

NVPS Transition Board Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, June 21, 2011

President Bob Friedman called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Board members in attendance were:

- Bob Friedman
- Gerry Abbott
- Sam Schaen
- Tom Burden
- Willa Friedman
- Tom Brett
- Georgette Grossman
- Roger Lancaster
- Will Haubert
- Jim Norman
- Ginger Werz-Petricka
- Sandi Croan
- Dennis Govoni
- Mike Whalen
- Brian Payne
- Charlotte DeFuria
- John Quigley
- Beth Morris
- Curtis Gibbons

NVPS Board Minutes held on March 8, 2011 were accepted via e-mail on April 5, 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Newly-elected Treasurer, Tom Brett, presented the Treasurer's report from past Treasurer, Fred Chitty.

Gerry Abbott asked about raising dues. The Board discussed and decided that, even with the anticipated expenditures for new equipment, it was not necessary this year. The Board agreed that the budgeting that we have been using was working, giving us a reserve of almost \$11 thousand dollars.

Sam Schaen moved that we accept the EOY Treasurer's report and proposed 2011–2012 budget. Willa Friedman seconded and the Board approved the motion.

EOY Treasurer Report for NVPS Year 2010-2011—06-11-2011 (Fred Chitty)

Capital Reserves (i.e. Bank Balance) \$10,765.30

Category	09/10 actual	10/11 budget	10/11 actual	11/12 Proposed Budget
Facility (DLFD)	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875
FotoFax	0	40	0	40
Competitions				
Honorarium	550	550	500	550
Meals	310	350	296	350
Ribbons, etc	1,308	1,000	821	1,000
Programs				
Honorarium	450	450	400	450
Meals	225	350	329	350
Insurance	200	200	200	200
PSA Membership	45	45	0	45
Gifts (thumb drives)	0	0	550	0
Equip replacement*	748		0	536
EOY Banquet	672	500	554	600
Exhibits	234	250	20	250
Workshops	150	250	100	250
WEB & host server	0	200	180	200
Membership & Misc	94	200	261	250
TOTAL	9,860	9,260	9,622	9,410
INCOME Member dues	11,018	9,260	11,009	9,500

* funded from capital reserve

Notes: Individual dues = \$45.00 and Family dues = \$65.00

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TRANSITION STATUS

Treasurer—Tom Brett

Tom had all the records from Fred and felt comfortable in the Treasurer position as he had been the NVPS Treasurer in the past.

Programs—Gerry Abbott

Gerry will meet with Mary O’Neill next month as Mary has been out of town on vacation. Gerry has 3 speakers lined up. The first is Tony Sweet in September.

Operations— Sam Schaen

Sam met with Brian Payne and has the information to run Operations including the keys for the locked storage at the Dunn Loring Firehouse.

Competition—Tom and Melanie

Tom and Melanie met with past VPs, Bob and Willa Friedman. Judge selection is progressing. They have not designated the dates for themed competitions. Tentatively “Oldies Night” (competition where members can submit photos older than 2 years) will be the last competition of the year (May 2012).

Secretary—Georgette Grossman

Georgette passed out procedure for approving Board minutes via e-mail and asked that Board members include them in their current handbooks.

Procedure for Approving Board Minutes: In order to avoid many multiple e-mails to approve NVPS Board minutes, the following circulation flow was discussed and approved. Essentially Board members will receive 2 e-mails to edit and approve the minutes

1. Secretary takes minutes at the Board meeting
2. Secretary writes up DRAFT of minutes
3. Secretary e-mails a DRAFT of minutes to President and then to all Board members asking for corrections
4. Board members respond via e-mail with their edits or with approval
5. Secretary makes any member edits provided
6. Secretary circulates FINAL Board minutes containing any member edits for approval
7. Board members respond via e-mail to approve the minutes.-
8. Secretary will send the approved minutes to the NVPS Editor for insertion on the NVPS website in both the board members section and where the general membership can access them. The Secretary will also keep a copy and add them to the archives.

She also provided a detailed attendance status report from last year to help current members plan programs. Average attendance according to program were:

- Speaker = 100
- Competition = 90
- Members Gallery & Forum = 74
- Workshop = 69

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Workshops—Dennis Govoni and Roger Lancaster

Dennis and Roger want to emphasize mixing novice and advanced members to foster better learning situations. They have a tentative workshop scheduled for the coming year based on the survey they circulated. Next year's topics include:

- Understanding your camera controls
- Matting
- Printing
- Lighting: researching name of lighting presenter at Bethesda camera club
- Post processing
- Composition/creativity
- Anonymous critique: **discussion** that these should be open critiques, not limited to a themed competition; perhaps these should be one-on-one critiques, limited to critiquer & photographer
- Portfolio: **discussion** that the general membership may *not* be interested in every aspect of the Portfolio Project. Time should be given to introduce the Portfolio Project at the beginning of the year and view the final projects in May. The interim critique should be handled online and not in the January workshop time slot.

