

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2017

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started at 7 pm and was presided over by Jean Davids, secretary. There were 16 members, 1 new family member and 1 guest in attendance.

First up was a display of the assignment photos, for “winter” as the subject. Five members submitted photos and we appreciate them all. Keith Drake brought in a book of B&W photos that were his ‘winter’ photos. It was excellent.

Next, Jean introduced Ken Bachefer, leader of the Clearwater Photography Club who will be our speaker for next month. Ken wanted to get a ‘feel’ for our club to see what level would be good for his topic of “Exposure” next month and to get a feel for what members would be interested in.

Our photographer of the month was actually two photographers; Frank and Denise Barger, who just joined last month. They gave a PowerPoint presentation of some of their photos they have taken on their world travels to places like Ireland, Tuscany, Stonehenge, Scotland and other places. Thanks for sharing your work. It was great.

Bob Somerville did a quick review of photo show progress. He brought in flyers for members to distribute out around the towns and businesses that they frequent to pass the word. Katie Friedman has put out the ad to various newspapers. It sounds like the only paper that had not published it was the Big Lake paper. Jean got all the forms required prior to the show done and distributed to Bob as needed. Notes went out to all past participants regarding the upcoming show and that entries can now be made and rules and forms are on the website. Notifications were also made to the following Facebook groups: Monticello (MN) Camera Club, Clearwater (MN) Photography Club, Minnesota Photography Club and Frozen Photographers. So things are all on schedule and ready to go. Bob also passed around volunteer signup sheets for the show and a few members signed up for working at the show. Right now, we have two entries that have been made and Jean and Bob will watch the post office to collect photo entries. Also, the tub will be delivered at the end of January to Finders Keepers in Monticello for collecting photos there for the month of February.

Our topic for this month was a hands-on opportunity to try taking Bokeh photos. Jean Davids and Claire McGillic brought in their light stands, backgrounds, and Christmas lights to use as well as some objects to be used as foreground objects to take photos of. Some members brought in their own objects as well. Members were encouraged to bring in their tripods as well. An introduction to Bokeh was reviewed quickly before we got down to playing. People tried out their shots at either station that was set up and it seemed like people enjoyed it and learned a bit. Here are the links to this technique that were provided:

http://www.diyphotography.net/diy_create_your_own_bokeh/

<http://www.pocket-lint.com/news/127591-what-is-bokeh-here-s-the-photography-effect-explained>

The next few month's assignments/topics are shown below. If you have ideas for future topics, please contact Lynn Anderson (president) or Jean Davids (secretary).

February

- Assignment: Winter critters
- Topic: Ken Bachofer will speak on the topic of Exposure Compensation. Bring your camera and tripods in to experiment. Will be a combination of teaching and trying.
- Photographer of the Month: Jerrie Ahrens

March

No meeting - attend the Monticello Photo Show instead

April

- Assignment: Exposure Compensation - bring in no more than 6 photos - 3 sets of before/after images (no exposure compensation used and then exposure compensation used).
- Topic: to be determined
- Photographer of the Month: Darrell Pikkaraine

May

- Assignment: to be determined
- Annual Meeting – vote for officers/board members
- Topic: Bryan Hansel - "Thorough Composition" which discussed a number of other techniques beyond just rule of thirds. He is available in May if we get enough members to sign up for a 2-hour class before/after the meeting. Bob Somerville will be organizing this.
- Pick up your Photo Show Entries - 1 hour prior to meeting others can pick up their photos

Other assignment/topic ideas from our December meeting follow:

1. How to Hack a photo – need presenter
2. Black and white – B&W as topic for one month and photo assignment the next month (*It was agreed that this idea of topic one month and then the next month it will be the assignment where it fits was agreed to by members present at the meeting*)
3. ISO (and other settings) – Take 3 photos using different ISO, Aperture, or Shutter speed settings
4. How to colorize just one portion of a black and white image using Photoshop
5. Critiquing – maybe get in David Hyttsten (David's Photography) or Wayne Mayer (Magic Moments Photography) to do critiques on our photos
6. Lake / Water Sports – assignment only
7. Macro/Micro – Topic
8. Share links at meeting or videos on "How to..." – Jerrie Ahrens has National Geographic video on how to take photos – they demonstrate how they take one of their photos. (*Jean has copies now*)
9. See if Chris Lommel is willing to speak on a topic
10. Liz (Elizabeth Wood I presume) will check at St. Cloud State to see if there are any speakers available there for a meeting