# FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB Club Meeting Minutes June 10, 2024

## Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA on Monday, February 12th, 2024 and was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lloyd Chaser, President. Member attendees included Charlie Stout, Vice President; Gene Harris, Secretary; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Ellen Martin, Sallie Rugg, Jay Denny, Vicky Eicher, Frank Feigert, Stephen Retherford, Bob Papas, and Ric Anderson.

## Agenda:

## MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The Monthly Challenge was "Color Is My Subject". Images were presented Ellen Martin, Lloyd Chaser, Ric Anderson, and Charlie Stout.

The summer challenge is for members to pick an individual project and work on it through the summer.

## PROGRAM

The evening's program, "My Favorite Photographs and the Stories Behind Them – Landscape and Wildlife", was given by Ben Greenberg, a former member of Focus Group Camera Club. Mr. Greenberg, a professional photographer, joined the club in 1988 and was a member for 15 years while he lived in Richmond, then one more year after he moved to Charlottesville and decided that the commute to meetings was too much to handle.

Mr. Greenberg published one photography book in 2014 entitled "Natural Virginia," and he is working on publishing another one soon, entitled "Natural Public Lands of Virginia." He is a huge supporter of public lands. His work is almost entirely in the wildlife and landscape genres, and he regularly exhibits his work at Cville Arts in Charlottesville.

Mr. Greenberg related how he first got interested in photography more than 50 years ago, photographing his children, then moving to weddings and sports, and eventually settling into photographing only the natural world. He presented a large number of his photographs and for each one he related an interesting story about the circumstances surrounding the making of the photograph.

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

The program for September is TBD.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**"

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer's report indicates a current balance of \$4,928.58, with expenditures of \$25 for web hosting.

#### OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

- Lloyd presented the nominated slate of officers for 2024-25. It is:
  - President Charlie Stout
  - Vice President to be determined
  - Secretary Gene Harris
  - Treasurer Lloyd Chaser

The slate of officers was voted on by those members present and accepted. Charlie and Lloyd again asked for a volunteer for the office of Vice President, but none was forthcoming, so that office remains vacant.

#### ROUNDTABLE

Gene Harris, Ric Anderson, Lloyd Chaser, Charlie Stout, and Stephen Retherford each presented images for the Roundtable.

#### FEEDBACK REQUESTS

Lloyd Chaser presented an image for club member discussion and feedback.

#### Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary