Minutes of PODS Monthly Meeting- March 26, 2015

 Members attending including: Pamela Wood, Doug Gephardt, Nancy Fierstien, John Hoag, Terry Brim, Janice Smith, Tom Delany, David & Elaine Wilson, Cathy Jones, Jaime Molina, Tom Hausler, Warren Capps, Winifred Simon, Chris Wuestefeld, Michael Penn Smith, Ken Ziegler, Laura Griffith, Janis Cowell, Jennifer Kuykendall, Drexel Johnson and Phyllis Rummel.

 Guests attending including: Kenneth Harding, Angela Johnson, Rick Russell and Greg Cook.

Laura Griffith, President and Secretary, opened the meeting.

It was decided with the library and the Board that we would change the seating arrangement in the room to accommodate our growing membership. Laura asked the group if this was more comfortable and general consensus was Yes.

We have been experiencing difficulty with the Yahoo Groups Calendar. It has been sending out reminders with the incorrect time. It seems to be an issue with Yahoo and not operator error so it has been decided that we will not use it for the time being. Instead a general email reminder will be sent out and also an event will be set up on the Google + page.

Chris Wuestefeld updated the group regarding the website. Our new website up and running. It’s located at: [www.photographersofds.us](http://www.photographersofds.us)

If you would like your bio set up on the photographer’s page please send it to Chris Wuestefeld. In future we will highlight one photographer a month on this page along with all the bios.

Chris Wuestefeld and Ken Ziegler have the Digital Show dates. It will be held from May 23-May 30. We will have a show at Mazama Coffee Company in Dripping Springs, TX. The theme for the show is Water. The judge will be Chase Fountain, Texas Parks and Wildlife Photographer.

As far as the print show goes members will have the option on whether they would like to print their entry and have it show at Mazama’s. If you don’t want to print and frame your entry it will still be shown on the digital show. Winners will be required to print and show.

Treasury Report: John Hoag, Treasurer, gave us a brief update. There is currently about $1300.00 in the coffers and most of the members have sent in their renewal fees for 2015.

Activities Report: Winifred Simon passed out a handout with April activities listed. It’s wildflower season so get out there and enjoy the beauty of this time of year. Some of the upcoming events are:

April 03- PODS Critique Workshop 5:30pm to 8:30pm for members only

April 03-05 The Sculpture Ranch and Galleries in Johnson City. <http://www.sculptureranch.com>

April 09-12 Feather Fest in Galveston. [www.GalvestonFeatherFest.com](http://www.GalvestonFeatherFest.com) 832-459-5533

April 17 PODS Critique Workshop Part II 5:30pm to 8:30pm for members only

April 17-18 Austin Hot Rod Show, Austin Expo Center

April 18 Dick’s Classic Garage Car Museum in San Marcos.

April 18 EmilyAnn Theatre Butterfly Festival in Wimberley.

April 25 PODS Editing Workshop 10:00am to 4:00pm for members only

April 25 700 Springs Ranch Tour 10:00am to 2:00pm <http://700springsranch.com>

Meet at courthouse in Junction at 10:00am to caravan to the ranch. Bring sack lunch and depart approx.. 2:00pm 1-800-Kimble4 for more info.

Workshops: Jen Kuykendall will be hosting the PODS Critique Workshop on April 03 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Those that have signed up for this workshop should meet in the parking lot of the Rooster Springs Elementary School in Belterra. Cost is $36.25 per person cash or check only.

Doug Gephardt will be running the PODS Editing Workshop on March 28 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Subject is Lightroom Part I- PODS members only

This concludes the business portion of our meeting.

Our guest speaker was Chase Fountain, Texas Parks and Wildlife Photographer. Chase gave a very interesting and fun presentation on life as one of the two staff photographers for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Thank you Chase!