

Meeting Minutes

Camera Club - Meeting Agenda for 4/17/2013

Date: April 17, 2013

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started at about 7:05 pm. Jean Davids led the meeting as our president, Steve Huss, could not attend.

Members spent the first part of the meeting turning in their membership forms and money to Treasurer Val Somerville for renewing/joining the club for the new May to April membership year. Approximately 27 members have rejoined in April and the remainder of members must get their dues in by May in order to remain on the roster. Dues can be paid at the May meeting or be sent in along with their renewal form to the club post office box. Unless Jean hears of intent to join after that, people who do not rejoin will be removed from our distribution list and Facebook group page.

Bob Somerville spoke first regarding the Photo Show. He thanked all the volunteers who helped put on the show for their great work. He then offered congratulations to our club members who won in the photo show. These were: John Richardson – Action/Motion and Macro/Close-up, Dennis Schmid – Animals/Mammals, Sanford Smith – Animals/Other, Black and White, People, Ken Kvam – Creative Techniques and Lisa Tetzlaff – Landscape.

Managing Editor from the Monticello Times, Tim Hennagir, spoke next. He said that the Monticello Times is restarting the Eye on Monticello photo piece for each week. They are also looking for photos for the upcoming Monticello Community Guide. He needs these photos by Friday, April 26. I will be obtaining information on what email address to submit to and sizing/format to send. These will be full color photos. Tim also mentioned that they plan on implementing an online photo gallery through the use of Smugmug. He sees this as a great online tool to share the talents and imagery of the community. He will probably follow up with us when this is actually implemented.

Jean showed the photos submitted for this month's assignment of Architectural images. Eight members shared their images. Sanford Smith did a different approach to this assignment explaining how nature's, insect and plant, then human, all build on the other's plan. It's always nice to see how different members approach an assignment from a different angle.

Jean Davids led a discussion of topics to be discussed for the upcoming annual meeting in May. As part of this, we discussed the voting for officers. Nominations had to be made at this meeting so that we could vote between the April and May meeting. Everyone was encouraged to nominate someone for each position, secretary and board member at large. Carol Heesen nominated Jean Davids as Secretary and it was seconded and approved by majority. Jean accepted the nomination. No others were willing to run for this spot. For Board Member at Large, Steve Fowler was nominated and it was seconded. Additionally, Lisa Tetzlaff asked what the position was responsible for. It was explained that the position is largely a voting position meant to help with deciding various things that come up during the year. It is a 2 year position. With that, Lisa Tetzlaff was nominated for board member and it was seconded and approved. She accepted the nomination. With that, Steve Fowler withdrew from the nomination. No other nominations were made. All this means that Jean Davids is once again our

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Secretary and Lisa Tetzlaff will now be taking over duties in May as Board Member at Large. Congratulations to these board members for their willingness to help run our club.

The following items will be discussed at the May meeting: treasury report will be presented by Treasurer Val Somerville, collection of annual dues from remainder of members, announcement of new officers by Jean Davids, ask if there are any outstanding issues or changes which we need to make to the club – discussion Steve Huss/JeanDavids/members, and ask if there are any changes to the by-laws to be made – discussion Steve/Jean/members. A board member meeting will follow the regular meeting to discuss camera club business. Discussion of club funds will be one of the topics to be discussed. Turnover of duties between Steve Fowler and Lisa Tetzlaff will also be part of this meeting. A discussion of committees and chairpersons will also be reviewed.

Bob Somerville made a request of members to bring in to the next meeting (May 15) framed images to be displayed at the Riverwood Bank in Monticello for 3 months. This would be June through August. There is a limit of 9 images to be displayed. He asked that they be in black (or dark) frames for uniformity. They can be 8x10 or 11x14 images and should be in 11x14 or 16x20 frames. Since it will be unknown how many people will be bringing images, it was suggested that as many members as want to can bring in images and then the members can vote on the 9 of them they think are best to be displayed. Members all approved this idea and so this is how it will be done. Bob says he will put a business size card with the member name on it that will be attached to the frame. Gallery wraps, while great, are being discouraged as they cannot be protected from the public touching them and risking being damaged. If you have any questions, contact Bob Somerville.

Jon Holtz presented his photos and experience from his recent trip to Cuba. He had about 100 images that he shared with the group and his discussion of the trip captivated the members. He mentioned that it was part of a Santa Fe Photography Workshop referred to on their site as the “Cuba Program”. Here’s a link to what Jon participated in: http://www.santafeworkshops.com/photography-workshops/category/cuba_program. They have many other workshops listed on their website. Here’s a link to that: <http://www.santafeworkshops.com>.

Steve Fowler did a brief discussion of our upcoming assignment, Spring. Jean Davids had looked up some websites for ideas of what we can do regarding this assignment and shared some information and displayed a few images from one of them. Some of what spring can mean to you might be new life or rebirth. Ice melting, flowers blooming, green grass, first dandelions and crabapple blossoms can all represent this. Here is a website link that might be useful for ideas: <http://photo.tutsplus.com/articles/inspiration/70-spectacular-spring-photographs/>

The meeting ended at sometime after 9 pm. At that time, Sanford Smith mentioned to me that John Pennoyer, a noted photographer, will be doing a presentation on Wildflower Photography at Lake Maria State Park from 10-11 on April 27th. Here’s a link to their calendar of events page for more information. The park is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/3month.html?jsp=/templates/listing.jsp&k=SPK00217&nd=90&o=startdate#