

Monticello Camera Club - Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2013

By Jean Davids, Secretary

The meeting started at about 7:05 pm with President Steve Huss presiding. Meeting started with payment of dues being collected by Treasurer Val Somerville. Jean Davids reminded members that if they have not paid by this meeting that they will be receiving 'collection' letters to try and get this process done with.

It was brought to the attention of members that Val Somerville had her retirement party just prior to our camera club meeting and will be officially retired on the 24th of May. She received congrats from the club members.

Lisa Tetzlaff and Jon Holtz discussed some upcoming training sessions being held at the Elk River Arts Alliance. These have been posted on the club Facebook Page as well as our club website on the training page. These include the following (<http://www.elkriverart.org/artclasses.asp>):

Macro, Action and Night Photography by Rikk Flohr - Saturday, August 24th 9:30AM – Noon. Class Fee: \$35, Elk River Arts Alliance, 609 Main Street / Elk River, 763-441-4725 or online at [elkriverart.org](http://www.elkriverart.org). Participants will also get a free individual critique of three of their photos. Critiques will start after the class. The workshop today includes the following classes: Intro To Night Photography, Macro Photography and Action Photography. See the link for full details.

Jon Holtz - Artful Travel Photography - Come see the world with Jon Holtz. See how Holtz uses the Elements and Principles of Art to create stronger images in his travel photography. Slides of his travels to Tanzania, China, Peru, & Cuba will be shown, along with a lively presentation. Class Fee: \$20 (\$15 members) No material fee Thursday, August 15th 6:30-8:00pm. Register at [elkriverart.org](http://www.elkriverart.org) or call 763-441-4725.

Lisa also mentioned that there is a need for photo entries for their 4th Annual Photography Exhibit (July 31-August 31). You can find more information on their website at:

<http://www.elkriverart.org/photoentry2013.pdf>. Also, check out their Art Soup event which is held annually, this year from May 22 to June 22. See their website at <http://www.elkriverart.org/artsoup.asp> for more details. These and all their upcoming events can be found on their website at <http://www.elkriverart.org/events.asp>.

The assignment for May, Spring, was presented. Steve Huss did a brief discussion of next month's assignment, sports action. Use of panning was one of the methods discussed. Also, it was mentioned that there are a number of upcoming parades and sports events coming up that could be taken advantage of for this assignment.

Lisa Tetzlaff took over the reins from Steve Fowler as our newest Board Member. She will fill one of the two Board Member at Large positions and will work with Steve on the Agenda Committee.

Val Somerville reviewed the Annual Financial Report for the club. Overall, the balance for the Photo Show that will be carried over for next year's show is \$417.89 with some smaller expenses (like return postage for photos and supplies) to be incurred. The Camera Club balance at this point in time is \$655.41 with the total balance for both being \$1073.30. Jean Davids brought up the fact that the board would be discussing ways to spend some of our club money now on speakers and such. It was mentioned that John Pennoyer, who speaks at Lake Maria State Park often, would be willing to come to

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a meeting and do presentations on topics of interest. We would just need to tell him what we are interested in and it would cost the mileage to get him there and home again.

Val also mentioned that members present should pick up their photo show photos that were located on a table towards the front of the room. There are three members left to get their photos but they weren't in attendance.

Jean Davids asked if members would be willing to complete surveys (to be created) to find out what current interests our members have. It was approved. A survey will be compiled and mailed out to members as soon as it can be done.

There were 13 photos brought in for potential display at Riverwood Bank. These were voted on to see which 9 would be selected for display. Bob Somerville is coordinating this project. The winning images were as follows, with the winner receiving a \$10 gift certificate supplied by Carol Heesen.

Jon Holtz won the gift certificate for having the most votes. Here are the 8 others who will have their images on display, in no particular order: Dennis Schmid (2 images), Lisa Tetzlaff, Bob Somerville, Carol Heesen (2 images), Steve Fowler and Sanford Smith. Great images! Thanks for bringing them in. They will all be on display now for 3 months at Riverwood Bank in Monticello.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 pm or so. A Board meeting followed the regular camera club meeting.