

Focus Group Camera Club

Meeting Minutes May 10, 2011

Club President Kathy Benham called the FGCC meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Science Museum of Virginia with about 25 members and three guests in attendance.

Club Business: Membership Committee (Ken Hitchens)

Ken circulated an attendance sheet and introduced and welcomed the guests. He announced that guest Stephen Retherford will show his membership application photos after the meeting.

Club Business: Field Trip Committee (Linda Warfield)

Linda offered for consideration a field trip on a canal boat in downtown Richmond. If enough members show interest, a boat could be engaged for the sole use of club members. Canal boats hold up to 20 people with rent priced per boat. So the more people who sign up, the less expensive the per person cost. A quick show of hands found 12 interested members. Guests can also attend so Linda inferred from the preliminary count that she should go ahead and try to schedule this field trip. She will soon email members about scheduling etc.

Club Business: Exhibit Committee (Al Warfield)

Club exhibits are set for October and December 2011.

Club Business: Recognitions and Announcements (Kathy Benham)

Tim Slavens won the Grand Prize at the Santa Fe Workshop's annual photography contest "The Language of Light."

Charles Krumbein has an exhibit at Richmond Camera on Patterson.

David Everette had two award-winning photographs published in the March 2011 issue of *Virginia Wildlife*.

Sid Koerin and Ralph Sell had photographs selected for inclusion in the Weinstein Jewish Community Center exhibit for Undiscovered Photographers.

Steve Girimont had three canvases on display this past weekend at The Dominion Club art show. Steve's Studio 106 at Art Works is now open. Everyone is invited to the grand opening at the Fourth Fridays event on the 27th at 7:00 PM.

Club Business: Program Committee (John Garofalo)

June: Critique. An outside critiquer is still sought. Each member should plan to submit either one or two images for this program.

Club Business: Nominating Committee (Hal Tyler)

The nominating committee (Hal Tyler past president; Ralph Sell current board member; and Cindy Krumbein membership representative) was pleased to announce a full slate of board candidates for the 2011-2012 year. A vote to accept this slate will be held at the June meeting. The candidates:

Secretary: Larry Ruyon
Treasurer: Ken Hitchens
Vice President: Tim Slaven
President: Ralph Sell

Other Business (Kathy Benham)

Ed Fuhr asked about the club's year-end social event and offered, as in past years, to host the event. Hearing no objections to this gracious offer, Ed will pick a June date and circulate the date to the membership.

Ed also showed the club a distinctive mounting for one of his *Moon-rising over the Grand Tetons* photographs and explained its construction. Called acrylic base mounting, it is offered by West Coast Imaging.

Tonight's Program: Brown Bag Results John

Gary Sargent displayed members' photographic creations based on the contents of their brown bags. Participants included: Linda, Tim, John, Bev, Larry McCann, Cyane, Gilpin, Bill, Sid, Chuck, Ken, Al, and Vicky

After a round of applause for the creativity just displayed, Sid Koerin promised that results would be added to the FGCC website.

In conclusion, John noted a recent suggestion by past president and member Bob Jones. He has joined the Seacoast Photographers Meetup Group which shares ideas around a theme for each month. The purpose of the theme or Challenge is to get members out shooting on their own in between meetings and then sharing their creative approach to the subject with three photos per photographer. This gives an opportunity to talk about the image, how they approached the theme, and how they took the photo. A bit like a Roundtable, but focused on a specific theme, it results in more discussion than at FGCC Roundtable. He thought this should be considered by next year's program committee.

Roundtable

Club members presenting photographs in roundtable were: Bob Jones (in absentia), Bill, Gilpin, Steve, Larry Runyon, Ralph and Al.

With time remaining, Kathy asked Gary to display prospective member Stephen Retherford membership application photos.

Final Announcements

Sid Koerin and Frank Feigert discussed lens repair options regarding a respected shop in Charlottesville.

Kathy Benham adjourned the meeting at 8:10.

Submitted by Ralph R. Sell, May 25, 2011