

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2024

By: Jean Davids

Jean Davids talked about it being time to renew memberships. Twelve members paid dues at the meeting and one after. One more member has dropped out because she has just not been able to attend so we are down to 18 members. Those who have not paid should do so at or before the May meeting since they are due no later than the May meeting unless arrangements are made with Jean to get payment to her.

Jean also mentioned that it is the club's 20th year in existence and would like to discuss with Sue Seeger of Monticello Arts about what we can do to celebrate. Cindy Mendel mentioned that they still are offering up their space for meetings if we want and think that collaborations between our groups would be good. I said I would follow up with Sue about ideas to commemorate our 20th anniversary as a club.

Note: I did call Sue and mentioned we would like to do some kind of video sharing our best photos and maybe show it at some movie event like movie in the park or at their center or both. She thought it sounded like a good idea and would follow up with discussions with the movie in the park folks. They also have some photography events that will be coming up that we can maybe help with. It would give our club more exposure and maybe get us some more members. I will follow up when more information is obtained.

Jean Davids talked about Elections for 2024/2025. Being an even year means the positions of President and Director at Large (Heather/Kevin) are up for election. We asked for volunteers to take on those positions. Heather Reinhart agreed to be president again since no one else stepped forward. Tom Kline volunteered for the Director at Large position. I said I would have to discuss with Kevin Juliot as to whether he wanted to also run for that spot again before we could say if we needed a vote or not since Kevin was unable to attend the meeting. I texted him later and he said he would be happy to let Tom take the spot. So, once again, no formal election is needed as both positions are unopposed. President will once again be Heather Reinhart and the new Director at Large is Tom Kline.

The assignment was to share Sky Photos (solar eclipse or other). We had a few photos of the eclipse that were shared and a discussion of the experience was done. Bob and Darrell both shared their images and discussed how and where they captured them. Both said the most difficult part was trying to point straight up in the sky to capture them as zoom lenses had gravity fighting keeping the length open and using a tripod required the constant readjustment as things changed position in the sky. Don shared some photos of the eclipse as well but was unable to attend. Several other really cool sky photos were also shared by others.

Heather Reinhart presented the topic "How to Develop Your Photography Style." She did a PowerPoint presentation on the topic and then shared some videos on the subject. The PowerPoint presentation will be made available on the Meeting Minutes page of our club website (as well as these minutes) and here are the links for the videos for the discussion. Thank you, Heather, for doing a great job on this topic.

How to develop a personal photographic style - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCyCD1dtWaM>

Find your PHOTOGRAPHY STYLE in 5 simple steps - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCxhILD4mTk>

Why You Haven't Found Your Photography Style (Yet) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4p_iPKQzGmQ

2024 Camera Club Meeting Dates and Topics

May 15

- Assignment: Share photos showing your style
- Topic: Time-Lapse Photography
- Membership Renewals
- Officers announced

June 12th (note date change to 2nd Wednesday of the month)

- Assignment: No assignment due to meeting being held at Sherburne Refuge
- Topic: Northern Lights or Astro photos - Meeting will be held at Sherburne Refuge Oak Savanna Learning Center as part of their presentation of the topic. Presented by Bob King (astro Bob) - (<https://astrobob1.blogspot.com>)

July 17

- Assignment: Northern Lights/Astro photos/Sky Photos/Time Lapse Photos
- Topic: Blind Critique - Chris Lommel

August 21

- Assignment: Top Vacation Photos/Improved photo based on blind critique (before/after)
- Topic: Use of triggers and remotes - Don Pfeleiderer

September 18

- Assignment: Time-Lapse photo or photo showing time in some fashion
- Topic: To be determined

October 16

- Assignment: To be determined
- Topic: To be determined

November 20

- Assignment: To be determined
- Topic: To be determined

December 18

- Assignment: Top photo of 2024
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion – bring your spouse. We will be meeting at 6:30 to get our food all ordered in advance of our meeting.