

TMCC Steering Wheel Meeting - January 9, 2024 in Central Library study room B – Minutes

Those present - Bob P, Hank S, Rebekah B, Bob C, Scott W, Cheryl S -
absent - Penny S, Mike R, Dieter H

- First meeting of this group. Each person had thoughts on the path forward: More varied activities, presentations, more in-depth photo discussion, outings, mentoring, food, meeting location, meeting structure, increased fees, name tags, increased marketing, social media, website, scavenger hunt
- Based on past expenses, an annual budget consistent with current room rentals and website, 401C3, misc. expenses would be a minimum of \$1000. For 15 members this would be \$67/each. Current treasury is \$411. Bank business account now has on-line access.
- **DECISIONS**
- Improve meeting structure:
 - Call to order, greeting, guests, intros (name tags)
 - Business: treasury, general information, committees, recent and future events,
 - Topical / technical: guest speaker, presentation, tutorial, demonstration,
 - Break: snacks (rotate members)
 - Discussions: monthly challenge, outing results, competitions, member show n tell, next month challenge
- Monthly themed challenge and show 'n tell
 - limit 4 photos per person (utilize about 45 minutes total)
 - photographer should discuss goal, location, camera, lens, settings, special conditions, challenges, processing
- Increase membership - reach out to former members, have a potluck in February, invite CMU professor and students, keep website, Bob P has previous contact information for local advertising if anyone is interested in leading that charge.
- Membership fees - Increase to \$40 per person, \$50 per family, free for students. Bob P will bring forms to meetings, including liability sign-off. The forms are also on the website.
- Website/Social media - keep website and Facebook for now, Bob P to refresh website to be less competitions oriented, possibly post new photographs of monthly challenges, activities. The website cost is \$150/year.
- Meeting space - Bob P to reserve the CMU Tech/WCCC room 172 for January and February for \$35/hr; total \$140. Hank/Scott will provide information on Geology club location (\$50 per meeting with audio/visual, located on Monument Road). Steering committee may meet there in February, TBD. Fair weather months may have fewer meeting indoors. Bob P. to contact photography professor at CMU about using a CMU room for meetings upon club collaboration.
- January 23 club meeting - Rebekah's meeting AGENDA
 - Opening: introductions, etc.
 - Business: Bob P will summarize steering committee meeting
 - Discuss February meeting, potluck, agenda
 - Technical: Hank presentation about Bellows
 - Rebekah/Cheryl will bring snacks
 - Monthly challenge: Landscapes
 - meeting wrap up
- February __ Steering Wheel meeting - Hank/Scott to secure Geology club space
- February 27 club meeting - planning, who runs this meeting ?, rm 172 is reserved
 - Potluck - food, bev, place settings; invite former members/CMU (Bob P)
 - Technical - Bob P to contact Forrest Z. CMU Professor, need other ideas, can Mike Rice present ?
 - Monthly challenge: ??
 - be ready to talk about activities in March and April
- March -
- April -