

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2012

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

23 members plus 1 guest were in attendance giving us a total of 24 in attendance.

Jeanne Marquette (President) opened up the meeting at 7 pm for her last time. New president John Richardson was introduced as the new president. He will begin leading our meetings starting in June. Arne Myrabo was unable to attend this meeting but he will be replacing Larry Wilson as Board Member at Large.

Jeanne mentioned that we need members to pay their dues if they wish to continue with the club. Many members renewed their membership at this meeting. Val Somerville, Treasurer (elected without opposition for another 2 year term) collected renewal forms and dues.

Jeanne reviewed the proposed bylaw change that would reward club officers with free membership for their willingness to serve on the board. A vote was taken and the majority approved via a show of hands.

Lisa Tetzlaff presented information and 272 photos of her recent trip to Belize. She had some stunning photos, which the group thoroughly enjoyed.

Also discussed was the "Pictures in Paradise" event put on by the Northern Exposures Photography Club (NEPC). This was to celebrate their 10 years of existence. There seemed to be a general interest in pursuing this for the future. The board will discuss it at a future time.

Reviewed photo assignments. The assignment for this month was "Reflections". We had an excellent turnout of photographers sharing their images this month with some superb results.

Steve Fowler discussed our topic, **Back Yard Nature photography** and what it can entail. This is our assignment for June. Websites that were discussed as being potentially useful on this topic were www.birdsasart.com and www.digital-photography-school.com/backyard-bird-photography-tips. Steve also mentioned that National Camera Exchange occasionally has classes on backyard birding classes. Their website page that discusses their classes can be found at: <http://nationalcameraexchange.com/photo-classes.html>.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm but not before Jeanne Marquette thanked Larry Wilson for his service for this past year. Jean Davids encouraged a round of applause for Jeanne Marquette for leading our group as president for the past year.

The meeting was adjourned and then a brief meeting of the past and future board members in attendance was conducted.

Amended meeting notes: John Richardson stepped down as President of the club on 5/18/12 due to family health issues. By determination of the board, Steve Huss, who had also run for the office, was selected to replace John. He accepted the position and members were notified by Jean Davids via Facebook group and email as of 6/3/12.