

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21, 2011

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

There were 20 members in attendance.

Jeanne Davids (Secretary) 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** was absent so there was no report.

Steve Fowler reported on the **Agenda Committee**. He has a preliminary list, which he plans to submit to the board for approval soon. If approved, he might have it ready to present to the members at the October meeting.

Bob Somerville reported on the **Photo Show Committee**. He made up a list of tasks that his committee is being assigned to complete prior to the photo show. A list of tasks will be sent out so that people can volunteer for them. Details of the show are:

Show will be 3/24-3/25 in the River City Extreme Banquet Room

Setup on 3/24 – 7:30-9:30 am (will need volunteers)

Show hours 3/24 – 10 am to 7 pm, 3/25 – 10 am to 3 pm

Teardown on 3/25 3 pm to ?

Troy from The Whole Picture has agreed to do a more informal Q&A regarding camera gear and photography. Demo stations will be made part of the show where various people can demo particular areas of photography. John Richardson will do one on HDR photography. These will potentially be 3 hour blocks of time. Will still have the past show winners DVD viewable, perhaps outside the banquet room. Will also have a camera club display. Lynne Dahl-Fleming is working on the new photo entry forms for approval soon.

Val Somerville reported on the **Finance Committee**. She and Carol Heesen met and came up with the following ideas:

Anyone who enters the show can have matted prints for sale if they agree that a minimum of 20% of the sales go to the photo show fund.

Advertising links on our website to provide a kickback to go to the photo show fund.

Set up of a photo booth for taking photos for patrons - \$10-\$15 for photos. Still need to figure out how this might work and how to get their photo to them.

Equipment sales are another idea but need to see if this is plausible yet.

Jean Davids, Secretary of the club, discussed the Member Directory. Everyone seemed to agree that it turned out great and they like it. No changes are planned for it.

Reviewed photo assignments. The assignment for this month was "Shoot a scene, pick a spot and close in on it, do it again closer and closer, what did you gain or lose?". Most people brought in USB flash drives for this meeting. About half the group participated in the assignment.

Discussed topic, How to shoot/build panoramic images as well as other photo editing techniques - group discussion (swapped from October). Arne Myrabo demonstrated how he uses a program called PTGui (<http://www.ptgui.com/>) which costs about \$80 (note: current cost is around \$110 based on their website). It can do 360-degree panoramas. He prints his panoramas at WHCC, which costs about \$8 for a 10x20. Jean Davids demonstrated how to do panoramas using Adobe Photoshop and Photoshop Elements. Questions and answers followed. One idea for taking panoramas is to take a photo of your hand with 1 finger up so that you know the next photo is the first in the series of photos and then when done take a photo of your hand again with either the number of fingers displaying how many photos you have taken or just in any position to show it is the last in the series.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm.