

## Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2012, amended on 5/1/12

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

20 members plus 8 guest(s) were there giving us a total of 28 in attendance.

Jeanne Marquette (President) opened up the meeting at 7 pm. We started the meeting by presenting awards. The first one presented was to Lynne Dahl-Fleming in appreciation for all she has done towards getting the club started and for continued support of the camera club and photo show. We couldn't have started the club as successfully as we did or transitioned to non-profit without her. Other certificates presented were the photo show awards that our members won. Their winning photos were shown via projection. Congrats to our winning members.

New training opportunities that were discussed are:

### **Lake Maria State Park, Stan Tiekala**

[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/lake\\_maria/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/lake_maria/index.html)

### **Wonderful Woodpeckers**

Date: **05/19/2012** Time: 10 AM to 11 AM

Description: Noted naturalist, photographer and writer Stan Tekiela will share his knowledge and photos of Minnesota woodpeckers.

More Information: Call (763) 878-2325.

### **Kelby Training LIVE - Lightroom 4 seminar tour - April 23, 2012 - \$99**

<http://kelbytraining.com/event/minneapolis-mn/>

Get ready for the best Photoshop® Lightroom® training on the planet! You'll be taught by Matt Kloskowski, one of the world's top Lightroom experts. Sit tight as he shows you an insider's view of Lightroom. From Start to Finish, from image capture to final print - you'll see it unfold right in front of you, as you learn step-by-step how to take control of your digital photography workflow. This seminar will teach you how to take your photography to an amazing new level of productivity, efficiency, and fun with real world insider techniques that will make your life easier, and free your time so you can do what you really want with your photography.

Missed the others that were discussed.

Jeanne Marquette led the discussion about our amendments to the bylaws. The amendments were passed with a clear majority by a show of hands. Additions to the bylaws included the following:

Article III – Membership, Section 2. “The amount of dues any new member should pay will be dependent on the number of months remaining in the year in which they join. Example: if member joins at January meeting, they will pay for January through April and then pay for the full 12 months at or before the May meeting. If they join after the January meeting, they will pay for February through April.”

Article IV – Board of Directors, Section 2, Terms of Office. “If no volunteers can be found to serve on the nominating committee or if a slate of volunteers cannot be found, the board of directors will recommend a slate of candidates from which to select.”

Jean Davids, Secretary of the club, mentioned the ballot procedure we would be following for voting for officers. It was agreed that voting by email ballot would work just fine. Voting for amendments to bylaws is done by a majority of votes by those attending the meeting as per the bylaws. Voting for officers will be done from May 4<sup>th</sup>, when the ballot will be emailed to all paid members, and voting will be closed on May 12<sup>th</sup>, a day after reminders about the May meeting are sent out. This will give Jean an opportunity for a final reminder as part of the meeting reminder note on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

Those who were nominated by officers agreed to run for the following offices:

Katie Friedman – said she couldn’t run.

Jerrie Ahrens – did not attend. – **AMENDED – Called and will run for Officer at Large.**

Jim King – Officer at Large

Ken Kvam – said he couldn’t run.

Darrell Pikkaraine – Director at Large

Nominations were open to the floor and members were asked to volunteer to run for office. We had one volunteer, Steve Huss who joined at the meeting, and he will run for President. We had no volunteers to run for Treasurer so Val Somerville will continue on for two more years. At that time she wants to step down.

Reviewed photo assignments. The assignment for this month was “Zoo” and “HDR”.

Topic to be discussed was **Reflections**. However, we never really discussed it as there was too much other business and we ran out of time.

Jean Davids discussed an email she had received from the non-profit organization Expressions of Human Kind. It was briefly discussed that they are seeking photographs for A Day in the World. It was asked who will profit by the book they intend to produce. Since Jean could not answer this question, it was agreed that she would email the members with more information.

Handed out brochures and other information from the Sherburne Refuge and from the Arts Alliance.

Some members came over and let Jean know that they also wanted to ride to the “Pictures in Paradise” event in Mora on Sunday, April 22, being put on by the Northern Exposures Photography Club. They are presenting their photos in a movie theatre.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.