
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes January 11, 2022

Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 and was called to order at 7:36 pm by Martin Evans, President. Member attendees included Martin Evans, President; Gene Harris, Secretary; Vicky Eicher, Treasurer; Charles Krumbein, Past President; Mike Bachmann, Lloyd Chaser, Mark Breen, Tom Allen, Merle Robertson, Stephen Retherford, Gilpin Brown, Cyane Lowden, Cindy Krumbein, Sally Rugg, and Lynn Felton.

Agenda:

WELCOME OF GUESTS

One guest was in attendance, Jay Denny, who was invited by Cindy Krumbein. They met at a recent Crossroads Gallery show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martin announced that based on the survey sent out to members recently, the February club meeting will likely be virtual, and that a new survey would be sent out later regarding the March meeting.

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

Mike Bachmann presented the images that were previously submitted for the October Monthly Challenge (Framing) and the November Monthly Challenge (Black & White). Although the submissions had been previously posted on the web, this gave members a chance to comment on the submissions. Mike also quickly presented the current submissions for the Alphabet Challenge, and told everyone that so far, no one had submitted any images for the letters F, G, J, K, N, or P.

JANUARY PROGRAM – MARK BREEN – OFF-CAMERA FLASH

Mark Breen presented a talk about the use of off-camera flash. He discussed the various types of equipment available, such as speedlights and batteries, using light modifiers such as umbrellas, gels, and diffusion, the various types of light and balancing the light, and offered some lighting tips.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Martin reminded the members that the February meeting program would feature a talk by Alex Nyerges, Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

GLEN ALLEN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER EXHIBIT

Martin reminded the members that the deadline for required information for the February exhibit at Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center is January 14, that the hang date is January 31 after noon (approximately 1 pm – 3 pm), and that the takedown will be March 1, before noon. GACAC will provide signage for each image exhibited.

BUSINESS MEETING

Vicky presented the Treasurer's report, and mentioned that she has had issues with checks and payments to Bob Schamerhorn, the club's webmaster, and that she's still working on those issues.

ROUNDTABLE

Lloyd Chaser, Martin Evans, Gilpin Brown, and Mike Bachmann presented various images. Mike mentioned that he belongs to an online group called 52-Week Challenge – participants have to present one image per week for 52 weeks.

FEEDBACK REQUESTS

Lloyd Chaser, Mike Bachmann, and Cyane Lowden submitted images for club member discussion and feedback/suggestions on possible improvements. Martin Evans and Mike Bachmann showed new versions of images previously submitted for feedback.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary