

LACC Board members – Listening Session  
Black River Beach house  
March 21, 2017  
7:00 -8:30 p.m.

Listening Session Discussion Points...

- Should we cut judging down to 5 or 6 per year? This would allow time for fundamentals videos or hands on workshops.
  - **Consensus** was to keep our monthly interclub competitions.
- Should we consider no “pre-meeting”, start at 6:30pm?
  - Discussion turned to whether we should work toward a pre-meeting mentor session...
    - Do this on competition night?
    - Help with camera?
    - Help with questions?
    - ? 15 min information and 15 min hands on sessions?
    - Alternate with pre-program when we have a speaker?
    - Pre-programs are intended for new members – concern expressed that we don’t want to lose our programs for new members.
    - Should we use the National Geographic videos for some pre-programs?
- Should we create a mission statement – something to define who we are and what we do?
  - Suggested...  
Camera Club is a social group that fosters a creative photographic environment by constructively critiquing and instructing basic and advanced photography techniques. (Or something to that nature).
- Should we eliminate the Chapter 21 – PSA Judging? Is it too much for new members?
- Do we need to find new ways to advertise the club?
  - John will check into getting an article in L.I.N.K.
- How are our business meetings going?
  - **Consensus** was that the business meetings are going well. Not too long.
- Judging
  - Should there be a category for photos with no manipulations or post processing.
    - This category will not be considered at this time. We would be unable to validate if there was anything done in in-camera process or post-processing.
  - There was a lot of discussion around other ways to score photos for the interclub competition.
    - Should we look into a difference scoring system?
      - To do so, we would need to hire someone to re-write our judging computer program.
  - Should we not provide comments to the top three photos in a category?
  - Should we not provide the score for the Group B photos which done place?
  - Should there be no preview to the photos when judging?
  - **Consensus** - Executive Board will come up with some options for what comments and scores will be shared at the interclub results meeting and bring back for a group vote.
- Training Videos - Discussion
  - Should copies be made and lent out to the group?
  - Should there be a refundable deposit made to lend out the videos?

- Elections & open positions for next year
  - Open positions
    - V. P.
    - Member at Large (Jerry Weigels' current position)
    - Membership Director
    - Secretary
  - Nominations and voting will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> (we think).
  
- Year End Banquet – Where should we hold it?
  - Suggestions
    - Day's Inn
    - Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
    - Piggy's
  
- Summer Picnic
  - Attendance is usually around a dozen.
  - Should we have the summer picnic in August as a prelude to the start of the club year? It could be used as a meet and greet. Some dates discussed were August 19, 26<sup>th</sup> or the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in August.
  - Consider using the Gun Club shelter in Myric Park.
  
- Field Trips
  - Should field trips be on the club website?
    - Sign up could be held on the website.
      - Phone numbers are needed for field trips – would we want this listed on this personal information on the website?
  
- New Member Mentoring Program
  - Mentioned earlier in the meeting was whether there should be some hands on time during club meeting time, i.e., pre-program.
  - An idea might be to pair new members/beginning photographers with more advanced photographers.
  - Field Trips for new members/beginner photographers to meet up for hands on – in the field learning opportunities/experiences.
  - **Consensus** – to put together a committee to work on developing a mentoring program
    - Kathy Landsinger, Debbie Abraham and Kim Ambrose volunteered to be on this committee.