
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes March 14, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 and was called to order at 7:35 pm by Doug Beecher, President. Member attendees included Lloyd Chaser, Vice President; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; Debbie Roberts, Acting Past President; Mike Bachmann, Vicky Eicher, Stephen Retherford, Tom Allen, Charles Krumbein, Cindy Krumbein, Beau Robertson, Jay Denny, and Honorary Member Ralph Sell.

Agenda:

WELCOME OF GUESTS

One guest was in attendance, Ellen Martin. This was her 2nd meeting attended.

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

Mike Bachmann presented the images submitted for the February Challenge, “Natural Patterns.” Images for were submitted by Cyane Lowden, Mike Bachmann, Jay Denny, Gene Harris, Lloyd Chaser, Tom Allen, and Mark Breen.

Mike announced that the monthly challenge for March would be “Backlight Effect.”

MARCH PROGRAM

“What’s In Your Camera Bag?” was the program for the evening. Lloyd, Mike, Doug, Jay, Cindy, Ellen (guest), Vicky, Tom, and Mark each presented their personal camera bags and showed what items they always carry with them, and explained why.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Lloyd informed the members that the April meeting program would feature one or more members sharing their personal workflows, and he asked for volunteers. Gene volunteered, provided he could receive feedback about his workflow.

BUSINESS MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

- Lloyd announced the results of the email survey on the previously announced options for what to do about a meeting date and venue, which were as follows:
 - o To change the meeting night to Monday and keep the same room – 11 votes
 - o To keep the meeting night on Tuesday, but move to the room upstairs – 4 votes
 - o No opinion – 3 votes

Therefore, pending a confirmation email from Doug (he will confirm with RR Pres. church), club meetings will hereafter occur on the 2nd Monday of the month, beginning with the May meeting.

- Debbie announced that Linda Warfield is no longer available to serve on the nominating committee, so right now it's just her. Doug asked for volunteers, and remarked that the only board position that remains open to fill is Vice President. He also reminded the members that, although the Vice President is responsible for developing the meeting programs, the VP is supposed to have a committee to help with that task. Cindy Krumbein volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Mark Breen reported a balance of \$4674.20, with expenditures of \$25 for web hosting.

ROUNDTABLE

Jay Denny, Mike Bachmann, Doug Beecher, Gene Harris, Lloyd Chaser, Tom Allen, and Mark Breen presented images for the Roundtable.

FEEDBACK REQUESTS

Jay Denny presented an image previously critiqued by David Everette during the December club program. Lloyd Chaser presented a new version of a previously submitted image for club member discussion and feedback/suggestions on possible improvements.

UPCOMING DATES

- March 20, 2023 FGCC Board Meeting
- March 31, 2023 Jamestown Field Trip
- April 11, 2023 FGCC Meeting
- April 17, 2023 FGCC Board Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT

Gene announced, due to a long vacation trip he and his wife plan beginning on May 15, he would have to hand over the coordination of the upcoming Virginia Eye Institute exhibit (June 2023) at the end of April. Jay Denny volunteered to take it over at that time, and Doug reminded the members that he would need help with that.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary