

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2015

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Jean Davids did her best, despite a cold, to lead the meeting. We had 18 members and 3 guests attend the meeting. Steve Huss, president, could not attend due to a conflict.

Shared the May "raindrops" assignment photos. We had a large number of contributors to this month's assignment. Thanks for the great photos to display and sharing them with the rest of the group. There were some great images.

May is our annual meeting, which included payment of dues. Ten people paid dues at the meeting and one by mail. Ken Kvam read our Treasurer's report, which is attached to these minutes. No one had volunteered to run for office at the April meeting or via so the Secretary remains Jean Davids and Lisa Tetzlaff will continue on the board for the next two years.

New business was discussed. Alicia Larson volunteered to allow people to use her username and password to take advantage of some of the photography training she has purchased through them. Contact her directly to take advantage of her offer. People were reminded that free training is available to any member of the Great River Regional Library system from a great website called Lynda.com. Details can be found on the [Links](#) page of our website under "Educational Links". It is well worth using as they have training on photography, Adobe Photoshop and other editing software, Lightroom, and so much more. Some of our members have used this website in the past (normally around \$25 per month to use) and it has great training. Take advantage of this.

Craig Starr shared information related to the photo show and thanked everyone for their help putting on another great show.

Jean Davids brought up information related to the Events committee. Carol Heesen has mentioned to her that she might be considering stepping down from this position due to lack of interest on committee member's part and her being gone for so many months in the year. Asked for input from members. Lynn Anderson volunteered to either assist or step into this position. Jean is having her contact Carol directly to discuss where they want to go with this. In the meantime, Jean mentioned that Carol is still planning to do the light painting event at her house in July and Jean is still planning on fireworks event at her place in June when Big Lake has its Spud Fest Fireworks. Contact Jean if interested in participating in this. More discussion will be held regarding this at the June meeting.

Asked for volunteers to bring in their laptops to help show how to do photo editing and Lightroom for our June meeting. Alicia Larson uses Windows and Lightroom and Adobe Photoshop CS6 and will bring in her machine. Jean Davids will have her apple laptop and uses Lightroom, Photoshop CC. Perhaps we can have John Richardson bring in his machine or use one of the others to demonstrate techniques in Photoshop as well. If anyone else is willing to bring in their laptop to either demonstrate or ask questions about how to do various tasks, contact Bob Somerville or Jean Davids.

Broke into small groups based on camera brands to discuss our favorite lenses and why. Mostly had a Canon group and a Nikon group. Members had been encouraged to bring in their cameras and lenses for the discussion. This all seemed to work out fairly well and good discussions were had by all.

Anyone who has not paid dues by the end of the May meeting will start receiving notes from the secretary (Jean) nagging them to get back to her about membership. Annual dues were due at this May meeting. The cost is \$12 annually for an individual, \$18 for a couple. You can print off forms from our website on the Contact Us page or we bring in copies of the form for you to fill out at the next meeting. (<http://www.monticameraclub.com/contactus.html>)

Camera club members who entered photos in our annual photo show picked them up at the meeting.

The assignment and topics of the June meeting are shown below.

June 17

- Assignment: Macro/close-up
- Bring your laptops (those who can) and ask questions regarding Lightroom, Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, and computers in general. Volunteers to help coach others?

Monticello Camera Club Finances

Camera Club Fund Balance	1,101.29
Photo Show Fund Balance	1,040.90
Checkbook Balance	<u>2,142.19</u>

Camera Club	2014-2015	2013-2014
Beginning Balance	967.54	721.28
Paid Dues	334.00	495.00
Speaker Fees	(100.00)	(25.00)
Web/Domain	-	(139.79)
Office Supplies	(66.25)	(49.95)
Post Office Box	(34.00)	(34.00)
Net Income (Expense) for the year	133.75	246.26
Camera Club Y/E Balance	<u>1,101.29</u>	<u>967.54</u>

Photo Show

	2014-2015	2013-2014
Beginning Balance	600.00	400.89
Entrance Fees	855.00	675.00
Donations	-	76.50
River City Extreme	(100.00)	(100.00)
Signs	(179.02)	(177.67)
Other Expenses	(135.08)	(274.72)
Net Income (Expense) for the year	440.90	199.11
Camera Club Y/E Balance	<u>1,040.90</u>	<u>600.00</u>