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## 2007 December Newsletter

From the Prez:

As always there are so many people to thank for all the hard work that goes into making TACC a premier camera club! Many thanks to Steve and Sue Engle for picking up the Scavenger Hunt while Linda Dittmer recovers from surgery – we wish her a speedy recovery.

Thanks to our November speaker, Jim Anderson, who donated two prints to raffle for the scholarship fund – the first one netted us \$56 and we will raffle the second at a later meeting. Also thanks to Rick Loy who ran to his shop to get a cable that would work with Jim's laptop and our digital projector.

Many, many thanks to Duane Dinse for taking on not one, but two seminar chairmanships – way beyond the call of duty, and much appreciated.

There are many others, and although my brain isn't remembering you right now, know that everything you contribute, no matter how large or small, is appreciated.

I'd also like to welcome two new Board members – Chuck Brackett and John Parker. Chuck is taking over the webmaster assignment from Heidi Browning, who moved to Hawaii; and John will be handling the member displays – particularly the April Library display, replacing Lori Piggott whose job is keeping her busy. *Keep on clickin' Marilyn*

## **TACC Board Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2007**

**Present:** Chuck Brackett, John Parker, Hugh Rea, Donna Lane, Duane Dinse, Babs Young, Terry Clark, Kathie Carpenter, Marilyn Hoogstraten

**Excused:** Kathy Silbernagel, John Russell, Kay Smith, Chris Holdwick

**Absent:** Barb White, John Eschelweck

**Meeting called to order** at 5:30 by President Marilyn Hoogstraten. Two changes made to the agenda.

**October Minutes** approved

**Treasurer's Report** by Terry Clark shows \$2,624.49 in our general fund, and \$1,241.77 in the Scholarship fund. Terry reported the seminar revenue was \$4,115, and expenses are expected total \$5622.71. Seminar Chair Duane Dinse showed slightly different figures – Terry and Duane will reconcile their differences. This will drop our Seminar contingency fund, normally kept at \$2000, to less than \$500 for start up of the next seminar.

**Membership report:** Terry Clark reported 57 paid memberships. This does not include students, board members or lifetime members. Terry noted that three board members paid dues even though they did not need to. Terry noted that our budget is based on 88 paid memberships. There was discussion regarding the By-Laws change a few years ago that exempted board members from paying dues because of the amount of time they give. It was moved, supported and passed that board members will no longer be exempt from paying dues.

**Seminar Report:** Discussion regarding the reasons that participation was low this year: lower name recognition than past speakers, competition from seminar in Ann Arbor that day, etc. It was suggested that we look into a corporate sponsor such as Interlochen or NMC, as well as how to bring our seminar contingency fund back up to \$2000. It was determined that we needed to establish a committee at least two years in advance and have everything in place a year in advance. Terry nominated Donna Lane to head the committee and she accepted. It was noted that the seminar had very positive feedback from those who attended, and Nevada Wier sent a thank you expressing how impressed she was with our club before she left for India.

**Critiquing workshop:** Kathy Silbernagel had asked Marilyn to discuss the interest expressed by several members of having critiquing sessions. She was willing to set up a workshop in March to give it a try. Marilyn was directed to let Kathy know the Board supported a workshop for Critiquing. John Parker noted it would be convenient to follow a Digital meeting, others expressed interest in having it on a separate day.

**Student Contest:** Discussion regarding increasing the award (currently \$100 for the grand prize, plus category prizes of \$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third, with winners' photos framed and hung in the TACC Library Display and a free membership to TACC). It was undetermined what amount would be a draw for students to pursue entering the competition, but suggested that perhaps some further exposure of their work would be a hook. Babs Young will look into PSA for student possibilities. Partnering with NMC or Interlochen in this endeavor was also discussed.

**December Board Meeting:** It was noted that at the December 13th meeting we have a Holiday Dessert at 6:00. Meeting was cancelled with caveat that should something come up in the meantime that can't wait until January, Marilyn would call a meeting and we would meet for 15 minutes at 5:30.

**Raffle:** Kathie noted that the evening's speaker, Jim Anderson, donated two prints to be raffled for the Scholarship Fund.

**Website:** Chuck Brackett noted that the website has a variety of formats. He suggested that whenever possible images should be submitted in the 400-500 pixel range, and documents should be submitted as a PDF. He was concerned about content, and was apprised of the fact that he is also in charge of content editing ☺

**Calendar:** Discussion on producing a photo calendar – it was noted that this is a risky operation as a minimum number would have to be ordered and may not sell. Suggested it may be another way to showcase student work. Issue was dropped, but may be revisited if a feasible way to do this is found.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted November 16, 2007,  
Marilyn Hoogstraten*

## General Membership Meeting Notes

Changes to the calendar were noted and will be published. This includes December Night Lights Workshop with John Russell will be Tuesday, December 11. Meet at 7:00 in the Horizon Books Shine Café, bring a tripod, cable release and dress appropriately. January general program will be David Fox on Websites, and March will be PSA. Members were asked to contact John Eschelweck if they were interested in helping with the Student Contest, perhaps by meeting with students to promote the contest.

Members were asked to comment on what they view it would take to have a successful seminar, and to let Donna Lane know. Also contact her if interested in serving on the next seminar committee.

Terry Clark reports that \$56 was raised in the raffle, which was won by Hugh Rea. Many thanks to all who bought tickets and supported our scholarship fund. The second print donated by Jim Anderson will be raffled next month. *Marilyn Hoogstraten*



Kosher Beads by Babs Young



Loving the log by Jodi Clark



Warner Falls by Steve Engle



First dance by Mr. & Mrs. By Marilyn Hoogstraten

## Photography Classes Being Offered in January

Jim Blue is working at the Camera Shop in downtown Traverse City for the holidays. He told me that he will be teaching a Point-and-shoot camera class on January 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 1pm at the Camera Shop. The cost is \$30 person or \$40 per couple.

Jim will also be teaching a SLR photography class on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am -4pm at the Camera Shop. The cost of this class is \$50 per person or \$76 per couple.

These classes are being offered by the Camera Shop. *Kay Smith*

## Land Information Access Association - Picture Your Place Photo contest winners

Congratulations to Tom Haxby who won first place in this contest.

Jocelyn Trepte and Steve Engle also were winners in this contest. The photographs are on display at the Heritage Center on Sixth Street.

## Annual Holiday Program December 13<sup>th</sup>

Our annual holiday dinner this year will feature a dessert buffet instead of dinner. A few of your camera club members have volunteered to bring delicious desserts for us to savor while listening to our featured program on Creative and Simple Portrait Techniques given by Beth Price of Priceless Photography of Traverse City.

Bring a friend or spouse with you for an interesting evening. Hope to see you there.

**Results of Competition December 2007-Assignment: "Composite"**  
**--- Club Standings to Date ---**

<b>Beginner / 60 points result in advancement to the Intermediate Class</b>						
Name	Entry Points	Merit Points	Place Points	Competition Total	Previous Accumulated Total	Club Accumulated Total
Burgess, Cris				0	13	13
Courville, Marc				0	13	13
Flowers, Amanda				0	28	28
Johnson, Ron				0	42	42
Kenny, Pat				0	34	34
Kilander, Matthew				0	17	17
Newton, Alan	1	3	9	13	40	53
Trepte, Jocelyn				0	16	16
<b>Intermediate / 120 points result in advancement to the Advanced Class</b>						
Name	Entry Points	Merit Points	Place Points	Competition Total	Previous Accumulated Total	Club Accumulated Total
Batdorff, Steve				0	40	40
Boner, Jerry				0	31	31
Clark, Jody	1	3	9	13	45	58
Dittmer, Linda				0	21	21
Hood, Jack				0	1	1
Johns, Russ				0	37	37
Lane, Donna				0	43	43
Mayo, Jim				0	6	6
Pickering, Ken				0	55	55
Piggott, Lori				0	75	75
Rea, Hugh	1	1	1	3	19	22
Silbernagel, Kathy	1	3	9	13	54	67
Sprague, Stan				0	19	19
Ulrich, Mary Jane				0	60	60
Vannoy, Dana				0	39	39
Warren, Pam					14	14
<b>Advanced / 180 points result in advancement to the Master Class</b>						
Name	Entry Points	Merit Points	Place Points	Competition Total	Previous Accumulated Total	Club Accumulated Total
Bodjack, Bruce				0	78	78
Bodjack, Sandy				0	14	14
Carpenter, Kathie				0	38	38
Clark, Terry	1	3	6	10	71	81
Haxby, Tom	1	3	7	11	152	163
Henry, Richard				0	49	49
Hoogstraten, Marilyn	1	3	5	9	143	152
Loy, Rick	1	2	0	3	133	136
Tempelton, Dick				0	61	61
Wilson, Bill				0	147	147
Young, Babs	1	3	5	9	15	24
<b>Master</b>						
Name	Entry Points	Merit Points	Place Points	Competition Total	Previous Accumulated Total	Club Accumulated Total
Baja, Glenn				0	40	40
Engle, Steve	1	2	6	9	73	82

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