

SBCC Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2016

7:00 PM

Attendees: Don Sandersfeld, Phyllis Appel, Chuck Greenwood, Mike Calabrese, Bill Berry, Pete Beer, David Carriere, Harry Korn, Bob Schlatter, and guest, Dick Merrick.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. President - Don Sandersfeld

- 1) Announcements
 - a) None

B. Previous Board Meeting Minutes – Mike Calabrese

- 1) Reviewed and accepted the March 21st, 2016 minutes.

C. Officer Reports:

- 1) Vice-President – Phyllis Appel
 - a) No report.
- 2) Treasurer – Chuck Greenwood
 - a) Submitted the March/April 2016 budget report for review and acceptance.
 - b) Mike Calabrese, feeling that there was an error within the budgeted and actual costs, requested an explanation.
 - c) Chuck, seemingly recognized a possible error, and advised that he would review the report and get back to the Board, before the end of the week.
 - d) The report was not accepted at this time.
- 3) Secretary – Mike Calabrese
 - a) No report.

D. Committee Reports:

- 1) Membership – Mike Calabrese
 - a) The current membership roster reflects 64 paid members, plus 2 honorees.
 - b) Two guests at the April 11th general membership meeting indicated that they were interested in joining the club. Their names are, Bob Reid and Louie Toledo.
 - c) Chuck Greenwood encouraged them to sign-up as “guests” on the SBCC website. And, in addition, attend all of the remaining club meetings as guests. Then, in August, become full-time members by paying the annual fee.
- 2) Hospitality – Position Open
 - a) No report.
- 3) Refreshments – Donna Shumaker
 - a) Planned absence.
- 4) Programs/Guest Evaluators – Peggy Nugent
 - a) Planned absence.
 - b) Don Sandersfeld reported that Peggy notified him that she was able to confirm Mr. Ted Gore, *2015 USA Landscape Photographer* as our presenter for the May 23rd general membership meeting.
- 5) Scavenger Hunt – Robin Young
 - a) Planned absence.

- 6) Newsletter – Pete Beer
 - a) Requests that all additional items for the April newsletter be submitted by April 23rd.
- 7) Publicity – Harry Korn
 - a) We have the normal advertising coverage through the April 25th general membership meeting.
- 8) Print/Digital Images – Chuck Greenwood & Mike Calabrese
 - a) General discussion was positive for our April 11th digital evaluator, Mr. Robert Vlach.
- 9) Trips – Betsy Treynor & Harry Korn.
 - a) Betsy – Planned absence.
 - b) Harry – Confirmed May 26th for the day trip to the *“Japanese American Museum” in Little Tokyo.*
 - c) So far, 15 members have signed up, and that the details will be finalized within the coming weeks.
- 10) Banquets – Phyllis Appel
 - a) Haven’t started preparations for the June banquet as yet.
 - b) At this point, we have no vendor items to offer as raffle prizes.
- 11) Slide Shows – David Carriere
 - a) The deadline for the June banquet slide show submission is June 13th.
- 12) Awards – Bob Schlatter
 - a) Passed around a sample of the SBCC logo medallion.
 - b) General discussion ensued regarding the medallion colors. All agreed that the three colors should be blue, pewter and white.
 - c) The Board directed Bob to research the cost of purchasing 25 medallions.

E. Old Business

- 1) None

F. New Business

- 1) Nominating Committee – Dick Merrick, Richard Gross and Peggy Nugent
 - a) Response to the committee’s survey to the current Board was sparse, but did reveal that there are many jobs being handled by a few people, mostly Board members who are wearing multiple hats. (See Nominating Committee 2016 report).
 - b) Dick Merrick, representing the committee at this meeting, advised that the survey indicated that Board officer volunteer nominees, at this point, are all incumbents. Except for, Harry Korn, who indicated that he would be willing to run for a position as an officer of the Board.
 - c) Dick reported that, not only is there a need for additional Board officer nominees, but that the Board should consider the need to restructure the way the club operates, in so far as getting the entire membership involved with the duties and responsibilities of running the club.
 - d) General positive discussion ensued, and after several minutes, it was obvious that the endeavor would require some study.
 - e) Mike Calabrese recommended that the President establish a new committee to study the issue.
 - f) Don Sandersfeld appointed Richard Gross, Dick Merrick, Mike Calabrese and Chuck Greenwood, to what will be referred to, as the SBCC Restructuring Committee. And asked that this group report its findings and recommendations to the Board at the May 16th Board meeting.
- 2) El Camino Community College Photography Show – Don Sandersfeld
 - a) ECCC has confirmed the months of August and September 2016 for the SBCC photo showing.

- b) At present, the club has no chairman to facilitate the logistics of this showing.
 - c) General discussion ensued and it was agreed that if we were unable to find a chairperson in a timely manner, that we should notify ECCC that we will not participate this year.
 - d) Don will announce the need for a chairperson at the April 25th general membership meeting.
- 3) Facilitate of May 23rd general membership meeting – Don Sandersfeld
- a) Don clarified that in setting up the annual calendar of club events, that we had overlooked the fact that this year’s Memorial Day weekend actually takes place on May 30th. So there is a need for a regular club meeting on May 23rd.
 - b) Program chairperson, Peggy Nugent was able to secure Mr. Ted Gore. (See Program chair report above).
 - c) Chuck Greenwood reminded Don to check with Torrance Airport Administration to make sure we have the meeting room reserved.
- 4) Minimum Refreshments – Mike Calabrese
- a) There’s a definite need for a standard when it comes to having volunteers bring refreshments to the general membership meeting. As it currently stands, we never know what’s coming, and how much.
 - b) In addition, the refreshments are for the “coffee break”, not for pre-meeting consumption. We have a few people that take advantage, to the point of satisfying their dinner needs prior to the start of the meeting.
 - c) And, finally, there should be a show of appreciation by the general membership towards the volunteer of the refreshments.
 - d) General discussion ensued and it was decided that Mike would speak with Donna Shumaker, and together they would come up with a plan to address these issues for the April 25th, and for all future meetings.
- 5) SBCC website rules for print and digital submission – Mike Calabrese
- a) Currently, the rules found on the website do not reflect the rules that we are currently enforcing (i.e. member may submit 2 images, and 1 makeup image).
 - b) General discussion ensued and it was decided that Mike will speak with Phil Cohen, website administrator, and attempt to have him correct the language.
- 6) Hospitality Chairperson position vacant – Mike Calabrese
- a) Propose that the Board temporarily suspend this position until such time as a volunteer is willing to fulfill the duties.
 - b) Chuck Greenwood suggested that Lisa Bragg may be willing to volunteer. And, that he would be willing to check with her, and let the Board know if she’s interested.
- 7) Overnight trips – Bill Berry
- a) Our current overnight trip(s) chairperson, Betsy Treynor, has been justifiably extremely busy with her personal life. Consequently, we have had fewer and fewer opportunities to enjoy extended trips. My concern is that we are losing a very valuable and enjoyable function for our members.
 - b) Maybe the Board should consider asking Betsy to “step aside” for the time being, with full knowledge that the chair position remains hers, and in the interim, we will find a temporary co-chairperson.
 - c) General discussion ensued and it was decided that Bill will discuss this with Betsy, and see how she feels about our suggestion.
 - d) Don will make an announcement at the April 25th meeting asking for a volunteer to co-chair for organizing overnight trips.

G. The next SBCC Board meeting will be held on May 16th, 7:00 PM. Location will be at Don Sandersfeld’s home.