

## Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2012

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

16 members plus 5 guests (1 paid for membership that evening) were in attendance giving us a total of 21 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** couldn't make it but left word with Jeanne Marquette that she is getting too busy to keep chairing this committee and is looking for a replacement.

Bob Somerville reported on the **Photo Show Committee**. He gave an overview of the meeting he held with the committee just prior to the camera club meeting. Val Somerville had a start made to the information to be submitted for the paper. Katie Friedman volunteered to edit it and get back to members. Once approved, she will submit it to the local paper. He and Lynne were working on flyers this week. Jean is getting past years email contacts for the show so that she can send out information related to the show to all who have participated or requested it in past years. Bob will put up an easel at the Monticello Library with information about the photo contest so that people can take a flyer as a reminder of the upcoming show. Val was asking for volunteers for sales of prints at the contest where a percent of the sales would go to the photo show. Jean and one other person volunteered to have some for sale there but it was determined that sales tax would be an issue for the club as you need a tax id number and our club does not have one. Jeanne Marquette said that she and Val would discuss what our options are to proceed with this.

Val Somerville reported on the **Finance Committee**. We have approximately \$379 in our checkbook after paying for 2 additional years of website space and domain name and for more checks for the club checkbook. She is looking for additional members to participate in the committee yet.

Steve Fowler reported on the **Agenda Committee**. He has two members who will report on their trips. Jon Holtz will have returned from China and said he could present his trip at the April meeting. Lisa Tetzlaff will have returned from Belize and said she would present her trip in May.

Jean Davids, Secretary of the club, didn't have anything to report.

The meeting continued with review of photo assignments. The assignment for this month was "Christmas". Prior to displaying these using Jean Davids' laptop and projector, Jean showed how to calibrate the projector using the ColorMunki X-rite Display calibration tool. A before and after image was shown to demonstrate the difference calibration can make. It was amazing and much better after calibration. This will make display of photos much

better for future meetings. About 8-10 members displayed photos they took of the subject "Christmas".

Discussed the assignment for the February meeting, which is "Taking pictures in the snow". Members offered up advice they have learned regarding snow photos. Basically, it was said that we should open the aperture 1/3 of a stop or more. Also, setting white balance and getting to know the histogram is a great deal of help in taking photos of the snow and knowing the exact amount to open up the aperture. I found this website that seemed to cover most of the ideas that we discussed at the meeting:

<http://www.thephotograph.com/tips/helpful-tips-for-shooting-in-the-snow/>

Officers met after the meeting was over to discuss a couple topics. First, Jeanne needs to know the procedures as we have them documented for the upcoming annual elections process. Jean Davids will review them and get back to her as soon as possible. Second, we have new members joining at this time. With it being so close to elections, we needed to decide how best to handle this. It was determined that with this occurring so close to the photo show, that we don't have any time to change the process. This means that people will need to pay the full amount of dues for the current May to May membership even though there are only 4 months or less left to the membership time period before renewal. We will pursue making changes, if desired, at the annual meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.