

Minutes of the Meeting of
The New Braunfels Photographic Society
January 8, 2024

The New Braunfels Photographic Society convened for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Comal County Senior Center and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Victor.

Victor welcomed everyone to the meeting. For the benefit of the new members and guests he mentioned who the club sponsors are and how they support the club. He also mentioned the various social media sites for the club.

Approval of the December Minutes:

December 2023 was the Christmas Party and no formal Minutes were done.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Financial Audit 2023:

Sandy and Homer Gilbert performed the annual financial audit for the club.

No problems with the monthly financials and Frank Bayerque did an excellent job as treasury in 2023.

Annual Dues by February:

Annual dues are \$30 for individuals, \$50 for a family and \$15 for a student (50% if you are a PSA member-please submit your number)

Venmo @ NewBraunfels-PhotographicSociety

2024 Annual Award:

Member of the year: Frank Bayerque

Photographer of the year: Horst Schoninger

President Service award: Bill Briddle

Image of the year: Sandy Gilbert "Tree Frog"

Study Buddy Meetup:

The Study Buddy program will start 22 January at 8:00 am at La Madeleine, 8134 Agora Pkwy, The Forum and 6:00 pm. West Side Community Center, New Braunfels

Total Eclipse:

Monday, April 8, 2024 approximately 1:35pm for our area. Total Eclipse falls on our scheduled monthly meeting night. Victor proposed moving the meeting to April 5, Friday before to review best ways to photograph the eclipse. The other option is having the meeting on April 15th, Tax Day.

For now the April 8 meeting stands. Victor will inquire if space is available to move the meeting to April 5.

Buy your solar filter ASAP before they sell out!

Beware Phishing Scams:

Victor will never email you to ask you to buy gift cards. Call Victor if you are unsure! Victor also stated that no one on the board would either.

New Voting Method:

Click link in the voting email

Enter your name and your email address

Select your favorite photo and click submit.

A pie chart is created with percentages of the votes.

PSA 2023/2024 Interclub Competition:

The NBPS club competes with approximately 25 clubs from around the world in the competition. Two years ago, the NBPS club won 1st place in our category, so we were moved up to a higher-level of competition. There will be 2 more rounds of competition in February and April. This year instead of having a committee select what images are submitted for each competition, any member that wishes to participate can submit images. The images will be submitted for the competition based on the sequence they were received by Carol. If there are not enough images submitted to meet the total allowed for each round, she will select additional images from the prior monthly assignments. Deadline for the February round is January 12, 2024. Color and B&W categories.

NBPS Youth Photo Competition:

The Greater New Braunfels Arts Council (GNBAC) sponsors the annual youth competition and the NBPS club chairs and runs the contest. Although the NBPS is a nonprofit organization it is not a tax-deductible organization. The GNBAC is a tax-deductible nonprofit organization whose membership is made up of both nonprofit and for-profit organizations. The GNBAC provides the basic funds needed for the Youth Photo contest and additional donations are solicited from the public. The donations made by businesses and individuals toward the contest are tax-deductible.

The contest is open to any high school or middle school student in the area, whether attending public, private, or home schooling. The Youth contest will use the same forms and categories as the PSA Youth Contest. Submissions for the contest will be digital this year, submission by February 1, 2024. Installation of photos at the Convention Center February 26, 2024. Victor is asking the sponsors to print the winning images at no cost to the student so they can be displayed for 2 weeks at the NB Convention Center. The awards ceremony will be held at the convention center March 16, 2024.

PSA Youth Competition:

In addition to the NBPS Youth Photo Competition the New Braunfels High School and Piper High Schools have been invited to participate in the PSA Youth Contest. Six images from each school will be submitted to the PSA Youth Competition. PSA Deadline is April 12, 2024

The January Assignment topic was "Monochrome."

The winner of the January Assignment was Sandy Gilbert for her image is "Magical, Mystical Caddo Lake."

The Assignment topic for February is "Shadows.." The images are due by noon, February 4, 2024.

Educational tip:

Six examples of type of shadows images for next month's assignment.

Miscellaneous items:

Volunteers will be needed for the March Youth Photo Contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm. There were 5 in attendance via Zoom. At the Senior Center there were 23 in attendance, including 2 new members and 2 visitors at the meeting. The total attendance was 28.

The next general meeting will be February 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Packard
NBPS Secretary