Field Trips—Will Haubert and Jim Norman

Will and Jim presented tentative suggestions of field trips for the coming year. Many listed were at a distance, some requiring overnight travel. **Discussion:** Send a survey to membership for suggestions and preferences (day vs. weekend trips; nearby destinations or farther away). Choose more local trips from the *Washington DC Region Photo Destination List* recently circulated. Organize a way for members to contact each other for *impromptu* photo trips. Contact local photographers and ask about discounted field trips (and workshops) for NVPS members only.

Members Gallery—Ginger Werz-Petricka

Ginger confirmed that there would not be a NVPS meeting on December 27, 2011. She needed a digital presenter for September, 2011; Sandi said to see her for suggestions.

Forums—Charlotte DeFuria

Charlotte has scheduled forums for most of the coming year.

Exhibits—John Quigley

John reported that the 2011 Nature Visions—A Mid-Atlantic Photography Association Expo is scheduled on November 12–13, 2011, at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, Virginia. The keynote address will be given by Art Wolfe on Saturday afternoon. Wolfe is also giving a seminar on Friday, November 11th at Hylton Center.

This year the NatureVisions Board is also considering using categories for submissions rather than just open submissions under the general "Nature" theme. No decision has been made yet. John solicited comments from NVPS members and submitted a draft proposal to the NatureVisions Board for consideration.

Membership—Beth Morris

Beth has transitioned with Gayle Dennis. **Discussion:** Board suggested that we track the percent of visitors that become members. Also that the new members' contact list be posted in the Board's Web area.

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Website—Scott Musson and Mike Whalen

Mike represented the Website team and reviewed the 3 methods of communication listed on pp. 23–24 of the NVPS Board Members Handbook. He pointed out where the Board members' area of the Website was located and provided the username and password. Mike discussed the software upgrades and possible redesign of the Website to include easier-to-find photo areas. **Discussion:** Tom Burden suggested creating a ListServ area; Mike said Scott has tried to do that on 3 separate occasions but it has never caught on. Tom said Mary Ann McGregor has volunteered to monitor a ListServ if we tried again. Board members discussed possibly setting up a Yahoo Group limited to NVPS members. Bob suggested we look at Yahoo Groups as a way for members to communicate with each other. Mike thought this could be a good idea and will look into setting this up.

FotoFax—Dan Ward

Dan was not present.

Meeting and EOY—Andy Klein

Andy was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

NVPS Cups—Bob

We have about 2 dozen NVPS mugs, the previous gifts to speakers and judges, left. After discussion the Board decided future speakers and judges will receive both mugs and the new thumb drives until the mug supply runs out.

New Projector/Laptop—Sam Schaen, Scott Musson, Jeff Hancock, Matthew Schmidt

Sam presented the proposal for purchasing new equipment for NVPS.

	Description	Cost
1.	Canon REALiS SX80 Mark II SXGA Projector (B&H Photo, no tax, free shipping)	\$2,249
2.	ASUS N53SV-SV1 Laptop (Amazon, free shipping)	\$999
3.	X-Rite Colormunki monitor and projector calibration tool (B&H Photo, no tax, free shipping)	\$449
4.	PowerPoint presentation software (B&H Photo, including shipping, no tax)	\$117
	Total	\$3,814

The projector is the same as one that Scott Musson owns and it works well; in a demonstration on May 31st comparing Scott's projector to the current NVPS projector, Scott's was brighter and sharper. The proposed laptop will have an advanced graphics board to better handle images. Color calibration software is a necessary purchase as is the MS PowerPoint software (necessary to run the completion software). Sandi Croan moved we purchase the new equipment and Willa Friedman seconded the motion. Motion was passed by the Board to spend \$3,814 on the proposed new equipment

Excess equipment—Sam Schaen

NVPS currently has 2 **slide** projectors—one in the Storage locker and the backup at Matthew Schmidt's house. Sandi Croan moved we sell the 2 slide projectors; Roger Lancaster seconded the motion and Board passed it. Discussion: Board discussed what to do with the soon-to-be-old laptop and digital image projector. Board agreed to keep both pieces of equipment as back-up for now.

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Speaker/Judge Honorarium—Gerry Abbott

Gerry's first speaker, Tony Sweet, would not speak for the \$50.00 honorarium offered, but rather asked for \$100.00. Gerry agreed to this fee. Discussion followed about raising the honoraria to \$100 for certain non-NVACC speakers. Board agreed \$50.00 would continue to be offered as it has for the past six or seven years. The speaker honorarium would be left to the discretion of the VP of Programs to pay more if the speaker was "really great" and wanted more money; maximum amount = \$100.00..

Board agreed that most judges were happy to accept \$50.00 as sufficient compensation for their judging time. Sam Schaeen moved that we reduce the End of Year judge honorarium from \$100.00 to \$50.00. Dennis Govoni seconded and the Board passed this motion.

Year end banquet—Gerry Abbott

Gerry suggested the focus of End of Year Banquet be on more than just End of Year competition winners and presidential awards. **Discussion:** Perhaps the focus should be a Year in Review and include brief presentations and images from other club activities during the year. This could include photos of people attending field trips,, portfolio projects; members gallery images, exhibits, workshops, club meetings (ask Mike Kane to be the NVPS club photographer).

Bob Friedman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgette Grossman
NVPS Secretary/Historian

Accepted July 17,2011