
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes December 13, 2022

Call to order

A meeting of the Focus Group Camera Club was called to order at River Road Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Attendees included: Doug Beecher, President; Lloyd Chaser, Vice President; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Tom Allen, Mike Bachmann, Jay Denny, Vicky Eicher, Charles Krumbein, Cindy Krumbein, Stephen Retherford, Debbie Roberts, Beau Robertson, and Sallie Rugg.

Welcome of Guests

Guests attending were Rick Bream, Jakob Joffe, Samantha Souishy, and Ellen Martin.

Monthly Challenge

There were two monthly challenges for members to participate in this month: "Shoot at Midday" and "Shoot Through." "Shoot Through" images were presented by Cyane Lowden, Mike Bachmann, Mark Breen, Tom Allen, and Sallie Rugg. "Shoot at Midday" images were presented by Mike Bachmann, Jay Denny, Gene Harris, Tom Allen, and Sallie Rugg.

Next month's challenges: "Black and White" and "Bokeh Effect."

Program

The program was presented by David Everette, who offered critiques of photographs submitted to him by club members ahead of the meeting. David critiqued 20 anonymous images. Several additional images that were submitted but not critiqued were also shown. These were submitted by Gene Harris, Mike Bachmann, Vicky Eicher, Debbie Roberts, Charles Krumbein, and Cindy Krumbein.

Business Meeting Discussion Topics

OLD BUSINESS

- Thanks were given to Mark Breen, for coordinating the recent field trip to Governor's Antiques, and to Stephen Retherford for coordinating the club's exhibit at Richmond Public Library

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Mark Breen reported a balance of \$5149.20 with expenditures of \$25 for web hosting.

CROSSROADS ART CENTER EXHIBIT

- On a vote of 13 to 2, the club voted to not go forward with the proposed exhibit at the Crossroads Art Center in May 2023, because of the costs involved.

EMPTY BOARD SEAT

- The club members present voted to unanimously accept the board's recommendation that Debbie Roberts fill the vacant Past President position on the board for the remainder of the current year.
- 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 gave an update on his current efforts to update the club's social media presence.

Roundtable

Images for the Roundtable were presented by Al Warfield, Jay Denny, Mark Breen, Mike Bachmann, Sallie Rugg, Tom Allen, Stephen Retherford, and Doug Beecher.

Image Feedback

- Gene Harris submitted a revised image of the original image he offered for feedback at the previous club meeting.

Further Business

- Doug reminded members of some upcoming dates to keep in mind:
 - o December, Richmond Public Library Exhibit
 - January 4 – takedown
 - o December 19, 7:30 pm – FGCC Board meeting
 - o January 10, 2023 – FGCC Meeting
 - o January 15, 2023 – FGCC Pizza Party at Krumbein's house
 - o January 16, 2023 – FGCC Board meeting

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary