

Oceanside Photographers

Minutes of General Meeting September 1, 2010

Place: Windsor Room, Qualicum Civic Centre

In attendance: 39 members, four guests. Maggie Towns signed on as our newest member.

Chairman Dave Courtice called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. The chairman thanked Robin and Vicky Pearson for hosting the social/field trip Aug. 25. About 35 members and guests enjoyed an evening featuring good food, a colourful sunset and the rising of a full moon. Thanks also went to Richard and Diane Spencer for hosting the extremely successful garage sale at which the club netted \$1027.

2. Lynn Bieber-Weir announced that a 50/50 draw would become a regular feature of the general meetings, starting tonight.

3. Ed Mosier announced that Paul Edelenbos has agreed to assist with judging duties.

4. Programme Director Ken Davies introduced our webmaster Randy Hall as presenter tonight. Randy took the membership on a tour of the new club website and requested a flow of suggestions, updates and submissions. These should go directly to Randy (hallr62@shaw.ca).

Randy also discussed various aspects of Picasa, touching on its use in sorting and filing pictures as well as uploading pictures to its online galleries.

Dave presented a Thank You card to Randy for designing and maintaining the club website.

5. Coffee break 8:00 -8:30 during which Lynn sold tickets to the 50/50 draw.

6. Treasurer Ed Mosier reported a balance of \$1783.80.

7. Judging Director Ed Mosier announced the **results of last month's challenge** (Eating Outdoors):

Best of show	Margorie Dunlop	"Summer Family Barbecue"
Runners up	Phil Martins	"Neck Point Park"
	Linda Lundberg	"Steller's Jay"
	Alan Cornall	"Rose Bubbles"

Ed presented a choice of five topics for **next months' challenge**; **"Serenity"** was chosen by a show of hands.

The **September field trip** will take place Sunday 19th in the Courtenay area. Possible subjects include Filberg House and Gardens, Goose Spit and other waterfront parks. Members who so wish will meet at the Black Fin Pub at 11:30.

8. Programme Director Ken Davies announced that Alan Cornall will be our presenter next month and that Michael Orton has offered to return.

9. The 50/50 draw raised fifty dollars, with half going to winner Wayne Buhr.

10. Exhibitions Director Lynn Bieber-Weir reminded the club that the OCAC show "Best of Oceanside Photographers" will run from Oct 4 - 29 with a reception being held Oct 7 at 7-9 pm.

11. The Management Team will meet Thurs Sept 9th.

12. Robin Pearson suggested that two sports events being held in the area this month, the BC Seniors' Games and the Over 55s hockey tournament, would make good photo ops.

13. Randy's slideshow of the club social and members' summer beach shots ended the meeting on a high note.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.