**Indian River Photo Club Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 12, 2017**

**Call to Order:** 12:27 pm by Billy Ocker

 **Location:** Crab E Bill's, Sebastian, FL

 **Roll Call:** Billy Ocker, Bobbi Whitlam, Nick Binghieri, Joyce Burr, Bill Conway. Guests: Louie Ciszek, George & Mary Ester Bollis, J R Williams.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Bobbie. $3,834.36 as of Feb. 26th. Income: $155.00; Expenses: $00.00; Balance on hand: $3,989.86

43 adult members, 2 youth members, 2 lifetime members.

 **Upcoming Meetings:**

 **Mar.** Judging Waussauk Photo Contests.

 **April.** Bob Montanaro **"Wildlife Photogrphy"**

**Note: PR and Media requires that the speaker name, bio and title of their presentation be submitted two weeks prior to the month of the presentation.**

Two additional Photo Books of the VB Museum Contest winners have been created and will be given to the members that ordered them at the next meeting.

Mary Ester Bollis has created letters to be sent to those members who have joined this year and another to be sent to those members who have not yet sent in their dues. See Exhibits A & B attached.

Mary Ester also presented the Board with a Calendar of future IRPC Events (See Exhibit C attached) and an excellent compendium of Thoughts for Invigorating the Photo Club which was amended after the meeting to include discussion items and follow-up activities. (See Exhibit D attached).

George and Mary Ester, along with J R Williams also submitted the themes for the 2018 Photo Contests (see Exhibit E attached).

**Outside the Box:**

 **- Stick Marsh Wildlife Photo Trip**. To be scheduled in March.

**Photo Themes:** Mar. - Open

 April - Labor of Love

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Sunday, April 9th at noon at Crab E Bill's in Sebastian.

**Close meeting**: 1:50 pm. Respectfully Submitted,

 Bill Conway, Secretary, IRPC

**Exhibit A - Letter to IRPC Paid-Up Members**

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**WITHOUT “YOU” I.R.P.C. IS NOT AS GOOD.**

Member “participation” is what makes a club dynamic.

We **NEED** ***cheerful*** members present at the meetings, members’ ***enjoyment*** at events, and members’ ***perseverance*** in participation in the IRPC print contests.

We NEED ***“YOU”*** !

**We want to *THANK “YOU”*  for being a member and *helping support*** the necessary costs that keep our club going and we hope you will enjoy ***participating* in**the upcoming learning and social activities.

Thankfully,

Your IRPC Board

**Exhibit B - Letter to IRPC Non-Paid Past Members**

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Our hope is that you, as a past member, will re-join us and help support the club and it's on-going activities. Member participation is what makes a club dynamic. The Dues remain the same: $30 per adult, $10 per youth (<18 yrs). You can mail your dues to Indian River Photo Club,PO Box 1491, Vero Beach, FL 32961-1491 or pay at the next meeting.

We NEED ***“YOU”*** !

Your IRPC Board Members

**Exhibit C: Future Photo Events Calendar**

**March 10-19, 2017**

**Indian River County Firefighters’ Fair**

Indian River County Fairgrounds

7955 58th Avenue

https://www.firefightersfair.org

**March 18, 2017** (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

**25th Annual Pelican Island Wildlife Festival**

Sebastian Riverview Park, Sebastian, Florida

http://www.firstrefuge.org/pelican-island-wildlife-festival

**March 19, 2017**

**Waterside Blues** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Mariana Square, Fort Pierce



<http://www.cityoffortpierce.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=1822&month=3&year=2017&day=11&calType=0>

**March 23, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting . 6.30 pm start!**

**Contest Theme: Open**

**Program: Members will be judging International Competition Photos**

**J. R. Williams will present the photographs from the February 28th Think Outside the Box #5 *(Corvettes, Sunset, Light Painting)***

**March 25**

Hooked on Music Festival

FREE

Marina Square Fort Pierce

11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

**April 1-2, 2017**

**Marine and Wildlife Art Festival,**

**Nautical Flea Market and Seafood Festival**

Indian River County Fair Grounds

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**7955 58th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32967**

