

Meeting Minutes
Silver Spring Camera Club Board Meeting
April 23, 2019

Location: Fuddruckers, 1592A Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852

Start time: 7:12 pm; Adjourned 8:36 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Catherine Honigsberg, Tanya Riseman, Bruce Schaefer, Renee Schaefer, Maude Svensson, Lisa Auerbach, Marc Auerbach, Dennis Freeman, Michael Koren, Phil Boyer, Mark Paster, and Pete Morton.

Not in Attendance: Bob Catlett, Larry Gold, Andrew Rein, and Norm Bernache.

Committee Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Bruce Schaefer presented an updated budget as of April 23, 2019. The year-end balance is now projecting a \$108 surplus. That is an improvement of \$125 compared with last month's forecast and is explained by \$75 higher than expected revenue from member dues in April and \$50 less expenses for food and supplies in December. The budget includes 88 members, out of which 21 new members, and this has not changed since February/March.

The George DeBuchanne Community Service Fund has a balance of \$583, which is the same as in February/March.

Vice President: Tanya Riseman discussed her updated plans for the organization of this Year-End Celebration on June 13. She has secured some great raffle prizes, for example a 1.5-hour portfolio review by Pulitzer prizewinner photographer Essdras M. Suarez. The current Nature Award Plaque is missing. The Board voted in favor of replacing it with a high-quality paper Certificate. Some board members promised to arrive early and help with decorations and preparations. Renee and Bruce Schaefer would bring their collection of antique cameras to exhibit at the party.

Other Reports:

Programming: No new information.

Cable Release: Dennis Freeman has a few more items to complete before he will post the Cable Release, likely in a few days.

Field Trips: Phil Boyer reminded us that only one more field trip is planned for this club year.

Website, Meetup, Facebook, Twitter: No reports.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Larry Gold and Bruce Schaefer presented the Slate of candidates at the Speaker meeting in April. Members still can nominate. Elections will take place during the Speaker's Night meeting in May, given that there are enough members present to fulfill the club's defined quorum. That is, at least 30 members (one-third of the total membership in good standing) and two members of the Executive Council. If that quorum is not fulfilled, elections will take place at the Year-End Event if there is a quorum.

Competition: Pete Morton presented the PSA recommendations for digital submissions, which are:

- maximum file size of about 1000KB
- short edge approximately 1080 pixels
- long edge approximately 1920 pixels

Pete will verify the projector's specifications.

Catherine Honigsberg collected and presented about 40 topics for next club year's Competition Nights for the board to vote on. The three winning topics were "Cityscapes", "Reflections", and "Shadows". In addition, the fixed competition topics of "Nature", "Monochromatic" and "Open" will run as usual throughout next club year.

Membership: With the aim of giving incentives for new members to join the club, Marc Auerbach presented a proposal to change membership rates for new members that join after March 1. They would have the choice of either paying dues only for the remainder of the club year or paying whole year dues and get the remaining of the current club year for free. If they choose the latter, dues would be \$45 for an individual, \$30 for a student, and \$65 for a family. Their membership would include the remaining months of current club year as well as the whole next club year. If they choose the former, they will only be members for the remaining months of current club year and pay the same as if they joined after January 31. That is, \$35 for an individual, \$30 for a student, and \$55 for a family. For all others, membership dues would not change (that is: \$45 for an individual, \$30 for students, and \$65 for a family for a whole club year's membership).

Marc led the discussion afterwards, and the Board decided to announce the proposed changes in dues to all members in order for them to have the chance to speak out prior to any vote by the Board. If the Board votes in favor of the proposal at the board meeting in May, the changes will become effective during next club year. New dues and their effective date shall be published in the Cable Release issued immediately after adoption and immediately prior to the first regular club meeting of next fiscal year.

PSA: Pete Morton informed us a one-year membership will be included as one of the door prizes at the YE Celebration.

Communication Committee: No update.

Other Topics:

Maryland Photography Alliance: Michael Koren, who is Vice President of MPA, informed us about the MPA organized "Odyssey of Light" seminar this Saturday, April 27 in Baltimore, MD. The seminar is formally sold out, but the organizers are still willing to accept five more applications received by e-mail (MPA@mdphotoalliance.org).

Michael also informed us about the MPA training and certification of judges. Nominations to the training are now open and maximized to one person per club.

Nominations Slate:

President	Catherine Honigsberg
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Maude Svensson
Treasurer	Bruce Schaefer