

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014

Time: 7.15pm – 8.55pm

Place: Whitehorse Public Library, Whitehorse, Yukon.

Present:		
Faye Cable	John Reeve	Stephen Anderson-Lindsay
Walter Gutowski	Ingrid Wilcox	Kirsten Scott
Ed Jenni	Tina Brobby	Mike Burdett
Liz Reichenbach		
Executive Regrets:		
Dan Scarffe	Bonnie MacDonald	

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. WG welcomed everyone to the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

### 2. Acceptance of Agenda

The Agenda, previously posted on the web site, was reviewed; competition updates moved to after the AGM portion of meeting. Agenda accepted, as altered, by consensus.

### 3. Workshop Update

Workshop with Peter Mather was well attended: approximately 40 people on Friday evening, 30 on Saturday and 20 (as permitted) on Sunday. WG has received 10 feedback forms and responses have been favorable. PDF form with "submit by email" button is working.

ACTION: WG to send a reminder email to workshop participants asking them to fill out feedback form.

Discussion followed about the content of the workshop, all felt Peter did well stepping in at short notice and delivered a good program.

The club has not yet received Peter's invoice or those from Yukon Wildlife Preserve and Yukon College.

### 4. AGM

The president's report is attached to the minutes. WG is retiring as president after 5 years, and thanked Faye Cable, John Reeve and Ingrid Wilcox for their considerable contributions to the club executive.

The treasurer's report (unaudited) is attached to the minutes. 2014 year-end (July 31) balance was \$4623.28.

ACTION: FC to verify outstanding balance with Yukon College.

MOTION: FC – moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded – LR. Carried.

Discussion followed about the club's history and registration under the Society's Act. MB asked if the minutes are made public. WG replied regular and AGM meeting minutes are posted to the website, executive meeting minutes stay within the executive. JR added that it is in the club constitution to make minutes public. All present agreed the club currently functions satisfactorily so there is no need to undertake the additional effort of registering with the Society's Act.

Elections were conducted by WG.

- President: Stephen Anderson-Lindsay nominated by WG, seconded by JR. Acclaimed.
- Vice President I (Communications): no nominations. This role can be filled later in the year.
- Vice President II (Programs): no nominations but Tammi Sikorski expressed interest and has the contacts to undertake this role.  
**ACTION:** SAL to phone Tammi to confirm her interest.
- Secretary: Michael Burdett nominated by LR, seconded by FC. Acclaimed.
- Treasurer: Dan Scarffe (absent) nominated by WG, seconded by FC. Acclaimed.
- Directors: John Reeve nominated by LR, seconded by TB. Acclaimed.  
Ed Jenni nominated by FC, seconded by JR. Acclaimed.  
Geneviève Chabot (absent) nominated by IW, seconded by LR. Acclaimed.

Discussion ensued regarding including interested photographers from Dawson or other communities and how to contact those in Alaska. It may be possible for some to join meetings through Skype, or to share galleries for assignments on the website or in dropbox. WG will continue to assist with facebook post, JR with the website.

**MOTION:** MB – moved to thank the outgoing members of the executive. Seconded – TB. Carried.

## 5. Competitions

Selection for Celebration of Nature will take place Sunday Nov 9. Please provide two images by email or bring to meeting; sizing details are online. There are no restrictions for when the images were taken.

North Shore Challenge – more information to come. The club has notified organizers of intention to participate and can submit six images. Individuals can submit independently of the club submission. Images can be heavily manipulated and on any topic.

## 6. Meeting and Assignment Schedule

Both the meeting and the assignment schedules have been posted on the club website. Nov 18<sup>th</sup> topic is wildlife, meeting at the Canada Games Centre (CGC). LR asked how far in advance is reasonable to book venues; has currently been doing two month blocks. It was suggested this continue.

**ACTION:** LR to confirm if CGC is available in February during Rendezvous, and in March during spring break.

## 7. Other Business

WG announced that the opening night of Yukon Snapshot 1946-78 is Fri Nov 7. This presentation of the photos and home-videos of Rolf Hougen is taking place at Arts Underground.

## 8. Adjournment

8:55pm.

The assignment review meeting will be Nov 18 at the Canada Games Centre; the next regular meeting is Dec 2 2014 at the Library.

Respectfully Submitted

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Kirsten Scott  
for Bonnie Macdonald, Secretary



## **President's Report (2013/14)**

Whitehorse Photography Club

AGM - Nov 6, 2014

A successful year! Our membership for 2013/14 more or less held steady from the previous year at 34. This could be higher, and should be as the membership fees are our major source of income and fund our activities. A very reasonable \$30 (upped to \$35 for 2014/15) provides a lot of opportunities. Membership, although not required for meeting attendance and knowledge absorption, does have its perks: CAPA competition entry, discounts for workshops, photos posted on the Facebook and/or web site pages, your own gallery on our web site, ability to post equipment transaction opportunities on the web site, a link to your web site or Facebook page, decision making votes, access to CAPA information and publications, information on other clubs' activities, and the opportunity to hold office in our Club. It is up to all of us to promote the club and let everyone know of the benefits of club membership. As members, we should also take note of opportunities around us and advise the Executive of potentially interesting activities.

Our web site and Facebook page are getting known out in cyberspace. Several hundred are now aware of the web site - we get numerous hits on it, and must continue to use it as the "go-to" site for our activities. Our "Member Gallery" is currently only being utilized by 7 members. I urge members to consider posting images here, and updating your postings as well.

The web site also has many links for information about cameras, software and photography. Our activities are listed including field trips, competitions and workshops. This is also the preferred source for information about the club and its meetings.

