FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB Club Meeting Minutes April 14th, 2025

Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA on Monday, April 14th, 2025 and was called to order at 7:31 pm by Charlie Stout, President. Member attendees included Gene Harris, Secretary; Lloyd Chaser, Treasurer and Past President; Charles Krumbein, Cindy Krumbein, Ric Anderson, Bob Papas, Vicky Eicher, Jay Denny, Gary Johnson, Cyane Lowden, Bob Waldrop, and Ric Bream.

Also attending were three guests: George Dillon, Chris Jett, and Nicola Williamson (2nd time).

Agenda:

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The Monthly Challenge was "Shooting Through Something." Images were submitted by Bob Waldrop, Jay Denny, Lloyd Chaser, Bob Papas, Cyane Lowden, and Ric Anderson.

The challenge for next month is "Wildlife." (Any wildlife)

PROGRAM

The program consisted of images taken on a club field trip to Sylvan Bird Park in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. Images were submitted by Bob Waldrop, Bob Papas, and Lloyd Chaser.

The May program, "Travel Photography," will be presented by former club President Martin Evans and his colleague Venkat Santosh.

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

- Bob Papas suggested a possible field trip to the airshow in Bealeton, Virginia, and also a trip to the "swamp" near Richfood on Chamberlayne Avenue in Richmond. Other suggesions offered were the Monunment Avenue Easter Parade, the May 4th Cinco de Mayo celebration by 14th St, and the RCC carshow in Powhatan on Easter weekend.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- Charlie stated that we needed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers in May, as required by club bylaws. Lloyd, as Past President, is chair of the committee. The board appoints one committee member, who will be Bob Papas, and Charles Krumbein has volunteered to be the member appointed by the membership.
- Gary Johnson gave away some printing paper and ink cartridges that he no longer needs. He also offered information about a golden matte archival varnish that is used by well-known waterfowl artist Art Lemay, who is married to his cousin. He also asked for advice about using a 180-600mm lens and a monopod. Bob Papas went to his car and returned with a monopod for Gary to use.

ROUNDTABLE

Gene, Jay, Lloyd, and Ric Anderson each presented images for the Roundtable.

FEEDBACK REQUESTS

Gary Johnson presented three versions of the same image for feedback.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary