

**GRAND PHOTO CLUB GENERAL MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2012**

Meeting began at 2:00 pm. In the absence of President Jim Smith, Bill Graczyk, Vice President led the meeting.

Bill explained the agenda for the meeting. Bruce Taubert is our guest speaker today. He also welcomed all of the new members and encouraged them to visit our lab and sign up for our social events and upcoming orientations.

Bruce Taubert will be presenting photos and quips from his 10 trips to Alaska to photograph Humpback Whales and Grizzly Bears. Bruce has photographed Grizzly bears at several locations including Brooks Falls, Silver Salmon Lodge, Katmai National Park, and other places. All of his whale photography has been done near Juneau. Bruce is full of advice on photographing both species and when and where to go. After Bruce's presentation, we will continue the session with our monthly general business meeting.

After Bruce's presentation, Bill introduced all of the Board Members.

The General Meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> will be presented by Steve Dell. At 2 pm, he will be at the Cimarron Center and will do a presentation on the topic "Capturing Nature's Beauty through Photography"; this will be both informative and inspirational. It will cover the tools, techniques, and triumphs of Digital Photography along with breathtaking images of nature, wildlife, and landscapes. Steve will share his knowledge of best locations, times to photograph, and other ideas to make one's trip into the field both fun and fulfilling. There will not be a business meeting

that day.

At 6 pm (still Jan. 18) Steve will conduct a 2 hour mini-workshop in our photo lab classroom. The title is "Taking the Work out Of Your Workflow -- How to spend time and have more fun in the Digital Darkroom". Here Steve will share his experience and techniques for turning those captured images into award winning photos. The cost for this workshop is \$5.00. Unfortunately, the response has been overwhelming and the class is now closed. This is something that the Club is going to be doing more of in the future.

Bill announced that the Club is looking to improve communications to the members. This would include organizational charts, descriptions of the committees and chairperson, alternate chairperson. We need member input on types of improvement you are looking for. Please check the website [www.grandphotos.org](http://www.grandphotos.org) for a survey asking for your input.

Margie Staggs, Treasurer was absent and Bill stated that as of December 2011 our account held \$15,911.39. Of this, \$7,000 is in reserve controlled by Cam and \$8,911.39 available funds.

Sue Penney, Membership - currently we have 409 members. Sue reminded members to pay their membership fee of \$20.00 this month.

Vicki Dillon, Communications - Sue did a mini-presentation on using the website. She showed how to link to the weekly schedule and the large calendar. The large calendar on the right side of the home page shows several months at a time. This is also important for instructors to see what time slots are available for workshops. Sue Baylock is helping Sue do the workshop and calendar for the website.

Judy Brocket, Events - This past Sunday's social was a success and she thanked Linda Smith and Liz Burke for their efforts. The next event will be Chocolate Ecstasy on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Cimarron from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. More information can be found on the website.

Howard Lonn, Photo Shoot - Our next Photo Shoot will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cave Creek Balloon Festival led by Denny Cutler. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, a workshop will be held in the lab to discuss night time shooting. More information is on the website.

Howard is looking for volunteers and suggestions on what members would like to see done.

Bill Stuart, Education - Based on a survey done by Jim Smith, there is a need for basic classes on photography. John Wolff and I are developing a series of classes, with the first one being held in February. The idea is to then continue on with Mid-level classes also. Check the website calendar and workshop links for information.

Lyle Patton, ACCC - Rules for the spring 2012 competition are on the website. ACCC is developing a process to upload digital photos directly to them. More information about this is forthcoming.

Stan Borman, PSA - More of our members are competing in international competitions.

**PSA Photo Travel Interclub Competition Meeting” – Shirley Bormann** This is open to all competitors whether a PSA member or not.

Email to Shirley Bormann ([skbormann@yahoo.com](mailto:skbormann@yahoo.com)) two 1024x768 **photo travel** images to review for potential inclusion in the next

competition by January 17th. (Or bring on flash drive). Our club can submit only six images total. We will review what a photo travel image is, and look at which images did well in previous contests.

50/50 drawing was held and the winner received \$40.00.

Arnie Becker, Fun and Friendly Contest - This month we had a three way tie. The winners were; Ed Johnson, Bill Stuart, Dik Salsbury. The category was "Reflections".

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Gina Evangelista