

# Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2011

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

28 members plus 1 guest in attendance giving us a total of 29 in attendance.

Jeanne Marquette (President) opened up the meeting at 7 pm. We started the meeting by having reports from some of our committees.

Wendy Dappen, chair of the **Events Committee** reported on the event held on July 14, 2011. A small group of members went to a seminar at Midwest Mountaineering in Minneapolis followed by a photo shoot from the roof of the 7 Corners Holiday Inn parking ramp (Minneapolis skyline photos) and at the Stone Arch Bridge. Had a great time and got some good shots. Wendy and Claire McGillic both shared some of their photos from the night. Claire talked about how to get the starburst effect on the lights of the stone arch bridge. I found an article on the internet that describes it very well. The website is <http://www.lightstalking.com/starburst-effect>. On this trip they met a guide from Midwest Photo Safari that was leading a group on a photo shoot of the stone arch bridge. Their website is: ([www.midwestphotosafari.com](http://www.midwestphotosafari.com)).

Wendy also reported on upcoming events that are scheduled. These include:

**Wed • Aug 3rd • 7 pm "Portraits in the Park"**

Meet at one of Monti's best parks for shooting outdoor portraits.

An informal get together to go over different lighting and posing options.

**Sat • Aug 20th • 6 am "Photo Hike"**

Meet at the Blue Hill Trail in Zimmerman for an early bird photo hike

Some future event ideas they have come up with include: Pioneer Days, Holidazzle, MN Zoo Babies, Wabasha Eagle Center, Japanese Gardens, Thrashing Show. Will post upcoming events on camera club website and set up meeting on Facebook group page as well.

Bob Somerville reported on the **Photo Show Committee**. He has checked pricing at the Monticello Community Center and River City Extreme. Both charge \$60 per hour for their larger banquet rooms that would be required to put on the photo show. He's meeting personally with the person in charge at River City Extreme to see if non-profits can get a better price.

Val Somerville reported on the **Finance Committee**. She is looking for additional members to participate in the committee. Currently Brigett Richel has volunteered to be on the committee but she has not paid her dues at this point so she cannot continue to be a member until she has paid and thus cannot participate in events or committees.

Steve Fowler reported on the **Agenda Committee**. He has sent out emails with the people who volunteered to be on the committee and started to come up with ideas for next year's

topics for our meetings. Jean Davids volunteered to be on the committee as well based on experience in doing this task for the last few years. As part of this discussion, Ken Kvam has agreed to do a demo of Macro photography as part of next month's topic on that subject.

Jean Davids, Secretary of the club, mentioned that we now have 48 paid members.

Reviewed photo assignments. The assignment for this month was "**what I did this summer**". About 17 people shared photos at the meeting that, I believe, is an all time high. That is almost 2/3<sup>ds</sup> of the people attending that shared photos. Once again, there were some excellent photos and sharing techniques on how they were taken was very informative.

Discussed topic, **Night Photography**. Bob Somerville shared some of his night photos and discussed technique and issues he had with them. Jean Davids had shared her technique for fireworks photos which was to use camera on tripod and use shutter release cable, bulb mode, and held shutter open for 20-30 seconds to capture 1 or 2 sets of fireworks at a time. Bob showed some of his fireworks photos where he used the technique that Carol Heesen shared with the group last year where you cover the lens with a black piece of foam core/matte board in between fireworks bursts in order to capture multiple bursts. Both techniques worked well depending on the end result you want to end up with. Bob also shared his lighthouse photos and different techniques and white balance settings he used. Further discussions were held on the topic.

We discussed the idea of a member directory that can be distributed to the group to make getting together for field trips easier. This directory will include a photo of each member as well as their name, city they live in and their email address. This will make carpooling to field trips/events as well as organizing them easier for all paid members. It was agreed that it will be distributed as a PDF file to keep club costs down. Then members can print their own copy. Jean Davids will create the directory and bring a sample of what it might be like to the next meeting in August. All members will email Jean a self-portrait by September so that we can get these directories emailed. We will print copies for anyone who cannot print their own.

Events reported that are coming up are the Graniteman Triathlon to be held in Big Lake, MN on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Information on this event can be found at <http://www.granitemanbiglake.com/>. Nothing has been organized for members to be attending this. Sanford Smith presented it as a good photo opportunity.

Sanford Smith also mentioned a good reference for exposure settings. Black Cat makes it. You can find information at: [www.blackcatphotoproducts.com](http://www.blackcatphotoproducts.com). I found a website that explains how to use the exposure guide. This website is: [http://www.jimdoty.org/Tips/Exposure\\_Guide/exposure\\_guide.html](http://www.jimdoty.org/Tips/Exposure_Guide/exposure_guide.html).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.