

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 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 24 members and 1 guest in attendance for a total of 25. Several people either rejoined or joined the club for the first of two meetings where payments for 2016 dues are being collected. Introductions were done around the room since there are several new members of the club.

Jean Davids displayed the assignment photos that were submitted for both Night Photography and Boats/Trains/Planes (carried over from February) categories.

Next, Sanford Smith shared a video he created to display his photo work and philosophy of taking photos. It was very good. Thanks for sharing your images.

Jerrie Ahrens was next to share her photos that won in the Bertram Lakes Photo Contest this past year. She also shared a lot of great information about the Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park along with some handouts. We appreciate her sharing her knowledge of the park and enjoyed viewing her photos. Jerrie is a member of the Friends of Bertram Lakes (I believe). Their website is: <http://friendsofbertramlakes.org>. The website for the park itself is: <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/facilities/facility/details/Bertram-Chain-of-Lakes-3>.

Jean Davids spoke regarding former member of the club, Warren Gammel. Val Somerville also pitched in information. He is currently in hospice care (as of 4/21/16) at the Miami VA. The address is Miami VA, 1201 NW 16th Street, Miami FL 33125. He checked into the South Miami Hospital back on March 22. He suffered a stroke and, upon further investigation, they found that he had an inoperable stage 4 fast growing brain tumor. We are, of course, saddened by this. Jean sent a card and best wishes to him from the club and also on his Facebook page. We will continue to give you updates as we hear of them. Warren dropped out of the club a couple of years ago after being in a traffic accident.

Heather Reinhart updated the club about Katie Friedman. She just went through hip surgery recently and (the 14th I believe) and is already up hobbling around some. Sorry the weather had to turn cold now so she can't enjoy sitting out on the porch as much right now. We're all glad it is going so well for you, Katie, and can't wait for your return.

Jean also updated the club regarding elections. Since no one wanted to volunteer at the meeting then the following offices will remain as they are now: President Lynn Anderson, Treasurer Ken Kvam and Board Member at Large Arne Myrabo. Jerrie Ahrens is the other Board Member at Large and she took over Lisa Tetzlaff's position. We appreciate their willingness to remain in these positions and thank them for their service.

Sanford mentioned some training being held at Midwest Mountaineering. It was held this past weekend, too late to attend now. However, they have postings on their website of their next expo coming up in November so I will provide the link here so you can track it for this fall and next spring. Their link is: <http://www.midwestmtn.com/current-events/outdoor-adventure-expo>.

Rick Lockhart shared that the F-Stop Swap was being cancelled for this spring due to unforeseen issues. Here's the link to their Show Calendar page for their fall event: <http://www.fstopswap.com/show-calendar.html>.

Rick also mentioned that he still has Nikon equipment for sale. Contact him if interested. Jean will be sending out a new membership directory soon so you can get his contact information that way, if you don't already have a copy of it now.

Bob Somerville spoke briefly about the Photo Show. We will be taking down the displays at the 6 businesses in Monticello and then returning photos to those who are club members or provided SASE. A volunteer was requested to assist in taking down the photo boards and returning them to storage. Steve Fowler volunteered.

The May meeting will be our annual meeting. Since no elections will be made, officers can just be announced at it and Ken Kvam will make a Treasury Report. In addition, dues will once again be collected at this meeting. Please bring cash or your checkbook to the meeting if you have not already paid your dues for this upcoming year. Per club bylaws, officers are not required to pay dues. See Ken Kvam at the meeting or if you cannot attend the May meeting then please remit your dues payment and form to the PO Box address listed on the form. You can find this information on the club website (<http://monticameraclub.com/contactus.html>). If dues are not paid by the end of this meeting, you will start receiving reminder notes and if timely payment is not made we will have to end your membership to the club. We don't want to lose anyone as a member so please be sure to join or rejoin the club either prior to or at the meeting in May.

Upcoming meeting on May 18

Assignment: swans

Photographer of the month: Bob Somerville

Topic: ANNUAL MEETING

Topic: Photoshop demo (Ken, Claire?)