**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

January 27, 2022 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

ZOOM MEETING

Start time: 6:30 pm

8 folks in ZOOMING attendance

After general howdy-doos, our President, Fred Cerkan, called the meeting to order:

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

One:

Fred C discussed how best to notify folks of the club’s meetings. Several folks chimed in with a summary result as follows:

1. Use the Facebook PODS Member-Only page
2. Figure out if MailChimp is still working and up-to date - use that as well
3. Timing – at least a week ahead with a reminder or two as the date approaches

Two:

Sandy Ryan discussed notice for club outings other than the PODS Club meetings. As the discussion proceeded, the idea of using our Instagram page achieved consensus. Using the page would reach more people and seems to be popular among photogs. Linda Nickell’s page was noted as a good example. Discussion clarified that some folks don’t use Instagram so other notice avenues will still be needed. Also – our Instagram page needs some up dating and general attention. Laura Griffith, as the page’s creator, volunteered to tackle the job.

Three:

2022 PODS BUDGET – having no quorum, the discussion and approval of the budget was moved to our next meeting (February 24, 2022).

Four:

Meeting Programs – Nancy Hernandez announced she would be developing programs for four of our meetings in 2022. For the other meetings, she, Sandy R, and folks discussed

* + having our members provide slideshows of their work
  + having a program on building websites (Michael Penn Smith agreed to help for the April 28 meeting)
  + having a collaborative Bosque del Apache program in May

***FRED AND LAURA – THIS DISCUSSION WENT ROUND-AND-ROUND AND I PROBABLY MISSED SOME STUFF – PLEASE ADD, CORRECT, ETC AS Y’ALL SEE FIT***

Five:

Our President, Fred Cerkan, pointing out that he is fairly new to our club, discussed his photography work over the years and how it has changed in topic and technique over time. He presented photos and comments about his work. Thanks Fred for the thoughtful presentation and discussion (and – for being our “Fearless Leader”).

Six:

Monthly Photo Theme – Rich Everhart agreed to continue coordinating this effort and suggested that the photo theme be connected to the most recent club field trip. Folks thought this was a good idea as long as those who could not attend the trip be allowed to submit a photo that fits into the “idea” of the field trip.

Seven:

Michael Kersten discussed the general plan for club field trips for 2022. Folks agreed it looks good. He pointed out that spouses and family are welcome on the trips – just make sure he (Michael) knows how many folks are coming using the “member-only” FB event announcement page for the trip. Michael also let folks know that the BAT CRUISE is set for Sunday evening (6-8pm) August 14. Many more details on this event will be forthcoming.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:05pm.

**Submitted Approved**

**Tim H Graves, Secretary Patty Robertson, President**