

Monticello Camera Club
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 15, 2013

By Jean Davids, Secretary

Officers/board members in attendance: Steve Huss, Jean Davids, Val Somerville, Arne Myrabo, Steve Fowler (outgoing board member at large) and new board member at large Lisa Tetzlaff.

Reviewed ideas of how we can use some of our club funds to get speakers for our meetings. The generally accepted idea is to pay for mileage for any speakers we get. Ideas for speakers/demos are John Richardson on use of speedlights, what's in the bag and why, and any of the following speakers: John Pennoyer or Ken Bachofer (bears) (Arne says he could arrange John or Ken) can speak on any number of topics; Arne Myrabo can speak on topics of dragonflies, moths and butterflies and Dee Kotaska volunteered to speak on cell phone photography. Based on the survey that Jean will put together, we can determine where to spend our club dollars for speakers and what agenda items to address for the upcoming year.

We reviewed current committees. It was left that Steve and Lisa would figure out how they want to work together on the Agenda Committee. Lisa can limit her participation to just serving as a liaison to the committee or can take a more active role depending on how they want to work it. Arne Myrabo will now be a liaison on the Events committee. It was agreed that we will discuss this further after completion of a survey of members to see what current interests are among the members.

Discussed items to include on the survey. Suggested things include:

Skill level – beginner, intermediate, advanced

Interests – nature, wildlife, portrait, etc.

Camera Type – point and shoot, DSLR, film, other

Availability for outside events – weekdays, weekends, evenings, any time

Mentoring needs

Inclusion of sharing sessions in our meetings – example would be new gear, apps, field trips, etc.

Inclusion of 5 minutes of Q&A during each meeting – anonymous or not

Jean will create a sample survey and run it past board members for approval before sending it to members to fill out. Arne Myrabo suggested use of a site for doing surveys called survey monkey. Jean will review and see if it might work out for this survey.

A brief discussion of forums as a tool for member Q&A was done. Steve Fowler belongs to a few different ones and Arne mentioned NPN (nature photography) and DPS (digital photography school).

Decisions will be addressed on a number of items mentioned at this board meeting pending results of the survey that will be done as soon as possible.

Ideas from Jean:

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- Review volunteers for committees (This month or next after discussion of board?)
- Discussion of direction the club should take?
- Review committees and committee chairs - changes?
- Review financials and what we should be doing to spend some of our money for speakers/events/etc

Lisa Tetzlaff ideas to discuss:

- I think if we need some ideas for the meeting, we should bring a laptop with projection &
- Have 10-15 min of showing & sharing of other photographer's blogs, websites, apps, & information. I went to a class at the Mac store "women in business" and got a lot of info on new apps. I also do a lot of research on other photographers that helps to encourage me to be a better photographer. So I think the group might know of some great stuff they have discovered on the World Wide Web that they might like to share with the rest of us. Maybe we could have 10 min of sharing?
- Maybe do more photo field trips?