

# Monticello Camera Club - Meeting Minutes

Date: June 19, 2013

By Jean Davids, Secretary

The meeting started at about 7:00 pm with President Steve Huss presiding with 22 members in attendance. We have 6 members who have not renewed their memberships. Currently we have 46 members who have paid for the 2013/2014 season.

Several members sent in photos that were viewed for the sports/action photo assignment.

Jean Davids provided a review of the survey results. These will be made available to the members via the website when they are done. Members will be notified when they are available for viewing.

Steve Fowler briefly discussed a Sports Photography seminar that he attended. Highlights were: Consider white balance – they discussed a frosted/custom white balance tool that is used to custom white balance camera.

Shoot in Raw to insure you can obtain proper white balance.

Shoot in Continuous mode (as opposed to single) for fast shooting.

Keep proper ISO in mind.

Manual mode – can jack up speed, blur background, and more.

Steve Huss added that for manual mode you should pick your aperture first to decide how you want to set the story/scene - the background (blurred, not blurred). Next pick the shutter speed needed to catch the action. Then use ISO to get the correct exposure.

Val mentioned that the club received an ad in our PO Box advertising studio space near Cold Spring for \$35 per hour, which includes space and assistance. No one seemed interested so she threw it out after the meeting.

Val discussed “Greatest Courses” Fundamental of Photography course that is on sale. They read a description of what the video course includes and discussed whether the club should invest in it for club or photo show use. The idea is that it could be loaned out to members as needed. Members all agreed that it was a good price and that it should be purchased. Carol Heesen said to let her check to see if she could get it for even less with discounts that she can get. It was agreed she would let Val know the next day so that Val could get it ordered.

Christine Salls mentioned that the Weizman Art Museum is have a showing of Great Photography. It runs through July 7th. Here’s the link: <http://www.weizman.umn.edu/event/photo-nation-photography-in-the-united-states>.

Discussed idea that we could do for club meetings which included a blind critique like we have done in the past. That would mean inviting in an outside “professional” photographer to give us a critique of our photos. This would mean collecting photos ahead of time and then the photographer would give critiques. No photographer’s names would be included as part of this which would make it less nerve racking for all. Another idea would be to resume Featured Photographer sessions. That is where we have one of our members do a 15 minute session on himself/herself and what types of photography they like to do and can show some of their photos. We use to do this but have not done it for quite a while.

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The last two sets of photo show photos were picked up.

Bob Somerville told members that the Riverwood Bank now has our display of photos up for the next 3 months. Brochures and business cards are included as part of the display.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 pm or so. Jean Davids met with Steve Fowler about upcoming assignments/speakers. A small group of members (around 8) met with Heather Reinharts and Christine Salls regarding activities we could all do outside of the club meetings.

## **After the meeting Highlights**

Mel Zierke presented the idea of shooting photos the first part of the meeting and then having the rest of the meeting follow. Discussed this with Steve Fowler and we both agreed that if this was to be done it would have to be before our 7 pm start time as it would be unfair to those members who do not want to participate to disrupt their normal meeting time. If members want to meet at 6 pm for a photo shoot prior to the meeting that would be fine but we feel that the 7-9 meeting time should be maintained.

## **Discussion between Steve Fowler/Jean Davids about assignments:**

Minneapolis Photo Center (<http://www.mplsphotocenter.com>) is nationally renowned photography center. They have great photo displays, seminars, and you can get prints made there as well. It might be worth checking out.

We set the September through December assignments to be Local Celebrations, Reflections, After Dark, and Shadows. The Calendar page of our website will be updated to reflect these additions.

Steve will call John Pennoyer (<http://impressionsofnature.smugmug.com>) to see if he is available to talk to the group. It will be updated on the calendar when arranged.