

# Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2017

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting began shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Steve Fowler. There were 16 members in attendance.

Our assignment for this month was Fall Colors. We had 10 members share their photos. Thank you all for sharing your great images with us.

Our photographer of the month was Phil Pippo. He showed us many great images and a variety of subject matter. Thanks for volunteering to present. If anyone else is interested in volunteering to be our photographer of the month next year, just let me (Jean Davids) know.

Our topic for this month was Shooting video. Larry Wilson had some information to share with us. I couldn't take notes really but here is an outline of the information he presented. Consider this an outline of things to consider when shooting video.

- Similar to still photography – consider Light, Foreground, Background, Variety of shots, Close up and distance, and Not too much panning and zooming.
- Different from still photography
  - Movement – Tripod, Image stabilization
  - Sound – Close, Background noise, Remote mike, Use head phone to check sound, and Stay quiet
  - Light - Not good in low light, Color balance
- Settings
  - PAL format 25 FPS in Europe
  - NTSC format 30 FPS in America and Japan
  - Shutter 1/50 sec.
  - Wide or square
- I phone video - Shoot horizontally, Keep steady, Clip on lens, and Tap to focus.

Anthony Hall and Jean Davids also shared information with the group. Jean showed her Osmo Mobile ([http://store.dji.com/product/osmo-mobile?gclid=EAIAIqObChMIy8jss\\_jJ1wIVCtNkCh3GggxhEAAAYASAAEgL0H\\_D\\_BwE](http://store.dji.com/product/osmo-mobile?gclid=EAIAIqObChMIy8jss_jJ1wIVCtNkCh3GggxhEAAAYASAAEgL0H_D_BwE)) to show members one option for recording video using a gimbal and iPhone. Be aware that DJI is a Chinese company so it is easier to purchase from DJI on Amazon or B&H or elsewhere. Jean also brought in her newly purchased Rode Microphone (<http://en.rote.com/microphones/videomicro>) that can be used with either a DSLR camera (attaches on flash shoe) or on an iPhone or similar phone via the headphone jack/microphone. Testing so far is inconclusive as to how much it helps because when tested it was so windy that nothing could help it. She can provide more information later but it has been very well reviewed. Anthony Hall was a wealth of valuable information but it was too hard to take notes during the discussion since I was part of it.

Here are some links that will help you in your endeavors.

<https://digital-photography-school.com/beginners-guide-dslr-video/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ue3GLZ1z2Lk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARqkvCbz-4g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njeCxUspmHk>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/drumat5280/featured> - Dave Dugdale youtube channel has good tips

<http://stillmotionblog.com/home/> - advice on storytelling

<https://nofilmschool.com> - more advanced video tips

I hope these help you out. Need to figure out who your audience is, what story you want to tell, and how you want to tell it. Storyboarding helps in doing this. Good luck on your videos. There was no time to show the Tim Grey training that Jean Davids has and it can only be shared in a group session (or individually) since it is a purchased class.

Jean shared her YouTube channel so you can see samples of some of her work. It is

<https://www.youtube.com/user/jeldavids/videos>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCclsTOWv8la0uxTiV9S8Xjw> - doing a project for the Sherburne Refuge

Jean asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to be Photographer of the Month this coming January, February or beyond. There were no volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned around 9 pm.

Here's what is coming up next:

### **December 20**

- Assignment: play short videos taken, bring them in on USB flash drive or talk to Jean about how to get them to her
- Topic: Holiday informal & eat
- Topic: faces – Rick Lockhart said he would share some of what he has done so we could get inspired
- Spouses/significant others are encouraged to attend. Plan on eating at the meeting. It's our way of saying Thank You to River City Extreme for allowing us meeting space.

### **2018 Camera Club meeting dates and topics**

#### **January**

- Assignment: Faces
- Topic: Video Editing
- Photographer of the month: to be determined

#### **February**

- Assignment: Show edited videos
- Topic: to be determined
- Photographer of the month: to be determined