

**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: November 5, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Whitehorse Public Library, Whitehorse, Yukon.

Present:

Faye Cable	Dan Scarffe	Bonnie Macdonald
David Musselwhite	Tina Brobby	Liz Reichenbach
Sabine Schweiger	Kat Zrum	Sherri Armstrong
Dave Mondor	Genevieve Chabot	Tammi Sikorski
John Reeve	Dick Smith	Stephen Anderson-Lindsay
Ingrid Wilcox	Angelo Nonog	Sharon Stevens
Regrets:		
Walter Gutowski	Heinz Ter Voert	

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Faye Cable called the meeting to order
Everyone in attendance introduces themselves

2. Acceptance of Agenda

The Agenda, previously posted on the web site, was reviewed. Some copies were distributed – moved by Kat to accept, seconded by Liz

3. Art Gallery Update

Faye Cable has been managing the arrangements with Art Gallery staff. Look at photos, pick one you may want to show. Not many details, still have to determine criteria for selection. Faye will be asking for help as there is lots to do. Faye has contacted Ruth McCullough about volunteering to hang the show.

4. Workshop – Dave Brosha update

Set up has been arranged. Catering will be by new company – Cozy Corner. Reminder that Friday is open to the public. Saturday is a busy workshop, and Sunday will have two (2) hands on sessions with Dave. See Ingrid to register – still spaces available.

5. December Assignment Decision

“Shapes” prepare for November 19th

6. Logo

Logo has been decided upon – old fashioned camera motif.

7. AGM business meeting

1) President’s Report – Faye Cable read report quickly in Walter’s absence. Entire report will be posted on the website (report attached)
Moved that report be accepted by Sherri, seconded by Kat

- 2) Treasurer's Report – Ingrid spoke to her report for August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013 (attached).
Moved that report be accepted by Liz, seconded by Tammi
- 3) Questions - none.
- 4) Elections -

President - Walter Gutowski nominated by Tammi; seconded by Faye; acclaimed
Vice President I –Heinz Ter Voert nominated by Dan; seconded by Tammi; acclaimed
Vice President II (Programs) - Faye Cable nominated by Tammi; seconded by Dick; acclaimed –
Tammi mentioned she might take this on next year.

Secretary – Tammi Sikorski nominated by Bonnie; seconded by Faye; acclaimed -
Tammi might not be able to make 2nd meeting of the month but can make the first – Club is okay
with that.

Treasurer - Ingrid Wilcox offered to stand again until September 2014. Tammi made a motion to
create a “co-treasurer” position but withdrew the motion before a vote. Discussion on the possibility
of creating a sub-committee in September to help with memberships and workshop registrations.
Dan offers to be Ingrid's back up in September 2014. Nominated by Kat; seconded by Tina;
acclaimed

Director - John Reeve nominated by Faye; seconded by Tammi; acclaimed

Director – Bonnie Macdonald nominated by Liz; seconded by Tina; acclaimed

Past President – Rusty Reid

**BYLAWS: MOTION BY INGRID TO ADD A THIRD DIRECTOR POSITION IS SECONDED BY TAMMI; MOVED BY
THE MEMBERSHIP.**

Dan Scarffe will let his name stand; acclaimed.

8. **Celebration of Nature 2013**

13 images presented. Two rounds of voting – 10 images selected.

9. **North Shore Challenge Review 2013 top images**

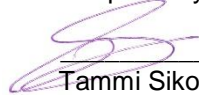
Not discussed due to time constraints

10. **Other**

Simon Blakesly will speak to us about his photography in December. Please let Faye know if anyone who
is not a member could present at some point in time.

11. **Adjournment at 9pm**

Respectfully Submitted



Tammi Sikorski

Secretary

ATTACHMENTS (2 Reports)



President's Report

Whitehorse Photography Club
AGM - Nov 5, 2013

A successful year! Although our membership for 2012/13 dropped a bit from the previous high of 50, it was still a very respectable 38! And we are on track to achieve that again with 30 so far paid up for 2013/14. It is up to all of us to promote the club and let everyone know of the benefits of club membership.

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, especially around the fall workshop period (not surprisingly as we advise that as the go-to place for workshop information). This past year we only had 10 members participate with the "Member Gallery" (down to 7 so far this year); members are urged to consider posting images here and updating your postings as well. Our featured image should be selected from these postings.

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 126 "Likes".

