

# Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2016

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Lynn Anderson, president. There were 20 members and 3 guests in attendance for a total of 23.

Our assignment for this month was Emotions/Expressions. Five members shared their assignment photos. In addition, Sanford Smith had an exercise we did. He had 20 images that we displayed and then had people take turns saying what emotion/expression it brought to mind for each one. He said, "we can learn about each member and find new words to describe their emotion and maybe our own. It may be a neurological response exercise not a cognitive or physiological emotional form - moving directly from a visual image to emotional response. When another sees my images, the purpose now is not from my heart, as it was when I did the capture, but from what they can find within themselves with the picture. It becomes a picture for themselves." It was an interesting exercise to do.

Our photographer of the month was Val Somerville. She did a bit more than a 10-minute presentation showing her work and the types of photos that she enjoys taking. As a side note, we need more volunteers for other months through the end of the year. Contact Bob Somerville if you are willing to do a small presentation on your photography. Limit should be a brief 10-minute presentation to introduce you and your photographic interests.

Rick Lockhart did a presentation on Boats/Trains/Planes. He shared images and how he shot many of them. He uses Photoshop to enhance many of them. For instance one train was under a roof. He removed the roof and then made the wheels of the train look like there was motion. Had some very cool images. He also mentioned, as a side note, that he has switched over from Nikon equipment to Canon equipment. He therefore has several items up for sale including cameras and lenses. He said his reason for switching was the use of a tilt shift lens that he tried out and really liked. If interested in any of his equipment, contact him. You can refer to the membership list that has been sent out previously for his contact information.

Bob Somerville discussed the upcoming Bryan Hansel Night Photography class that will be held after our February meeting. Currently there are 5 members signed up. If you are interested in attending, contact Bob Somerville. The class costs \$50 for 3 hours of hands on night photography training with Bryan Hansel. Dee Kotaska of the Northern Exposures Photography Club in Mora has been contacted so their members who are interested can sign up. For those attending the meeting in February, Bryan Hansel will be doing a PowerPoint style presentation on night photography. For those just attending the meeting, no equipment is necessary unless you want to bring your camera so you can look at the settings on your camera that he will discuss as part of his presentation. Those of you attending the class afterwards will need to bring tripod, cameras and if you have a remote shutter release, you should bring that too. Bring plenty of batteries if you have them too since they always get used up quicker in the cold temperatures. Dress warm and wear boots if you have them too in case you need to trek in any snow. If you have any questions on this, contact Bob Somerville.

Bob Somerville discussed the upcoming photo show. He had handouts that he has asked members to distribute at local businesses to advertise the upcoming show. Craig Starr, co-chair of the photo show committee, passed around a signup sheet for those willing to volunteer for a spot to help out in setting up the photo show. Bob added that members and non-members can bring their photo entries before the meeting in February and that drop-offs can be done at Finders Keepers in Monticello during their regular hours. A bit of side discussion was held answering member questions.

Jean will discuss the need for volunteers to run for office. Need to vote on President, Treasurer, and Board Member (Arne's position) for this year. No one volunteered at this meeting. Volunteers were also needed to replace Lisa Tetzlaff on the board as Board Member at Large. This position would be up for election again in 2017 so would just be for a little over 1 year instead of the usual 2 years. Jerrie Ahrens volunteered and no others so she is now our new Board Member at Large to replace Lisa. Thanks to Lisa for her service on the board and thanks to Jerrie for volunteering. It is our volunteers who help to keep this club viable.

Claire McGillic mentioned that National Camera in Maple Grove will be closing April 1<sup>st</sup> for a lack of business at that location. Thanks to her for letting us all know.

Sanford Smith (I think) mentioned that Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs (TCACCC) is having their annual spring break event. As part of the event, you are given the opportunity to photograph raptors. The event is two days packed full of events. The unfortunate part is that it is the same weekend as our photo show. That means many of us cannot attend. But for those of you who can, you can find full information on their website at <http://www.cameracouncil.org/589124/upcoming-events/>. Look under the Upcoming Events menu for the registration and description information.

The calendar for the remainder of the year follows but the calendar on the website or as sent out in the reminder note prior to the meeting should always be considered the most up-to-date version of the schedule.

#### February 17

- Assignment: Boats/Trains/Planes
- Photographer of the month: Skipping due to speaker
- Topic: Bryan Hansel - Night Photography - workshop for those who have paid follows meeting around 8:30 pm
- Topic: Upcoming Elections discussion - Need to vote on President, Treasurer, and Board Member (Arne's position)
- Turn in your photo show entries prior to the meeting

March - No meeting. Attend our Annual Monticello Photo Show

#### April 20

- Assignment: Night Photography
- Photographer of the month: Sanford Smith
- Topic: Upcoming Elections discussion in May - Need to vote on President, Treasurer, and Board Member (Arne's position) this year
- Topic: Photo Show summary

#### May 18

- Assignment: swans
- Photographer of the month: Bob Somerville
- Topic: ANNUAL MEETING
- Topic: photoshop demo (Ken, Claire)

June 15

- Assignment: spider web or pets
- Photographer of the month: volunteer needed
- Topic: Fix a photo. Share before and after

July 20

- Assignment: water
- Photographer of the month: volunteer needed
- Topic: to be determined - ideas??

August 17

- Assignment: Architecture
- Photographer of the month: volunteer needed
- Topic: to be determined - ideas??

September 21

- Assignment: slow motion or high speed
- Photographer of the month: volunteer needed
- Topic: to be determined - ideas??

October 19

- Assignment: nature's patterns
- Photographer of the month: volunteer needed
- Topic: to be determined - ideas??

November 16

- Assignment: product
- Photographer of the month: volunteer needed
- Topic: to be determined - ideas??

December 21

- Assignment: phone photography
- Photographer of the month: volunteer needed
- Topic: Holiday informal & eat
- Topic: Somerville Alaska trip