

**OCEANSIDE PHOTOGRAPHERS**  
**Minutes General Meeting March 2, 2011**

**Place:** Windsor Room, Qualicum Civic Centre

**In attendance:** 48 including six guests, four who became members (Barbara Ashcroft, Corinne and Gary Berkin, Al Westnedge.)

1. President Dave Courtice called the meeting to order at 7:00. He suggested we begin paying our annual dues at the next general meeting so that Gail doesn't need to process all the payments during the AGM in May.
2. **Program Director** Ken Davies presented sections of a Karl Taylor DVD dealing with aspects of night photography (our next assignment.) Michael Orton is expected to be our guest speaker at the next general meeting.
3. **Treasurer** Ed Mosier filed his report: the current balance is \$1254.60.
4. **Coffee Break** 8:00 - 8:15. The Favourites Table featured a display of photo books done by our members and those of the Probus Club.
5. **Assignment results:**
  - 1st place, Picture # 27, Phil Chabot
  - 2nd place, Picture # 8, Paul Edelenbos
  - 3rd Place, Picture # 23, Diane Spence
  - Honourable Mention Picture # 5, Terri Bowen
  - Honourable Mention Picture # 1, Cindy Mersky

Upon request, the other submissions were also projected. Thirty-one images were submitted this month.

6. **50/50 draw** \$25 was won by Randy Hall.

**Chairmen's Reports**

**7. Exhibitions**

- a) Lynn Bieber-Weir has regretfully stepped down from this position.
- b) Gail Courtice spoke about the planned fund-raising exhibition at OCAC's Mac Gallery. She and Ken will attend another planning meeting tomorrow and will keep us posted. Ann Davies has suggested that one way to cut costs on our donated pictures is to hot-glue string to the back of the matt for hanging instead of framing.
- c) The membership was reminded that the public opening of our 'Oceanside Area in Pictures' exhibition at Craig Carmichael's Island Exposures Art Gallery is tomorrow at 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

8. **Membership** Gail announced that with the four who joined tonight our club now has 68 members.

9. **Education** Libby Lovis reminded us that the next Education Meeting will be held March 15th (third Tuesday of the month) at Ballenas Secondary School at 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

**10. Database** Jack Harynuk demonstrated some of his changes and additions to the Assignment section of the club website, which will allow us to upload, vote and view at one place. The new system will begin this month.

**11. New Business**

a) Shelley Harynuk will host the Favourites Table next month.

b) **Field Trip: Sunday March 20th at Cathedral Grove.** Members will meet at the parking lot at 10:00 am. Those who wish may meet for lunch at Coombs Market (Goat House) at noon.

c) **Assignment for March is Night Photography.** More details about the new uploading procedures will be sent out. Deadline for submissions is March 18th.

**12. Field Trip Slide Show** Randy's slide show compiled of pictures taken during the field trip to Art Knapp's Plantland in Courtenay was, as usual, a highlight of the meeting. The quality, variety and number of submissions reflect a very satisfying standard for the club!

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday April 6, 2011