**April 1-2, 2017**



**April 2**

**Melbourne Air & Space Show**

Melbourne International Airport, Melbourne, Florida

Featuring the USAF Thunderbirds

Melbourne International Airport

**April 8 & 9**

**Hibiscus Festival Fine Art & Craft Show**

Downtown Vero Beach

**April 27, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting . 6.30 pm start!**

**Contest Theme: Labor of Love**

**Program: Bob Montonaro - Wildlife Photography**

**April (latter part of April)??? Think Outside the Box #6**

Private Entrance to T.M. Goodwin Wildlife Management Area & Broadmoore Marsh

***(Waiting for Broadmoore to be re-opened to announce date.)***

**May 10-21, 2017 Submission Dates** (during regular hours)

**“Through the Eye of the Camera” Backus Museum Juried Competition**

**Opening Reception Friday June 9, 2017** (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

500 North Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida http://www.backusmuseum.com

**May 25, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting . 6.30 pm start!**

**Contest Theme: From Dusk ‘til Dawn**

**Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**June 17, 2007 (8:30 AM – 2:00 PM)**

McKee Gardens Waterlily Celebration

Waterlily Photo Contest (Submission Dates TBA)

<http://www.mckeegarden.org/waterlily%20celebration.php>

**June 1-30, 2017**

**Exhibition**

**“Through the Eye of the Camera” Backus Museum Juried Competition**

**Opening Reception Friday June 9, 2017** (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

**June 22, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting . 6.30 pm start!**

**Contest Theme: Open**

**Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**July 27, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting. 6.30 pm start!**

**Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contest Theme: Open**

**August 24, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting. 6.30 pm start!**

**Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contest Theme Interaction**

**September 28, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting. 6.30 pm start!**

**Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contest Theme: Open**

**October 26, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting. 6.30 pm start!**

**Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contest Theme: End of the Day**

**November 2017... No Meeting**

**December\_\_\_, 2017**

**Indian River Photo Club Meeting. 6:30 PM start!**

**Contest Theme: Best Photograph of the Year**

**Annual Christmas Social**

**Exhibit D: Thoughts for Invigorating the Photo Club**



In the year 2017, **WHY** do you go to a photo club?

(What makes people show up at meetings?)

* (1) Look at pictures
* (2) See how others addressed the theme
* (3) Socialize with other photographers/camaraderie
* (4) Ask questions

Where to shoot

Where to buy equipment

What paper to use

Where to get prints made

* (5) Inspiration
* (6) Contest themes force me to improve
* (7) Technical aspects of my camera (5 min of technical)
* (8) Learn something new

**IDEAS**

 (#4) (#7) (#8): Could be addressed at same time

 Suggestion: **Tech Time** (camera 5-10 min)

 **Processing Pointers** (Elements & Light Room 5-10 min)

 **Composition** (Rule of 3rds, Leading Lines 5-10 min )

Note: In small survey by meb...

Elements & Light Room were main

 processing software used

**NOTE #1: This was approved.**

**NOTE #2: At the meeting J.R. Williams agreed to do a short segment on**

 **Matting Photographs**

(#5) Inspiration:

 Enthusiasm during the meetings is contagious

**Announcements accompanied by Pictures** (Power Point)

 Announce McKee with last year’s winners

 Announce Backus with last year’s winners

F3C would be nice to see the Ribboned Pictures

 **NOTE #1 ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

 **Mary Ester agreed to do the Power Points for the**

 **President to make his announcements.**

 **Billy Ocker will send a photo of himself to Mary Ester for the Power Point.**

 **It was suggested by Joyce Burr that the BOD members need to have a photo in the announcements so that people will know who they are... Mary Ester asked all BOD to send her a photo for the Power Point.**

 **Mary Ester will try to include photos by members as well as short announcement write ups on the slide for the hard of hearing members.**

**NOTE #2 ANNOUNCEMENTS F3C AWARDING OF RIBBONS: At the meeting NICK BINGHERI agreed to send F3C Photos to Mary Ester to be shown in Power Point when the ribbons are presented.**

