

VPS BOARD MEETING

Minutes of May 12, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:-President Martin Fish called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at Thoreau Middle School. Those in attendance were Rick Barnard, Liz Bumgarner, Julie and Mike Cochran, Sharon Connolly, Patricia Deege, Martin Fish, Mary Jane Fish, Laura Howell, Steve Passman, Mike Stevens, Dennis Tarnay, Warren Standley and Warren Wilson.

MINUTES: The Actions from the Minutes of March 10 were reviewed; Bank records. Martin Fish and Sharon have added Martin's name to the VPS bank records. Final paperwork for incorporation, and insurance coverage, are still pending. Summer picnic date is August 7th and the shelter has been reserved. Mary Jane moved, and Patricia and Warren Standley seconded, to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2010. Minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Recognition for Joe Miller

Steve Passman outlined the proposal to present a lifetime honorary membership in VPS to Joe Miller, in recognition for his past services to VPS and the photographic community. It was agreed that the end-of-year VPS banquet would not be an appropriate venue for this presentation. Steve suggested inviting Joe to speak at the first meeting in September and present the award at that time. Liz agreed to obtain the plaque, along with the order for the end-of-year competition awards. Martin moved for this action and the proposal was approved.

ACTIONS: Steve will arrange for the presentation to Joe. Liz will obtain the appropriate plaque

Slate of Offices for Board 2010/11

As principal committee member working on the election slate for next year's Board, Liz presented the latest list of nominees. Latest changes: Martin withdrew his name as candidate for President, leaving Liz as currently sole candidate for that position. Tweety Dong has agreed to obtain the judges for competition, John Naman is proposed as Competitions Chairperson, Susan Phillips has agreed to take over the post of Secretary, and Loma Mier will assume the Membership chair. Assistance from their former officers in any of these positions will be much appreciated. A list of the current nominees is attached.

Any new nominations must be received by May 19th. A reminder will be sent out concerning this. The slate will be presented to the Membership at the May 19th competition meeting, and any new nominations noted. The membership will be asked to vote on the presented slate at the June 2nd meeting. Voting can also be by e.mail. The secretary will appoint an assistant who is NOT a current board member to help count the votes:

Quotes from VPS By-Laws

“ARTICLE XI. QUORUM

A quorum of the general membership for the purpose of conducting VPS business shall consist of not less than 30% of the entire membership The Secretary, or someone selected by the presiding officer should the Secretary be absent, shall determine if a quorum is present.”

“ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS

....”The chairperson of the committee shall present the slate at a regular or special VPS meeting in May or June. Additional nominations may be taken from the floor.....(nominations closed May 19th)

The Board shall allow, at a minimum, and provide the means for a member to vote by oral, hand or ballot vote..... The Board can, in its sole discretion, provide for voting by other means, including but not limited to a signed facsimile or through email. ***Members who vote by a means that does not require them to be present ... shall be counted for the purpose of determining if a quorum exists.*** All votes, regardless of the method of voting, shall be counted and recorded by the secretary and one member, who is not a member of the Board.”

Mary Jane moved, Warren S. and Mike seconded, to accept the slate of officers as currently proposed. The motion carried.

ACTIONS:

Liz will distribute the current list to membership with a reminder to send in any new nominations by May 19th. As chairperson of the nominating committee, she will present the final slate to the membership at the evening meeting of May 19th. Voting will take place on June 2nd.

On June 2nd, **Patricia** will determine if a quorum exists (including e.mailed votes) for the vote to be legitimate. She will also designate a member, not currently on the VPS Board, to assist in counting the votes. Current membership stands at 104; a **quorum would therefore be at least 32 members. (amended 5.18.2010 – 110 voting members, quorum 33)**

End-of Year Banquet

The banquet has been scheduled for June 23rd at the (Church name ?) on Lawyers Road. The President and Mary Jane cannot be present on this date. However, it was not possible to obtain the June 16 date which is the regular meeting night. Joan Axilbund has reserved and paid for the space. The church officials need information on table set-up as soon as possible. A committee is needed for planning purposes; Mike Stevens, Joan Axilbund, Laura Howell, Sharron Connolly, and Patricia Deege volunteered to participate.

ACTIONS: Martin will call Terry Gopelrud for any information on previous years’ parties and will be set up a meeting in the near future.

End-of-Year Competition Judge

David Luria has agreed to undertake this.

ACTION: Liz will send out a reminder to submit prints for consideration. A list of the year’s print winners will be supplied.

Building Coordinator – Gift Basket

Dennis requested that the Thoreau Building Coordinator, Shannon Davies, be presented with a gift basket in gratitude for her assistance during the 2009/2010 school year. Warren moved and Mary Jane seconded the proposal, with an agreed cost of about \$75. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION; Julie will bring the required basket next week, together with her regular one for the competition judge.

Theme Subjects - Cooperation Between Board Officers ????

Liz presented a list of suggested themes for the upcoming year. Mary Jane also suggested that field trips should be coordinated to the themes.

Steve requested that a committee be formed to provide cooperation between the officers for judges, competitions, etc. for planning purposes. He suggested the Director for Judges, the Director for Competitions and one other volunteer from the Board. Martin agreed to fill this last slot. Suggestions can be sent to this committee. A decision is needed by June 2nd.

Treasurer's Report

There is a balance of \$4,277 in the account; projected expenses for the remainder of the year are calculated at around \$500. A balance of \$2,000 to remain in the account is preferable. Board members are requested to provide details of any outstanding expenses. The Safeport and PSA memberships are up for renewal. PSA membership provides web publicity for VPS. Sharon indicated that finances did not indicate a need for raising the membership dues for next year.

ACTIONS: Category for future PSA competitions to be decided by incoming Board officers
Rick reminded that liability insurance for VPS is still an open question.

Liz requested that a budget be established by each Board officer with estimates of projected expenses for the upcoming year.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9th. It will be a transition meeting between current and incoming officers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.