FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB Club Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025

Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA on Monday, February 10th, 2025 and was called to order at 7:35 pm by Charlie Stout, President. Member attendees included Gene Harris, Secretary; Lloyd Chaser, Treasurer and Past President; Charles Krumbein, Cindy Krumbein, Bob Papas, Chuck Janus, Jay Denny, Ric Anderson, Vicky Eicher, Ric Bream, Cyane Lowden, Stephen Retherford, and Bob Waldrop.

Agenda:

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The Monthly Challenge was "Bridges." Images were submitted by Ric Anderson, Lloyd Chaser, Jay Denny, Cindy Krumbein, Cyane Lowden, Ellen Martin (in absentia), Bob Waldrop, and Charlie Stout.

The challenge for next month is "Leading Lines."

PROGRAM

The program was "Astro-Photography and Astronomy or Traveling Through Time," presented by Ric Anderson. He spoke about the four types of images he takes: Night Sky, Solar System, Milky Way (Deep Sky), and Galaxy Images. He informed us about the various tools, both hardware and software, that he uses, filters, and about reducing or eliminating noise.

BUSINESS MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer's report indicates a current balance of \$4,648.

PROGRAMS

- The club still needs a Vice President, whose main duty is to coordinate monthly programs.

FIELD TRIPS

- An out-of-town field trip and an in-town trip are in the planning stages, perhaps Maymont, or the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Plans will be finalized by the next meeting.
- A March 4th tour of Sylvan Heights Bird Park in North Carolina is also in the works. There's a \$14 fee. Bob Papas will email members with more information.
- On Saturday, February 15th, Mount Vernon will be open for tours, with space limited.

- The Hampton Mosaic Festival will take place on April 26th, and they are looking for artists to rent space. A 10'x10' space is \$100.
- In August, a high-wheel bike race will take place in Frederick, MD, with people in 1890s garb.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- Vicky Eicher asked for help judging for the Virginia Daffodil Society Photography Contest, which will take place in March. She will send out an email about it.

ROUNDTABLE

Ric Anderson, Jay Denny, Vicky Eicher, Gene Harris, and Cyane Lowden each presented images for the Roundtable.

FEEDBACK REQUESTS

Gene Harris and Bob Waldrop presented images for feedback.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary