

SWMCCC Competition Committee Report - Spring 2012

The competition committee met recently to discuss our bi-annual SWMCCC competitions and to determine ways to improve and increase participation. Although the entire committee resides in the Grand Rapids area we all agreed that we would like to see other SWMCCC member clubs take a shot at hosting a competition. Having the competition at different locations gives the attendees a chance to meet up with members of the host club as well as possibly do some photography in new areas.

The competition committee is looking for a club to host the upcoming Spring competition and also for clubs to step forward for future competitions. If your club is interested in being the host club for the Spring 2012 competition please contact a member of the competition committee ASAP. The competition would be on a Saturday and we are hoping to have it on one of the following dates: April 14, 21, 28 or May 5

The competition committee will oversee the judging and bring the projector equipment, (including a screen and a scoring machine)

Responsibilities of the hosting club include providing a meeting place to hold the judging and securing three judges (when possible it is a good plan to have a forth judge on standby in the event a judge can't make it) The competition facility will be needed for at least a 4 hour period

Refreshments should be planned for the participating attendees such as coffee, pop, water, donuts or cookies. Having club members bake cookies went over well at our last competition.

A list of restaurants where we may be able to meet after the judging for lunch would be helpful as well as some possible locations where we could go as a group to do some local photography in your area. We have a SWMCCC event person who would help with this if necessary.

SWMCCC covers nearly all the competition expenses (including a \$25 card for each of the judges) We are currently compiling a list of what expenses are covered and if your club is considering hosting a competition you may request this list from Randy Wegener or Kelly Walkotten.

Due to a declining amount of participants in the print category we are going to a Digital only competition. We realize that this may not be a popular decision with print makers but the committee has been considering this issue for the past several competitions. The main reason we are dropping prints is that there are too few people entering them. There is a bright side to this issue as the competitions will be shorter which will allow for the attendees that are interested to meet for lunch and do some local photography afterwards.

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