

# Photo Arts Club of Toledo

## Board Meeting

### 2011

The May Meeting of PACT was called to order by President Steven Stalker at 7:00 PM on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Present beside Mr. Stalker were Todd Grinonneau, Vice President, Ben Anderson, Cathy Douglas, & Al Henderson, Board Members, Donna Gottschalk, Treasurer, Wennie Anderson, Secretary. Doug Sweet and Karen Pugh were guests.

The group met outdoors for the meeting. Karen Pugh from the National Center of Nature Photography was our guest to discuss the Annual Photo Contest that is set up, judged, and displayed at the Nature Center.

Some suggestions given by both Ms. Pugh and the Board Members and guest were

- Contact from a list people who have entered the contest in the past two years to tell them of the upcoming contest.
- Possibly a digital entry contest
- We should have the right to change a contestants print category if we deem that necessary
- Better descriptions of Fauna and Flora
- Need better labels.. larger and easier to read
- Pick up should be anytime on Sunday, the last day of display and not sooner.
- Contestants should have 90 days to pick up prints before they are destroyed
- Have someone read the Annual Contest Brochure that is not part of the set up of said brochure
- By Mid-Summer call any artist who has not yet picked up their prints.
- Start the Contest Details approximately 6 months before the contest.
- Have forms ready for Heralding the Holidays and IYP classes.
- Determine the person that is the responsible for the overall contest. He or She will be the Contest Chairperson
- Better Distribution of the contest forms, (the past two years more than ½ forms were left after the contest)
- Put the contestant's name, place, title in alphabetical order so it is easier at checkout time to dismiss the artist with their prints.

A survey will be sent by a suggestive website will be ready and set to go out to all members in a very short time. This survey was set up by Bill Rankin, Board Member. It is the hope of the Board that the results will help the club to revamp or keep the current ways and means of the club.

The clubhouse was next on the agenda and the fact that there is standing water under the building, sometimes up to a foot deep is and a very big problem with perhaps mold developing. Also it was noted that the darkroom is now void of the sink and pipes. The outside of the clubhouse has been left half painted since last September. This looks very bad and is a reflection upon our club to outsiders who do not realize who is responsible for the upkeep. A letter will be written by Mr. Rankin to the Gardens to discuss these problems.

Karen O'Leary of the TBG has contacted Mr. Stalker in reference to the insurance policy and membership roster. She needs it ASAP. It was noted that this information was given to the Gardens 2 months ago. It was given to Ericka, (last name unknown to me.) A call to Ms. O'Leary will be made by Donna Gottschalk. Also it was noted that a new copy of said insurance and membership will be sent right to her.

Mr. Stalker said that in conversation with the Valentine Theater, it is still a go. They still want us to shoot pictures inside and out of the theater. A further conversation with them is still needed to know dates, time and other information.

Ms. Gottschalk was asked at this time for a Treasurer's Report. She reported that at the time of the meeting the balance is \$7,961.09 in the checking account. She also noted that it is Audit time and after a short search of the Bi-laws, it was determined that the Vice President and two other people are in charge of this. Donna suggested that she should also be present to answer any questionable items. Doing this audit will be Donna Gottschalk, Cathy Douglas, and Debbie Rankin along with Vice President Todd Grinonneau.

A Membership report was next on the agenda with Al Henderson. He noted that the club now has 115 members with 21 memberships to soon expire.

Ms. Anderson, reported, in Mike Essi's absence, that we currently have 153.5 hours towards our goal of 200 hours by the end of September. These hours are gathered by PACT members by doing service to the Gardens. Heralding the Holidays, Seed Counts, Plant Sale, Jazz in the Gardens are a few ways to earn hours. We have 46.5 hours left to earn in order to get the Conference Center at a reduced rate during the Winter months.

Mr. Stalker asked for a Secretarial Reading of the April Minutes. He asked that a copy of the minutes be sent one week before each Board meeting.

It was noted that the Scavenger Hunt would take part on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 with the results to be shown digitally on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was also noted that the need for more folding chairs for the clubhouse has not had any action.

A motion to end the meeting was made by Todd Grinonneau and seconded by Mr. Rankin at 8:49 PM

Submitted by  
Wennie Anderson  
Secretary of PACT

Any additions, corrections or deletions will appear in the June Board Minutes

