30pm – Virtual Show and Tell  
Meeting adjourned: 20:25 pm.

Notetaker: Eva Lovas  
Secretary