

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2014

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Steve Huss, president of the club, led the meeting. We had 15 members and 4 guests, for a total of 19 people, attend the meeting. Three of these guests joined the club by the end of the meeting. We forgot that we need to prorate the membership fees and will need to reimburse the three new members each \$4, hopefully at the next meeting.

We reviewed assignment photos for Wildlife/Domestic Life that were submitted by 4 people. Thanks to everyone for contributing photos for viewing.

Next up, Steve Fowler discussed the November assignment, which is selective focus (depth of field). His notes on this topic can be found at this same location where the meeting minutes are. Here are a couple of good links that Jean Davids found with further information. They are found on the Digital Photography School website (an excellent resource): <http://digital-photography-school.com/using-depth-of-field-and-perspective-for-better-composition/> and <http://digital-photography-school.com/a-deeper-look-into-depth-of-field/>.

We want to thank Steve Fowler for the excellent job he has done for the past 3+ years as our Agenda Committee Chairperson. With this spot, he has arranged all the assignments and speakers for the past 3+ years and provided us with a wealth of information on various assignment topics. Our new Agenda Committee Chairperson, as of the end of this meeting, is now Bob Somerville.

Next, Bob Somerville talked briefly about the Swan Fundraiser being done at the Best Western on November 13th from 5 or 6 pm until 10 pm. It is being held as a fundraiser for the Monticello Swan Heritage Fund. This fund is used to help feed the Monticello swans each winter over at the swan park in Monticello. They are looking for help from the Monticello Camera Club to display and sell photos of Trumpeter Swans. The fund will receive 10% of any sales at the fundraiser. If you have framed photos of Trumpeter Swans that you wish to sell or display, please get them to Bob Somerville for hanging. It would be good if you can also participate the evening of the fundraiser to take care of any sales you might have or to discuss your swan photos. Please contact Bob regarding any questions or to leave your framed images (canvas frames also accepted). Get your prints to Bob sometime between the Monday to Wednesday timeframe that week.

Steve Huss and Jean Davids discussed changing up the existing committee chair assignments. Here are how the committees were at the beginning of the meeting:

Agenda – Steve Fowler currently, looking for new chairperson

Events – Open, no one leading

Photo Show – Currently Bob Somerville

Finance – Treasurer leads this one, Ken Kvam

We asked for volunteers at the meeting. **Carol Heesen** stepped up to discuss her willingness to be our new **Events** Committee Chairperson. This position has been open for the past few months. It is great to have someone willing to take this on again. Carol had a sign-up sheet for ideas people might have for events and ones that they would be willing to coordinate. Carol will act as a focal point to coordinate ideas that members would like to organize. Thank you Carol for stepping up to this position.

Note: after the meeting, Jean Davids made sure she had access to the Bucket List spreadsheet found on our Events page of our website.

Bob Somerville volunteered to be our new **Agenda** Committee Chairperson. Steve Fowler will remain on the committee and will turn over any information he has relevant to Bob taking over the committee. Jean Davids will work with Bob to provide any additional information as needed as well.

The **Finance** Committee Chairperson remains the same. **Ken Kvam**, Treasurer, runs this committee whose only other member is our past treasurer, Val Somerville.

No one stepped forward during the meeting to take on the duties of the **Photo Show** Committee Chairperson. However, over the past months, discussions were held with **Craig Starr** regarding this position. He is willing to co-chair this committee for the 2015 Photo Show and will begin his duties as soon as it is time to begin duties regarding the upcoming show. The game plan would be that he would then take on the duties fulltime the following year. Bob Somerville would remain on as a committee member and would continue to assist as needed, as does Jean Davids. Bob (and Val) and Jean have helped to run this photo show for the longest amount of time. So, thanks go out to Craig for his willingness to step up to lead this committee as well.

The assignment for the November 19th meeting will be Selective focus (Depth of Field). We look forward to seeing more people submitting photos as we have had a very low number of people willing to submit their photos as of late.

Reminders:

Check the links for the additional information on Depth of field information provided.

We're looking for headshots for the Membership Directory, which will be updated soon with new member information. Headshots provide an easier way to recognize and learn the names of new/existing members.

Review the Committee Membership list to verify which committees you are on or what committees you want to be removed from. Contact Jean Davids if you want to be added/removed to any committee. She will forward any changes on to the committee chairpersons.

Committees as of 10/15/14

Agenda: Chairperson Bob Somerville

Members: Jean Davids, Steve Fowler, Sharon Johnson, Ken Kvam, Claire McGillic, Dennis Schmid, Lisa Tetzlaff

Events: Chairperson Carol Heesen

Members: Jean Davids, Katie Friedman, Claire McGillic, Arne Myrabo, Sanford Smith, Alice Stoddard

Finance: Chairperson Ken Kvam, Members: Jean Davids, Val Somerville

Photo Show: Co-Chair Bob Somerville/Craig Starr

Members: Jerrie Ahrens, Jean Davids, Katie Friedman, Sharon Johnson, Claire McGillic, John Richardson, Val Somerville, Larry Wilson, Mel Zierke