OCEANSIDE PHOTOGRAPHERS Minutes of General Meeting October 3, 2012

President - Kim Greig • Past President - Randy Hall • Vice President - Shelley Harynuk
Treasurer - Ray Griffiths • Secretary - Frieda Van der Ree
Directors: Exhibitions - Randy Hall • Newsletter - Gail Courtice • Programmes - Shelley Harynuk
Assignments & Field Trips - Christine Budimir • Education - Libby Lovis • Data & Equipment - Jack Harynuk
Membership - Vivienne Bearder • Social - Diane Spence

President Kim Greig called the meeting to order at 7pm in the East Hall at QB Civic Centre.

Attendance: about 55

Shelley introduced guest speaker Michael Van der Tol who discussed adding textures to images, compositional elements and how to increase the 'lucky' odds of getting a good photo.

Break: 7:40-8:00

Ken Davies won \$24 in the 50/50 draw.

Reports

Programs: Shelley reminded us that in November Brad Powell would talk about 'star stacking'.

Membership: Vivienne handed out the new membership cards tonight. She reported that we have 96 active members.

Treasurer: Ray reported very little change in our financial status. He summarized that about 95% or the club's income derives from membership fees which sufficiently covers our main expenses of rent and insurance.

Secretary: Frieda asked members who are interested in getting the special club subscription rate for Photo Life Magazine to contact her. A year subscription will be \$17 (regular rate is \$27.)

Field Trips and Assignments: Christine reminded us that the next field trip will be Saturday Oct 20th to Big Qualicum Fish Hatchery, with lunch at the Fanny Bay. *Please note: lunch will be at the Sandbar Inn.* The assignment this month is *Roads and Lanes*. Christine clarified this to mean a vehicle route, not a trail or path.

Education: Libby reported that at the education meeting on Oct 16th David Blackmore would discuss photo editing--this will be a general talk, not specific to any software. • Libby asked for a show of interest in having a workshop about cell phone photography in the new year • A new book, Hermon Gabriel's 'Composition Simplified' has been added to the club library. This month we are talked with Exercise /6: create images that illustrate a) Points: eyes in portraits b) Lines: still life c) Shapes: domestic shapes.

Newsletter: Dave Courtice spoke for Gail, reminded members to think of contributing material to the newsletter.

Exhibitions: Kim read Randy's report reminding members of the Oct 24th deadline for submissions to the Lions Gate CC *Celebration of Nature* competition. Members should also submit two of their best images of the year to Randy for the December social meeting slideshow.

Social: The December social meeting will include pot luck appetizers and coffee/tea.

Assignment Results: Shelley prepared the slideshow of 48 entries.

B/W 3rd Shelley Harynuk 2nd **Donna Wickstrom Kevin McGuinness** 1st Colour 3rd **Bill Pennings** 2nd **Kevin McGuinness** 1st Sheila Hepton Digital Art Bill Pennings' 3rd 2nd Ken Ginther

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New Business: Questions raised from the floor tonight included

Sheila Hepton

- Nick Bosma asked if something could be done to improve sound from the podium, saying that some of the speakers were difficult to hear. Kim replied that this would be explored.
- Donna Wickstrom extended an invitation from Craig Carmichael at Island Exposures Gallery to attend a 'Meet the Artists' event next Thurs Oct 11th from 5-7pm. Donna as well as several other OP members are among the artists being featured.

Field Trip Slideshow: The evening ended with a slideshow prepared by Jack of images taken at the field trip to Horne Lake Caves. As only six members had attended the show was much shorter than usual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Frieda Van der Ree.