 **Starting this summer JOYCE BURR will take over doing the Power Point Presentations for F3C winners.**

Have **Programs announced months in advance** so Members can *Anticipate* Something Good

 **NOTE: At the meeting meb agreed to contact Curtis Jensen Re: a program (or a tech talk or both)**

 **NOTE: At the meeting, Billy Ocker is working on contacting JOHN BUCK**

 Have **better projection equipment**

 **NOTE: Bobbi Whilam, the treasurer, said the money is available. However, no action was taken at the meeting.**

 Have **motivational write ups about upcoming programs**

**NOTE: Bill Conway noted that he needs information in advance. Everyone agreed to help the President, Billy Ocker, get Programs lined up so that they can be announced in advance.**

 (#3) Socialize

SUGGESTIONS

 Have **“2 or 3” people** each meeting do **Mini Exhibit**

 (in one year that would be 20 to 30 mini exhibits)

 EXHIBIT EXAMPLE... (2 we do not know and 1 we do know)

 **People meb Does Not Know**

 Tom Castaldi Brian Fisher

 Dennis Eckman Lou Lower

 Harris Gray Robert Inhoff

 Christine Jackman Michael Lowe

 Lee Levesque Karen Lamphier

 Bill Lavigne John McManus

 Richard Snyder Lee Wilbraham

 Richard Yzaguirri

**NOTE: It was decided at the meeting to go ahead with this. Mary Ester will proceed with arranging this new activity.**

Have **fun activities** at the meetings

 Forms fill in to TRY to select same winners as judges Questionnaire... what famous photographer said it?

 **NOTE: This idea was looked upon favorably. A volunteer is needed to do this.**

Have **monthly photo “activities**” that automatically

 **Go into Power Point to be shown during Announcements**  Like:

Picture out your house window

House of Worship Doors/Windows/Steeples

In Your Grocery Cart

 In the dark Cracker

 Food at a Restaurant Hibiscus

 In Your Grocery Cart Medicine

 At the Gas Station Jewelry

 Inside your clothes dryer Sea Shells

 Paper/Cardboard Shoes or Gloves

 Honey or Jam Lines or Curves

 Broken/Worn Out/Smashed Cards

 Insect/Bug(s) Pointed

 House of Worship Doors Hat(s)

**No** Contest... whatever you send goes into the announcement time Power Point Or a Slide Show to Music

**NOTE**: There is no Outside the Box or anything for March so we could do the “challenge” for March and give it a try for the April meeting. Turn it in by ***April 20th***  to be included in the slide show for the April 28th meeting.

**NOTE: This was agreed to at the meeting and Mary Ester will proceed with doing this with a slide show for the April meeting.**

**SIDE NOTE TO BOD FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Bobbi Whitlam and Bill Conway are planning to purchase slide show presentation software so that they can prepare some of the slide shows in the future. Currently we have J.R. Williams and Mary Ester Bollis who can prepare them.**

**LETTERS**

**To those who rejoined and Letters to those who did not. It was agreed that Bill Conway would send out electronic letters...**

**Then we would follow up with written letters at a later date IF NEEDED.**

**- END OF MEB”S NOTES-**

**Exhibit E - Proposed IRPC Photo Contest Themes for 2018**

**Jan     PEOPLE**- Posed or candid, portraits or groups ***(IRPC& Backus))***

**Feb     FLORA-**Flowers, plants, etc. Evidence of

human influence will be allowed, but the subject should be

primarily natural***.   (IRPC & Backus)***

**Mar     OPEN**

**April   FAUNA-**Animals, birds, etc.

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primarily natural. ***(IRPC)***

**ANIMALS & WILDLIFE *(Backus)***

**May    STILL LIFE**-  Arrangements, natural or man-made, of inanimate objects

***(Backus has this as a separate category) (IRPC puts these in OPEN)***

**June    OPEN**

**July      SCAPES**- ***Landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes* *(IRPC)***

**Aug      GREAT OUTDOORS**Scenery, structures, cars, boats, etc***(Backus)***

**Sept     OPEN**

**Oct       MACRO**a close-up of images of native insects, wildlife and plants

 regardless of the lens ***(Pelican Island has this category)***