

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 20, 2017

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting began shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Steve Fowler. There were 13 members in attendance plus several of their spouses/significant others.

Our assignment for this month was to bring in short videos taken. We had 6 members share their videos. Thank you all for sharing your great work with us. Unfortunately, Jean could not get the audio to work very well so that the sound could not be heard very well at all. We still managed to watch the video okay anyway. She vows to get this corrected before our next meeting

Steve brought up that we need a replacement for Treasurer as Jerrie Ahrens is leaving her post effective December 31. We really want to thank Jerrie for her willingness to step into this role when Ken Kvam left the club and to do such a great job of it. Thanks Jerrie!! Until we find a replacement (no one volunteered to immediately be able to step in), Jean Davids will be acting in this capacity since she is also listed on the checking account for the club. After the meeting adjourned, Sherrie Lockhart said she might be willing to step in as Treasurer but wouldn't be available until April or May, which is also the timeframe for our next election cycle. We appreciate her willingness to volunteer (possibly).

Our topic for this month was Faces, which is the assignment for the January meeting. Rick Lockhart shared some of his images that show how you can find faces in almost anything; doors, rocks, etc. So, don't just go for the obvious. Go for the hidden faces in objects around you as well.

Steve asked if anyone had ideas for future topics. Here are some of the ideas that were discussed.

- Steve Fowler suggested "Art in Photography". He has some video by Art Wolf that can be viewed.
- Anthony Hall suggested Advanced Video Techniques such as stabilization, use of dollies, etc.
- Cindy Mendel suggested Horse Photography or maybe action shots. Jean Davids suggested that Katie Friedman might be a good resource for this topic.
- Kevin Juliot suggested the topic of Lighting Techniques using things like flash, LED, etc. Jean has reached out to Kelly Klatt, a past member who had demonstrated this for us before, to see if she would be interested in presenting to the club.
- Kevis Juliot also suggested "drone rules and regulations". Jean Davids volunteered that she now has a drone and her husband is familiar with this subject. After getting home though she contacted Matthew Breiter and he is willing to come down from Long Prairie and discuss this topic with us at our April meeting. He did a prior demonstration and discussion on use of drones and is now commercially licensed for use of drones in his photography business. This will be on the schedule if approved by the board.
- Anthony Hall suggested Travel Photography and is tentatively on the schedule for February. He will be taking a trip in January and can then present his recommendations in February. This is tentative as well depending on whether Anthony think he can turn around from vacation mode to presentation mode in a short time frame.

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:

2018 Camera Club meeting dates and topics

January

- Assignment: Faces
- Topic: Video Editing – Anthony and Jean can demonstrate some video editing programs and techniques.
- Photographer of the month: none

February

- Assignment: Show edited videos
- Topic: Anthony Hall will talk about Travel Photography.
- Photographer of the month: none

March

No meeting – attend the LAST photo show at Best Western in Monticello.

April

- Assignment: To be determined
- Topic: Guest Speaker Matthew Breiter will talk about rules and regulations as they relate to use of drones and can answer other questions related to their use.
- Photographer of the month: none