

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2018

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club (thanks to Val Somerville for taking notes)

The meeting began shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Steve Fowler. There were 12 members in attendance. Jean Davids could not attend due to illness.

The assignment for this month was Faces. It will be delayed until February meeting.

Bob Somerville provided an update on the Photo Show. Craig Starr took the smaller signage to put the new location on them. He will keep them until the show when he will put them all up. Bob got printing done for flyers and distributed them to members to post anywhere they can think of. He passed around the sign up sheet for volunteers for the weekend of the show. Jean Davids will be mailing it around to all members so they can contact Bob Somerville to sign up for slots to work this final photo show we will be putting on.

Bob also discussed what we should do with the photo display boards after we are done with them in May. We need to figure out pricing of them prior to that so that Sanford can share the information with the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs (TCACCC) group to see if their member clubs would be interested in buying any of the boards. Pricing of \$200 for all of them was discussed. Jean had mentioned that Dee Kotaska from the Northern Exposure Photography Club (NEPC) wants to know how much so she can check up there for potential buyers for us, but maybe just a board or two.

Our Camera Club display for the photo show was discussed. Bob has a display that they use for their business that they will make available for the weekend of the show. To display some of your work, please provide a Canvas or Framed photo with sawtooth or wire hangers on it for hanging. You should also tape a card with your name, etc, to the frame or edging of your work. This will allow people to see whose work is whose and will help us in getting your work returned to you if you aren't there when the show is wrapped up. If you have any questions on this please contact Bob or Val Somerville. The image here shows what the display has looked like when we used it in the past.



Anthony Hall and others discussed some of the requirements and techniques used for editing videos. One thing stressed is that you need a good computer. That means it needs to be fairly current and have ample hard disk space, faster processor, and lots of memory to handle the processing of putting a video of any length together. The final processing to create the actual video file/finished format is called rendering and it can take quite a while depending on the length and complexity of your project. You can find a lot of tutorials and instructions on video editing on YouTube so search there for any questions you have. In addition, search for music that is free. You cannot upload videos to Facebook, YouTube or many other sites and cannot sell your videos if you use copyrighted music.

Note: Jean added the following info. Select the stills or video you want for your project. These will be added to your timeline. Then you need to trim them to the specifics of what footage you want to use. You need to pick out transitions between stills/clips. Most common and pleasing is a simple fade.

- Anthony recommended two programs for editing. One is called MoveAVI. Here's their website but you can also find it on Amazon. https://www.movavi.com/suite/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI1aSpk5Ho2AIVBpd-Ch0YRQ2LEAEYASAAEgK3-fD_BwE.
- Filmora is another program that works on both Mac and Windows. Here's a link to their website: <https://filmora.wondershare.com>.

- *(Note: Jean says that she uses Photodex ProShow Producer but that Phodex ProShow Gold also works great for producing video slide shows. Allows you to easily do “Ken Burns” effects like motion and other more advanced techniques. It only runs on Windows machines and not Mac. <http://www.photodex.com>. She also uses Adobe Premiere Pro CS6 and mentions that Adobe Premiere Elements will also do a lot for you and can run on both Windows and Mac platforms.)*

The topic of Treasurer replacement was brought up since Jerrie Ahrens stepped down at the end of 2017 and elections are in April/May. Sherie Lockhart stepped up and said she could do the job but is not available until May since she is doing that job for another group right now. So, for now, Jean is acting as Treasurer since she is already on the checking account. It's just easier to do that then to get someone set up, trained in and on the checking account and then just turn around and possibly have to change it so soon.

Assignments and Topics for upcoming meetings were addressed. February is all set. March there is no meeting. April already has the assignment of Travel Photography since it was the topic in February. It was determined that the Topic should be Lighting Techniques. If you know of someone willing to speak on this topic or you have expertise to share, please contact Steve Fowler or Jean Davids. In May we will have the follow up Assignment of “Photos using different lighting techniques”. Jean Davids arranged the speaker. She asked Matthew Breiter to return and present the topic of “Drone Rules and Regulations” since this was requested. If there is time, he might be able to do a brief demo of using his drone again for us. In June we can do the Assignment of “Springtime and/or Birds” and a Topic of “Art in Photography”. Steve Fowler has a video by Art Wolf that he can share on this.

As of right now, we have no more assignments or topics definitively lined up for the rest of the year. If you have any ideas for a speaker, have training available or expertise in any of these topics listed below, please contact Steve Fowler or Jean Davids. If there are other topics or assignment ideas, please share those with Steve or Jean as well. Also, if you are willing to share your photography in one of our meetings, please volunteer to be our photographer of the month.

Ideas discussed for future topics.

- 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.

2018 Camera Club meeting dates and topics

February

- Assignment: Show edited videos
- Topic: Travel Photography - Anthony Hall will discuss his recent trip and share tips on how to take good travel photos.
- Photographer of the month: none

March

No meeting - attend the 15th and FINAL Monticello Photo Show at its new location, the Best Western Conference Room in Monticello. The dates of the show are March 17th & 18th.

April 18

- Assignment: Travel Photography
- Topic: Lighting Techniques
- Photographer of the Month:

May 16

- Assignment: Photos using different lighting techniques
- Topic: Drone Rules and Regulation - presented by Matthew Breiter
- Photographer of the Month:

June 20

- Assignment: Springtime and/or Birds
- Topic: Art in Photography - Steve Fowler will share his Art Wolf video on the topic
- Photographer of the Month:

July 18

- Assignment:
- Topic:
- Photographer of the Month:

August 15

- Assignment:
- Topic:
- Photographer of the Month:

September 19

- Assignment:
- Topic:
- Photographer of the Month:

October 17

- Assignment:
- Topic:
- Photographer of the Month:

November 21

- Assignment:
- Topic:
- Photographer of the Month:

December 19

- Assignment:
- Topic:
- Photographer of the Month: