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# FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

## Club Meeting Minutes November 8, 2022

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### Call to order

A meeting of the Focus Group Camera Club was called to order at River Road Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. Attendees included Doug Beecher, President; Lloyd Chaser, Vice President; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; and members Mike Bachmann, Beau Robertson, Debbie Roberts, Vicky Eicher, Al Warfield, Cindy Krumbein, Charles Krumbein, Stephen Retherford, Sally Rugg, and Ralph Sell, a Past President and honorary member.

### Welcome of Guests

One guest was in attendance; Rick Bream, a guest of Tom Allen.

### Monthly Challenge

There were two monthly challenges for members to participate in this month: “Close Up” and “Natural Designs.” For “Natural Design”, Mike Bachmann, Debbie Roberts, Gene Harris, Cyane Lowden, Beau Robertson, and Lloyd Chaser offered images. For “Close Up”, Mike, Debbie, Beau, and Lloyd submitted images.

Next month’s challenges: “Shoot at Midday” and “Shoot Through”.

### Program

The program was presented by Mark Breen, who introduced the members to Adobe Express software and demonstrated how it can be used to easily create a photography web page for displaying photos and to tell a story via text and photographs.

For December’s meeting, David Everette will offer critiques of photographs submitted to him by club members ahead of the meeting. Images need to be uploaded to Mike Bachmann no later than December 7<sup>th</sup> for forwarding to David – limit one image per person, unless participation is low. If it is, Lloyd Chaser will send out an email informing members of that fact.

### Business Meeting Discussion Topics

#### NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Doug reiterated the need for more volunteers for exhibits, telling members that Martin Evans has left the club, and therefore the Crossroads Gallery exhibit planned for May of 2023 needs a coordinator. He said he would try to get the needed details from the Crossroads gallery.

#### CLUB DUES

- Mark reminded those that haven’t paid their annual club dues that the dues are payable now.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- Doug reminded members again that we still need new club members and that the membership drive is ongoing.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Mark Breen reported a balance of \$4994.20.

## FIELD TRIP

- Mark and Doug notified the members that the field trip planned for November 11 to Governor's Antiques in Mechanicsville has been moved to November 18 because of weather issues on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

- Richmond Public Library – December – Doug reminded members to watch for emails from exhibit coordinator Stephen Retherford containing relevant information
- Crossroads Gallery – May 2023 (if the members decide to pay the \$600 fee)
- Virginia Eye Institute – June 2023 – Gene Harris coordinating

## SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

- Doug said he is trying to update the club's Facebook page and asked for information about it from any members who had been previously involved in handling the club's Facebook presence. Debbie Roberts said that there is also a business page on Facebook for the club that she had previously set up.

## Roundtable

Images for the Roundtable were presented by Mike, Gene, Jay, Debbie, Charles, Doug, and Lloyd.

## Image Feedback

- Gene Harris offered for feedback an image taken at Cannon Beach, Oregon. Several members offered comments.

## Further Business

- Doug reminded members of some upcoming dates to keep in mind:
  - o November 18, 9:30 am – Field trip to Governor's Antiques in Mechanicsville
  - o November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm – FGCC Board Meeting
  - o December, Richmond Public Library Exhibit
    - December 1 – set-up in the morning
    - December 2 – opening and reception, 6:30 pm (Stephen Retherford, show coordinator, mentioned that a jazz concert will happen in the Gellman room, the same room as the club exhibit, on December 9<sup>th</sup>)
    - January 4 – takedown
  - o December 13, 7:30 pm – FGCC meeting

- December 19 – FGCC Board meeting

### Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary