

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2018

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting began shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Steve Fowler. There were 15 members and 3 guests and our guest speaker (Matthew Breiter) in attendance for a total of 19 people.

We started the meeting with Bob Somerville who gave the final update related to the 2018 photo show. All boards and supplies are now the property of the city. All photos have been returned that were suppose to be, according to Jean Davids. This was followed by a presentation to Bob of a Certificate of Appreciation for all of his work as photo show coordinator for the entire time since it was turned over to our club from the Monticello Arts Alliance and Lynne Fleming. He and Val were also given a gift certificate to River City Extreme for \$25. Val could not attend but was also thanked on the club Facebook page. Lynne could not attend to receive her certificate of appreciation for having started the show as part of the Monticello Arts Alliance and her continued support of it as a member of our club. We thank them all for running the show for the 15 years we were involved in it.

We had Matthew Breiter go next with his presentation on Drone Rules and Regulations. It was followed with a demonstration of his DJI Inspire 2. Notes related to his presentation follow at the end.

The assignment for this month was Photos Using Different Lighting Techniques. We had 2 people who shared their images for this assignment. Thank you for your willingness to share your great photos.

Jean Davids introduced our new club officers and thanked the outgoing ones. Heather Reinhart will be our new President through 2020. Anthony Hall stepped forward to sub for her when she cannot attend since she said she could only attend 7-8 meetings a year because of her schedule. Thank you Steve Fowler for stepping in for President for this past year. Sherie Lockhart will be Treasurer (still pending). Thank you Jerrie Ahrens for being Treasurer for this past year. Bob Somerville as Board Member at Large, replacing Arne Myrabo. Thank you Arne for your support of the club. All officers will begin their service officially after the May meeting and through to May 2020.

Jean Davids and Steve Fowler discussed upcoming meetings. Steve will present our next meeting. He has some video by Art Wolf on Art In Photography. Should be interesting. Jean asked if there is interest in the topic of Underwater Photography presented by Matthew Breiter. He volunteered to come speak to us on this topic if it is of interest to us. Jean saw John Alexander Kay speak on the topic of Wildlife Photography at the Sherburne Refuge Photography Club meeting in May and asked if anyone was interested in hearing a good speaker on this topic. Everyone said yes to the idea of both speakers. Jean will follow-up on these two speakers. *(Note: These two speakers, Matthew and John, are being put on hold pending further discussion among club officers and members.)*

Here's Jean's attempt at taking notes during Matthew's presentation on Drone Rules and Regulations:

Everyone:

- Can't fly higher than 400 feet
- Must remain in line of sight of drone or have a spotter
- Can't fly over people
- Contact airport to fly near it (within 5 miles)
- Can't fly under the influence
- Be aware of local laws and ordinances before flying over private property
- Allowed to fly in only some state parks
- Can't be flown in any National Parks or Refuges
- App called B4UFLY is best at telling you where it is allowed

- Can't fly over stadiums or sporting events during the event
- Must register UAV with FAA or you face stiff fines – applies to drones weighing .55 lb to 55 lbs

Commercial requirements:

- FAA part 107 commercial UAV test is required for commercial use – test is \$150 to take
- Test has 60 questions out a possible list of many more questions
- Insurance is required and is specific to UAV – can be \$2300 per year
- Must register with MNDOT and FAA if drone is .55 – 55 lbs
- Must do pre-flight checks to insure equipment is in good working order Before you fly
- Airspace Class G only

Next Matthew went over a few details related to his DJI Inspire 2 drone:

- He was one of the first 400(?) in the country to get his.
- Shoots 4K video at 20 mp with X45 camera. This is the one he has.
- Shoots 5K video at 20 mp with X55 camera.
- Takes 21 mp photos.
- Has stabilization gimbal.
- Connected to Satellites to know exactly where it is.
- Can go up to 58 mph.
- It flies legally at 400 feet but it is capable of flying to 18,000 feet.
- Can go up to 4.5 miles away in distance but must be within line of sight or have spotter to be legal.
- Has 27 minutes flight time.
- Weighs 8 lbs.

Showed demos of work he has done using the drone. We then went outside to see it in action. Matthew took the following group photo using his drone and shared it with our club to use for our website and Facebook page.



2018 Camera Club meeting dates and topics

June 20

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

July 18

- Assignment: Art in Photography
- Topic: Christopher Cline - Freelance artist who will share his work that depicts a man (himself) and his very large dog Juji.
- Topic: Bob Somerville will give a quick presentation on how he did his photo “twirling” technique that won Creative Techniques in our photo show

August 15

- Assignment: photography special effect using photo editing – related to Art in Photography
- Topic: Group Q&A – bring in problem photos or questions and have a group discussion of solutions

September 19

- Assignment:

October

- Assignment:
- Topic:

November

- Assignment:
- Topic:

December

- Assignment:
- Topic: