

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2023

By: Jean Davids, Secretary/Treasurer

We had 11 of now 20 members attend our meeting which was led by Heather Reinhart.

We had one member share before and after of edited photos which was the assignment for this month. Thanks Kevin Juliot for being willing to share.

Dues were collected at the meeting (\$12). There is one member who dropped out and five yet who have not paid.

Elections were held in March when a roster of candidates to run for Jean Davids position could not be found. Jean Davids was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer by a consensus of members present. It was officially announced at this meeting.

Jean mentioned is that the annual meeting is in May but we have National Camera coming in that month so it was suggested, and approved by a consensus of members present, that we handle the finance report part of the meeting via email and perhaps anything else as well.

The Topic was Photoshop/Lightroom Q&A. Jean Davids demonstrated her work flow which included a group discussion. Shown below is roughly her workflow as demonstrated. She also showed one of the big new features in the latest Adobe Raw and Lightroom Classic updates, Denoise.

Jean's Photography Work Flow

1. Remove camera card from camera and copy files from it to my external photo hard drive (demo I will copy to my laptop hard drive). I believe that it is easiest to find files when you need them by being able to use the file browser to get to them when needed.
2. Disconnect the card from the system so as to not confuse Lightroom to import from there.
3. I name the files by "yyyy_mmdd description". For example, 2023_0416 Sherburne Refuge.
4. Open Adobe Lightroom Classic and import files from the location I added them to.
5. Make first pass at photos to see what to delete vs keep.
6. Use the develop module to edit settings. I start by using AUTO mode and then tweak from there. Auto mode much of the time solves issues of lighting issues.
7. If there are noise problems, in the past, I would use the Edit In function to take the images to Topaz Denoise. However, now they have made the Topaz Photo Ai app be the replacement for that program. I'm not impressed. Just read that they have incorporated Denoise functions into Lightroom or Photoshop. I need to research this one yet.
8. Select those photos I want to export for jpgs to use with Facebook or other purposes and export them.
9. Close out of Lightroom.
10. When I have made enough new photo additions that I care about, I always back up my photos. From the external drive, I use a backup program to incrementally copy files from one external drive to another. I also make a second backup to ensure that at least one drive will always work.

Calendar for 2023

May 17

- Assignment: Share before and after of edited photos
- Topic: Electronic Flash - Jason at National Camera will present
- Annual meeting being done via email instead by consensus of April members present at meeting

June 21

- Assignment: Flash photo
- Topic: Free editing programs – Keven Juliot will present on a number of freeware versions of photography editing programs

July 19

- Assignment: July as a topic (fireworks, picnics, camping, anything that represents July)
- Topic: Photos in the dark - bring camera and play

August 16

- Assignment:
- Topic: Lens calibration

September 20

- Assignment:
- Topic: Action Photos (date not firm)

October 18

- Assignment:
- Topic: Camera Raw (date not firm)

November 15

- Assignment:
- Topic:

December 20

- Assignment: Top photos of 2023
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion