**PODS Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**01-25-2016**

In attendance: Laura Griffith, Warren Capps, Phyllis Rummel, Doug Gephardt, Tom Hausler,

Winifred Simon, Chris Wuestefeld, Jen Kuykendall, Michael Penn Smith, John Hoag and Ken Ziegler.

**Agenda**

Elections

By-laws clarification

Membership dues- clarification

PR committee - publications notified of meeting location/time change etc.

Workshop committee

New business cards

Hat sales

Goals for 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

**Elections:**

John Hoag’s first term is met. John asked why someone can’t run for a second term.

 Greg Cook expressed interest in running for treasurer. He has 25 yrs of financial analyst

experience.

Laura says Greg is still happy to help out Winifred but would rather be on the board in a roll

he has experience in.

Winifred needs help with activities committee. Winifred has agreed to research activities but

needs help with the follow through.

Laura wants by-laws to have term limit cut off added.

Michael says the removal of officers and committee chair were the only 2 recent changes to

the by-laws back in amended Feb. 2013

Doug noted we are in a deficit -we need volunteers to help. Sept-Cct for Nov. elections

**By-laws clarification**

Ken and Michael agreed to look at by-laws in 2016 and report to Laura with ideas and findings

regarding potential issues.

2 changes per Michael 1: change meeting dates to read differently. President position and concept should be addressed

**Membership dues clarification**

Laura wanted clarification on dues. $25.00 for dues to new members $20.00 for renewal

Michael stepped up to call past members about renewals. 20 people need to be called.

Michael is going to call before next meeting.

Laura will post on social media for a reminder.

Laura will contact Pam Ward, Jeff & Cathy

Don’t send new people to Laura at meetings. New members go to the Treasurer with money.

Laura says a form should be introduced.

Doug suggests making a statement that new members go to website to become a member.

Exception for cash and check can be made.

Membership committee should gather thoughts and make a form for new members

Name, address, email, special interests, level of photography experience.

**PR Committee**

Laura says Warren’s priority is to get publications up to date. newspapers

literature for cork boards and to reproduce tri-fold brochure vertical. Warren agrees to do so.

Mike: Is PODS listed in the chamber annual directory print and online? mentioned calendar

of meetings.

Tom: Shelly at Holy Spirit Church will put PODS on the 4th Thursday at the church for our

meetings.

Ken will get the TV from Mazama and take to Laura’s house.

Warren asks if PR has a budget. John says we have the resources.

John says our domain name and hosting fees $150.00 for the year are due. John suggested 5

year purchase of domain name rather than per year up to 100.00 dollars

John motions to move up to $100.00 for 5 year purchase of domain name plus one year of

hosting. voted and approved.

signature cards for bank need to be fixed after new treasurer is elected

**Workshop Committee**

A newly added committee

Committee needs a chair. Should there be a co-chair? Initial meeting will happen in the near

future.

Michael moves that we actively initiate a committee all agree motioned and passed.

John: Writers league of TX have guidelines for costs in workshops

Doug: workshops for young people and community outreach

Jen: Next workshop will be compositing.

**BUSINESS CARDS**

Can anyone use the PODS logo for own business cards? The general answer is yes.

Laura is asking for help with website and transferring the files from Yahoo Groups to website.

Moving the files are priority. Laura intends to ask members question pertaining to this topic.

Google+ talk about posting “interests” to keep people’s interest

Laura pleaded to have executive board communicate only on Google+ exec board page

**HATS**

Jaime has the hats

Laura: bought 3 dozen

2 colors

Majority voted to charge $8.00 a hat to cover handling fees

**GOALS FOR 2016**

Tom presented a 6 month list of guest speakers

• community out reach

• continuing workshops committee

Chris: Improving communication

**Spring Show**

• Pairing with other photo clubs

John: What is membership committee supposed to be?

Meeting closed at 9:00