

## Fountain Hills Photo Club

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2019

President Bruce Boyce welcomed a gathering of 30 plus members and guests. Guests included Paul Stark, as well as Kathleen Maci Schmidt who became a new member at the meeting. Welcome!

Leslie Donaldson, Secretary, gave a brief rundown on the 2018 Holiday Luncheon which was held Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mesquite Grill in the Tonto Verde Golf Club. She reported that 21 members attended and that the response to date has been quite positive. The Club may well elect to return there for the 2019 Holiday Gathering.

The annual Election of Officers was held. A slate comprised of the four current office holders, all of whom ran unopposed, was unanimously re-elected: President Bruce Boyce, Vice-President Bill Kabat, Treasurer Dan Luechenfeldt, and Secretary Leslie Donaldson.

The membership also voted to accept the newly revised versions of the Club's Articles of Organization and By-laws. Those documents are on the club website.

There were several announcements concerning upcoming events in which the Club and individual members can participate:

- The Fountain Hills Art League will hold its Annual Juried Show in January 2019. The show is open to all area resident artists in the greater Fountain Hills area, including the Verdes, Goldfield Ranch and Fort McDowell, and FHAL members. For information see <http://www.fountainhillsartleague.com>.
- The annual Fountain Hills Photography Club Community Center Exhibition will be held during the month of March at the Community Center. More information will be forthcoming.
- The Fountain Hills Dark Sky Festival will take place on Saturday, March 30, 2019, 4pm-9pm, at the Fountain Hills Community Center located at 13001 N La Montana Dr, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. There will be a photography exhibition in conjunction with the festival, managed by our Club. For more information on the Festival, see <https://fhdarksky.com/events/2019-fountain-hills-dark-sky-festival/>.
- Internally, the FHPC Meet-Up Planning Committee will convene early in January to complete its work.

Bruce provided a brief summary of the information gleaned from the recent survey emailed to all club members. The survey addressed members' preferences regarding Meet-Ups, speakers, the Slide Show and Tech Corner. He

then led the group on a comprehensive tour of the Club Website. It is one of our most important assets.

Bill Kabat, the developer and keeper of the Facebook Web Page, reported that the page now has 230 members and counting. Kudos to Bill for all his work in maintaining this valuable resource.

John Barra played a 15 minute YouTube video featuring English photographer Thomas Heaton and his “Beautifully Miserable Landscape Photography”. It was entertaining and informative.

The slide show featured photos of previous meet-ups as well as club members’ favorites from the past year.

In the Tech Corner, Bruce offered, in an installment of the FHPC Information Series, “The Simplest (2 step) Roadmap for Processing Raw Images”. The complete presentation is available on the FHPC Website under Events and Information. The method sparked some lively discussion and comment.

Bruce Taubert will be the speaker at our January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. He is a native Arizonian whose love for the outdoors and wildlife has led him to a serious career in wildlife photography.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Leslie Donaldson  
Secretary