Our Facebook page is an alternative source of information for those who use that media. With "liker" participation and sharing, our information can reach hundreds of people very easily. To date, we have 190 "Likes", up from 126 this time last year.

Thanks to Faye Cable, our very energetic Vice President for Programs, we continue to have many excellent presenters. We are in the midst of great photographers and many thanks to Faye for

continuing this excellent program. These presentations are a key component of our meetings, and provide much knowledge and information to meeting attendees. Our 2013/14 presenters included Brian Boyle, Simon Blakesley, Minnie Clark, Gerry Steers, Jake Palenczy and Janet Webster.

Our meetings have been very successful - to the point where we had to split the meetings in to 2 sessions. The first meeting (usually the first Tuesday of the month and held at the Whitehorse Public Library) is our "business" meeting where we provide a guest presenter and update/receive input on various business items and activities. The second meeting (usually the third Tuesday of the month and now held at the Canada Games Centre due to conflict with the Library's booking policy) is set aside for displaying our assignment images and providing technical responses to various participant queries. Having the meeting at the CGC has added to our costs as well.

All meetings are open to the public and we invite active participation for all attendees.

We continue to encourage participation in our monthly assignments. The assignments will be used to select an image for the Cover Photo at each site.

We tried something different for our 2013/14 Fall Workshop. We held the workshop over 3 weekends: the first "beginner" session was led by local photographer Heinz Ter Voert; the second "enthusiast" session was led by Dave Brosha; and we had a third "judging" session with Allen Barga. Unfortunately, the "enthusiast" workshop had to be postponed, and this did lead to extra costs, reduced revenue, and more work. It is unlikely that this approach will be continued but there are plenty of opportunities for "beginner" type workshops in our area if we want to keep the workshops geared to more technical topics.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped make these events a success.

And again, thanks to Faye and her team for a very successful inaugural print display of members' selected works at the Art Gallery during April. It was very well received - we should do it again!

We postponed our third annual "Buy/Sell" event with the intention of holding it in the spring or tying it into the Fall Workshop - however this did not happen; due to other selling sites (e.g. Kijiji), and limited success for the Club and for vendors, it is unlikely this activity will continue.

Competitions: We participated for the 2nd time in the Celebration of Nature (Lions Gate Camera Club) competition participation. Our ranking did drop somewhat (from 15th to 19th) but was successful. We did beat clubs from Kelowna, Kamloops, and Vancouver amongst others. We again participated in the North Shore Challenge where our ranking went up from 17<sup>th</sup> of 28 to a tie for 8th of 25 - again beating larger clubs from Kelowna, Victoria, Kamloops, and the greater Vancouver area.

Other clubs are certainly aware of our existence as was evidenced when I had the opportunity to attend a Vernon Camera Club meeting in February. They know who we are! And it was gratifying to see that our operation is not much different than theirs!

We continue our club membership with CAPA - Canadian Association of Photographic Art. We usually provide to the Pacific zone quarterly updates. CAPA gives us access to contests and publications (we receive "Canadian Camera" magazine - unfortunately we don't have a library - and all members have access to the online version of the quarterly "Pacific Zone News"). We continue to advise our members of some opportunities for workshops & contests within the Pacific zone made known to us through our affiliation with CAPA.

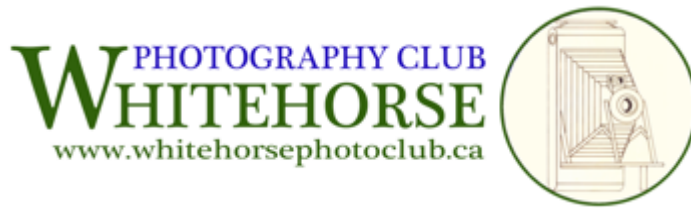
A CAPA event of significance is happening in Vancouver (UBC campus) next year - CAPA Photo Expo August 1-3 (photo tours around these dates) and it is something I hope the next Executive will consider participating in. There is also a small competition leading up to this event with BC clubs that may be of interest.

Our field trips last year included the Skagway/Dyea and Atlin, and our June BBQ was held at Janet Webster's residence on Lake Laberge.

We have been successful over the past year in part due to a dedicated core of volunteers led by Faye Cable, John Reeve, and Ingrid Wilcox. They have made things happen - nothing happens without a lot of hard work by our volunteers, and I wish to express my thanks to all who take an active part in this Club's activities.

Thank you for your support over the past 5 years, and I look forward to assisting the next Executive in their challenges...

Walter Gutowski



## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014

(Unaudited)

### Receipts

Membership Fees			\$ 1,050.00
Fall Workshops Series			
Participant Fees	\$5,416.00		
Arts Fund Grant	<u>\$7,100.00</u>		
	\$12,516.00		\$12,516.00
Art Show			\$ 150.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b><u>\$13,716.00</u></b>

## Expenses

CAPA Membership Fees		\$ 105.00
Fall Workshop series (details in financial statements for the event)		
Artistic Fees & Expenses	\$ 7,616.36	
Administration Fees and Expenses	\$ 105.00	
Promotion	\$ 3,400.10	
Catering	\$ 624.76	
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Competition Entry Fees		
Celebration of Nature	\$ 25.00	
North Shore Challenge	\$ 20.00	
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	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Art Show		
Promotion		\$ 114.42
Administration		\$ 234.91
Venue for Club Meetings		\$ 211.75
Bank Charges		\$ 121.46
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>\$12,578.76</u></b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>\$ 1,137.24</u></b>



**Balance Sheet**

**July 31, 2014**

Assets

Current

Bank \$4,623.28

Members' Equity

Surplus

Balance beginning of year \$3,486.04

Plus excess (deficiency) of receipts  
over disbursements \$1,137.24

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Balance – end of year \$4623.28