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 2012/13 presenters included Mary Bradshaw (YAC), Manu Keggenhoff, Walter Gutowski, Rick Massie, Marten Berkman, Mike Thomas and Alistair Maitland.

Our meetings have been very successful - to the point where we had to split the meetings in to 2 sessions because of time limitations at our venue of choice - the Whitehorse Public Library. The first meeting (usually the first Tuesday of the month) 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) is set aside for displaying our assignment images and providing technical responses to various participant queries.

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 (members only).

Our 2012/13 Fall Workshop was led by Darwin Wiggett. In 2013/14, we thought we would split the workshop in to 2 - one geared for beginners or a refresher, while the 2nd more suited for more advanced photographers. We are still assessing this approach and no decision has yet been made for which format to continue with in 2014/15. Unfortunately our 2nd workshop had to be postponed this year but all is set for December, and there is still lots of room for your participation.

In addition to these 2 workshops, we were very fortunate to have a CAPA instructor available to put on a judging and "better photos" workshops as well. So in essence, we had three workshop weekends! Thanks to the volunteers who helped make these events a success.

Last year, we decided to add the Celebration of Nature (Lions Gate Camera Club) to our competition participation. This was our inaugural event and we placed a respectful 15 out of 24.

Again we participated in the North Shore Challenge - however, our ranking dropped down to a tie for 17th of 28 from our sole 8th place the previous year. On a more positive note, congratulations to Bob Nishikawa for his Honourable Mention.

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 club participants 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.

We had our second annual "Buy/Sell" event last November with moderate success. Your Executive decided that our third event will be held in the spring of 2014. We continue to hope for more participation from membership and from the public as the event becomes more well known - to be successful for the Club and certainly for the sellers and buyers.

Our field trips last year included the Haines Bald Eagle Festival, Skagway/Dyea and Atlin.

The Whitehorse Photography Club also initiated a search for a newer logo. A recent decision by the executive resulted in the one now displayed as a header on all our correspondence.

We have been successful in part due to a dedicated core of volunteers, to John Reeve, Dennis Senger, Faye Cable, Ingrid Wilcox, and Kirsten Scott. 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. But "volunteer burnout" is a reality, and our club could be a victim of this phenomenon. Dennis and Kirsten will not be returning this year, and some of your current executive members are also looking at taking a step back. New and younger blood is required to maintain our success. I encourage you all to seriously consider continuing involvement with our organization - at the Executive level, as well as our activities and meetings.

Thank you for your support over the past year and I look forward to the next...

Walter Gutowski



Balance Sheet

July 31, 2013

Assets

Current

Bank		<u>\$ 3,486.04</u>
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Members' Equity

Surplus

Balance beginning of year	\$ 1,528.82	
Plus - excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>\$ 1,957.22</u>	
	\$ 3,486.04	
Balance – end of year	\$ 3,486.04	<u>\$ 3,486.04</u>

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013

(Unaudited)

Receipts

Membership Fees		\$ 1,100.00
Darwin Wiggett Workshop		
Participant Fees	\$5,435.00	
Arts Fund Grant	<u>\$7,335.00</u>	
	\$12,770.00	\$12,770.00
Buy/Sell Event		
Participant Fees (Table Rentals)	\$ 150.00	
Donation	\$ 50.00	
Equipment Sold	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	
	\$ 215.00	<u>\$ 215.00</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$14,085.00</u>

Expenses

CAPA Membership Fees		\$ 105.00	
Darwin Wiggett Workshop (details in financial statements for the event)			
Artistic Fees & Expenses	\$ 5,398.35		
Administration Fees and Expenses	\$ 5.94		
Promotion	\$ 2,011.41		
Production Expenses	\$ 594.59		
Catering	\$ 104.43		
Arts Fund	<u>\$ 3,125.46</u>		
	\$11,240.18	\$11,240.18	
Competition Entry Fees			
Celebration of Nature	\$ 25.00		
North Shore Challenge	<u>\$ 20.00</u>		
	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	
Buy/SellEvent			
Facility Rental	\$ 75.00		
Promotion	<u>\$ 116.16</u>		
	\$ 191.16	\$ 191.16	
Administration		\$ 204.86	
Web Site		\$ 170.64	
Gifts		\$ 86.74	
Bank Charges		<u>\$ 84.20</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$12,127.78</u>	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES		<u>\$ 1,957.22</u>	