

## **Omaha Camera Club Meeting Minutes**

**Date: June 18, 2020; 6:30 pm**

**Prepared by: Eva Lovas, Secretary**

Present: Chris Amberg; President; Larry Headley, Board Member; Donna Turner, Board Member Paul Evans, Vice President; Scott Parker, Board Member; Eva Lovas, Secretary

Not Present: Don Cross, Treasurer

1. Discussion about virtual meeting possibilities. Should the Club purchase Zoom or Webex program to provide meeting. Opinions are mixed since the members of the board have different exposure and skill level using those programs. The free version of Zoom was used for this Board meeting, normally limited to 40 minute sessions, but these can easily be extended. With the exception of one person who experienced audio issues, Zoom met the needs of this meeting. The needs of the Club for a virtual app are very basic (relative to a Corporate user, for example). A basic Zoom membership is only \$15.99 per year.

2. Club's usual home will be open at the beginning of August. Eva Lovas will ask the dean of operation about using one of the class room at Nebraska Methodist Collage.

Question raised if the members are comfortable with physical meetings even if the recommended safety distance can be exercised. It was concluded that individual members will need to make their own decisions re: attendance. We will follow any requirements the facility (Methodist College) puts in place.

3. Donna Turner suggested to hold the postponed March print competiton the last Tuesday in August, assuming we will again have access to Methodist College. Donna has been unable to reach the Metro judge that previously agreed to judge in March. Board Members agreed that this time the whole membership would judge. No outside judge. This will offer the membership opportunity to practice judging skills. Our priority is to complete this competition so that we can return prints to their owners as soon as reasonably possible. Donna reports that no one has contacted her to pick up prints, and that she is fine hanging onto them until we can meet again.

4. Paul Evans suggested to hold an outdoor picnic as a traditional gathering for August.

The place of the picnic has not been decided yet, but will likely be a public park that affords plenty of space to spread out. Board members recommended to club members to bring their own food/drink (for safety) and lawn chair.

5. Projectionist is needed as Irv Cobb is moving out of town. Members will be asked to volunteer. This job can be shared by several members. COVID safety issue of uploading was discussed as members normally pass their stick drive to the projectionist. An alternative that seems appealing would be to have members forward their show and tell images to the projectionist ahead of the meeting. This makes it easier for the projectionist to be prepared, and avoids the multiple touches of the old method.

6. Officer election: Position for president, vice president, treasurer (?) is open as well as 3 board members' seats. All current Board members have served the (2) year term as stipulated in the Bylaws (at the end of 2020). Board members may elect to run again for another term, but this does not preclude others from also stepping up and running on the ballot (in other words, Officers seeking an additional term must stand for election). Intent is to balance new Board members with existing as to ensure a smooth transition. The first step is to identify a Nominating Chair, ideally someone with some tenure at the Club who knows many of the members. Larry Headley suggested some names who would be more involved in the club activity. Chris Amberg is in charge to recruit Nominating Chair and will work with that person to help identify possible replacements.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.