## **Meeting Minutes**

Date: December 16, 2015By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Lynn Anderson, president. There were 15 members in attendance. This was our annual holiday party so spouses were also invited by some of our members. Two attended which made our total for the evening 17 people.

Our assignment for this month was Silhouettes/shadows. Eight members submitted assignment photos. Only two people submitted photos for the Still Life challenge from last month. If the photographer wanted a critique they were asked to say so. This is true for every meeting. There were some great images.

We followed the assignment photos by displaying the two sets of Still Life images submitted by Lynn Anderson and Bob Somerville. We let the members attending judge whose images won each of the three sets of photos. Lynn won for two of them and Bob won for one of them. Prizes were candy canes.

Bob Somerville will speak briefly on the upcoming photo show. Categories will be the same as last year. Jean/Craig/Bob will coordinate efforts to get the show forms created and put out on the website. The show will be March 12-13, 2016. One of our members suggested that we could add the category "Shadows/Silhouettes" when we look to swap out a category.

Bob Somerville discussed the upcoming Bryan Hansel seminar on Night Photography that will follow our regularly schedule February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will also speak at our meeting on that night doing a PowerPoint presentation. The cost of the hands on seminar that will be from about 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm after the meeting is \$50. Anyone interested should let Bob know ASAP (<u>figobo@aol.com</u>) and pay by no later than the January meeting date. If skies are cloudy, then alternate options will be done such as light painting and other techniques. So far, Craig Starr, Val Somerville (Bob will assist Bryan), Claire McGillic and Sanford Smith have expressed interest. Bryan needs 6-12 attendees to hold the seminar. If our club cannot fill the class it will be opened up to the Mora club and then others.

Claire McGillic shared information about National Camera Exchange sponsoring a class on photographing the US Figure Skating Championship. It costs \$149. I emailed the information out to all the members.

Bob Somerville led a discussion on ideas for assignments and topics for 2016. What follows is a summary of assignment and topic ideas. Bob Somerville will choose final ones with assistance, as needed, from the agenda committee and when they will occur.

<u>Assignments</u>	Topics
<b>January:</b> Emotions/Expressions (chosen for January meeting)	January: Rick Lockhart will present on Boats/Trains/Planes
	Val & Bob will do 10 minute Photographer of the month for January
February: Boats/Trains/Planes	<b>February:</b> Bryan Hansel, Night Photography. Seminar on Night Photography will follow.
April: Night Photography	April: Annual Meeting and Photo Show Report
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High Speed Photography or Slow Motion	Share your Trip – members speak and share photos
Product Photography	Photoshop Techniques – gather a list of topics wanted
Food	Photographer of the month – 10 minutes each meeting. Sanford Smith will do this for the April Meeting.
Pets	Creative Photography – Kelly Klatt if willing
Spider Webs	
Cell Phone Photography	
Things in Threes like boats/trains/planes	
Water	
Architectural	
Goofiest Holiday Photos	
Nature's patterns (Val)	
	Need volunteers to present for 10 minutes as photographer of the month
Other assignment ideas? Please give to Bob Somerville or Jean Davids	Other topic ideas? Please give to Bob Somerville or Jean Davids