

PFLI Board Meeting

November 11, 2017

Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>PFLI Position</u>	<u>Club</u>
Mike DiRenzo	President	HCC
Carol DiRenzo	Recording Secretary	HCC
Peter Herzog	Board	HCC
John Barnett	Treasurer	Bellport
Dale Goldstein	PSA Rep	MGNCC
Suzan Goldstein	Advertising	MGNCC
Dick Hunt	Competition	Wantagh
John Brokos	Delegate	Freeport
Uris McKay	Delegate	SEQCC
Pat Walsh	Delegate	SSCC
Dave Curtin	Delegate	Nassau
Tom Crosley	VP2	IPG
John Bennett	Delegate	Suffolk
Barbara Ross	Delegate	Sweetbriar

Mike Called meeting to order at 7pm. Meeting at POB Library
Mike went over September minutes, it was noted we we made \$352 in raffles at the Photorama to offset expenses. October minutes were accepted

Treasurer's Report-

John sent out treasurer's report to the board. he went over all accounts. He will check with bank to see if there is a credit union charge.

Our CD's renew soon.

We had \$1256.36 in expenses for the Photorama and \$252 in raffles.

Club dues are paid by all clubs.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report, 2nd, approved.

Photorama

Peter will see about a possible date change for next year to a September date due to no flowers in the greenhouses in October. We are considering a possible venue change, back to Bayard Cutting Arboretum or Bethpage or Sacred Heart in Merrick. Planting Fields no longer allows animals or birds. We need to keep the event in the fall, we can't have two events in the spring.

Pros of Bayard- (fee was a lot less, around \$350, has Dahlias and flower garden.

Cons of Bayard-Stairs and walk to Dahlia garden

It was also noted that Farmindale may have classes in September preventing us from getting a date that month.

John- possibly get a tent at the Arboretum? We need backdrops for birds of prey.

Mike- Photo Pie has good backdrops, we also need natural perches. We need to cut expenses , we CANNOT go over budget next year. Each model needs a backdrop and lights.

Note* Hunts want to bring more vendors, so we may need a bigger venue as Farmingdale was tight.

Spring Spectacular

Mike has date for Spring Spectacular, April 15th. We are waiting to hear from Alan Keaner to see if the SCCC camera Club will be sponsoring the event so we can save on fees. Mike will follow up. Dan Neri from Canon will advise who our speaker will be for the event. Mike forwarded him a list of five preferred speakers. Mike will also start sending out requests for raffle prizes after Jan 1st.

Canon Tour

Mike said the Canon Tour on Nov 6th was HUGE success. We had over 80 people attend out of the 100 that were supposed to show. The event was well

received and Canon did an amazing job. They gave gifts on arriving and leaving to all attendees. Rick Sammon did a great presentation and the tour was informative. Canon sold over \$25,000 in products that night alone, not including any other purchase after the event. Dawn from Canon sent a survey for everyone to fill out, Mike forwarded it. They were so pleased with the turnout they are planning to have us back two more times next year.

Youth Showcase

Frank is away, he sent out 2 different forms for entry. The venue will be Haypath. Mike recruited Patchogue/ Medford HS to participate.

Suzan has Cd of accepted images from last year, she will send it to Mike.

He did mention that PSA had to move a B/W photo into another category due to some color that was in the image. The photo wound up winning Best in Show.

Mike said Patchogue Medford wants to participate and several other schools expressed an interest as well.

Competitions

We used our Id laptop at the last competition, it worked well. Unfortunately Farmingdale is not an optimal venue for competition. We als need a key to access facility and lights are very bright. Peter is looking into Half Hollow Hills as a possible competition venue for next year. Scores were the lowest they have been at the the last competition.

Tom said not a lot of people comment on the images on our Creative website. Many clubs do not have their own Creative competition. The question of “what is creative” came up again. Many on the board believe it is “altered reality” although many of the photos that are entered do not fit that criteria.

Mike said Peter from SCC is having some welding issues finishing our new light box.

New Business/Misc:

Carol suggested a Judges seminar, we have talked about this before and have had them in the past. Most of the board agreed this was good idea. Judging is very different between club level and PFLI. Dick agreed to present as did Mike. Peter is working on a date at Half Hollow Hills Library in January or early February. **

As of the writing Saturday seems to be the best day to do this at Half Hollow Hills Library as they close by 8:30 during the week and reserve Sundays for their own events. Possibly Jan 5th, 19th or Feb 2.

Board Meeting in December subject to possible cancellation due to holidays.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm , 2nd

Carol DiRenzo
Recording Secretary
Sent on 11/30/2017