

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2011

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

There were 28 members in attendance.

Jeanne Marquette (President) opened up the meeting at 7:05 pm. Jeanne discussed the need for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. Officers up for election are President, Treasurer and 1 Board Member at Large. Contact Jeanne if you can participate in the Nominating process or are interested in running for office.

Reports from the committee chairpersons came next.

Steve Fowler reported on the **Agenda Committee**. The committee met for the first time at 6:40 pm at River City Extreme just prior to the regularly scheduled camera club meeting. There were 6 members in attendance. If anyone else is interested in participating in the group, contact Steve. They feel they should now be able to handle their remaining tasks via email. Contact Steve or other committee members if you have ideas for topics for meetings.

Wendy Dappen, chair of the **Events Committee** reported ...

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

Portrait in the Park (already held) - This event was deemed a success. About 6 people participated and Wendy wanted to thank whoever it was that brought their kids with as they served as models for the event.

Photo Hike - Blue Hill Trail - Saturday, August 20, 2011 - Start time is 6:00 am. This will be a birding photo hike at the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge's Blue Hill Trail in Zimmerman. If your interested in learning more about this event or to sign up to join this event contact Wendy Dappen via Facebook or via our website events committee email address (Club Events page). Wendy said that those who are interested in carpooling should meet at the Monticello Target store at 5:15 am.

Photo 101 - This will be an ongoing one on one photography basics session by Wendy to help clarify terminology and fundamentals of photography. Contact Wendy if you are interested in learning more about the basics of photography.

SPF - Spontaneous Photo Field trips - The idea behind this is to have a list of names for those individuals that might be interested in doing spontaneous field trips. When someone decides they are going someplace, it gives people a list of names that can be contacted to see if they are interested in joining them on the field trip. Contact Wendy if you want to be on this list.

Albany Pioneer Days - Albany MN on September 17 & 18 - Jeanne Marquette is coordinating efforts for this trip. She plans on attending and will be camping there. Their website is <http://www.albanypioneerdays.com/>. It gives details on activities and hours. If interested in participating, contact Jeanne Marquette. She can then

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arrange a meeting time and place at the event. Some activities there include: miniature trains, tractor parade, thrashing show, cedar shake making mill. See the website for more info.

Val Somerville reported on the **Finance & Fund Raising Committees**. She is looking for additional members to participate in the both committees. She needs help and ideas. Carol Heesen volunteered to assist even though she won't be here in the winter. She can still participate via email.

Nominating Committee – needs members for this committee.

Bob Somerville reported on the **Photo Show Committee**. Val reported for Bob. They met for the first time at 7:00 pm at River City Extreme just prior to the regularly schedule August camera club meeting. She reported that the photo show will be held on March 24/25 at River City Extreme for FREE. The center has generously waived their fees for us to be able to have the photo show in their banquet room for that weekend. They started bouncing around ideas of how it could be run. Setup at 7 am 3/24, show start at 10 am and running until 7 pm on Saturday. Not sure yet when they will close it for Sunday. Might be able to have Troy do Q&A up front when people are coming into the show. Might want a modified version of the camera club member directory as people are always asking who our members are. They are thinking it would be good to do a tag board display of our events that we have done during the year. Funding so far is \$250 from TDS. Expenses are \$135 for the sign on highway 11. Will be additional supplies required. Katie Friedman volunteered to help with the photo show committee.

Jean Davids, Secretary of the club, passed around the sample member directory in a format that was discussed at the last camera club meeting. She asked for any comments or corrections to be made to it be noted on the form. After review, everyone there seemed to approve of the format and will send in photos for use on the directory.

Reviewed photo assignments. The assignment for this month was "Moon ". Seven people emailed photos ahead of time (combo of moon and/or macro shots), 3 brought flash drives, and Arne Myrabo had us look at his Facebook photos for his.

Ken Kvam led the topic of **Macro Photography**. He created a website especially for this discussion. Look at www.aboutmacrophotography.wordpress.com for his information on the topic. There was general Q&A during the presentation. He mentioned he did this website in Wordpress which works well for a website and/or blog. See www.wordpress.com for more information. Thanks to Ken for an excellent job of presenting this topic.

Next Month's Meeting: Larry Wilson will present a short presentation on his Alaska vacation. Arne Myrabo and Jean Davids will present the topic of non-photoshop editing software.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.