
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 8th, 2023 and was called to order at 7:32 pm by Doug Beecher, President. Member attendees included Lloyd Chaser, Vice President; Gene Harris, Secretary; Debbie Roberts, Acting Past President; Mike Bachmann, Tom Allen, Cindy Krumbein, Charles Krumbein, Sallie Rugg, Bill Billings, Cyane Lowden, Vicky Eicher, Beau Robertson, Charlie Stout, Jay Denny, and Rick Bream (new member).

Agenda:

WELCOME OF GUESTS

Two guests were in attendance, Lois Billings and Ellen Martin.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Mike Bachmann presented the images that were submitted for the April Monthly Challenge (Subject in Foreground). Images were submitted by Cyane, Jay, Lloyd, Charlie, Gene, Tom, and Mike.

The May Monthly Challenge is “Wabi Sabi” which is defined as “looking for beauty in things that are not new and shiny.”

MAY PROGRAM – MEMBER CRITIQUES

Mike offered presented a slide offering points to consider while offering image critiques. Then the members offered critiques of two images each from Gene, Mike, Jay, Vicky, Lloyd, Charlie, and Bill. During the presentations, members asked questions and discussions took place about things that they liked about the images and suggestions for improvement.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

The June program is still to be determined.

BUSINESS MEETING

- Monday Meetings – Doug reminded the members that from now on, club meetings will take place on the 2nd Monday of the month, rather than the 2nd Tuesday
- Virginia Eye Institute Exhibit – Jay (who is taking over coordination of the exhibit from Gene because of Gene’s leaving town for two months beginning May 15) gave the particulars about the installation and takedown of the exhibit and what information he needs from those members choosing to participate.
- Treasurer’s Report – Mark Breen (in absentia) offered the Treasurer’s Report – a balance of \$4547.58 with expenditures of \$25 web hosting fee.

- Proposed Board for 2023-24 – The proposed board for 2023-24 is: Lloyd Chaser, President; Charlie Stout, Vice President; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; and Doug Beecher, Past President.
- Mark Breen (in absentia) presented a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Vicky, as past Treasurer, offered some additions and corrections, which will be incorporated into a revised budget and presented at the June meeting.
- Help Wanted – The club needs the following:
 - o FGCC Projectionist – since Mike Bachmann will be moving out of the area over the summer, the club needs a volunteer to put the slide shows together and run the projection during the meeting.
 - o Committee Leads – volunteers to coordinate the various committees, e.g. field trips, hospitality, exhibits, and others.
 - o Committee Members – any members offering the volunteer for any committees should let the board know.

ROUNDTABLE

Cyane, Jay, Bill, and Tom each presented images for the Roundtable.

IMAGE CRITIQUE

Mike presented a new version of an image previously submitted for feedback. Discussion followed.

DATES TO KNOW

- May 15, 2023 Board Meeting
- June 2, 2023 Hanging Virginia Eye Institute
- June 12, 2023 FGCC Meeting
- June 19, 2023 FGCC Board Meeting
- June 30, 2023 Takedown Virginia Eye Institute
- September 11, 2023 FGCC Meeting

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary