
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church on Monday, September 11, 2023 and was called to order at 7:35 pm by Lloyd Chaser, President. Member attendees included Charlie Stout, Vice-President; Gene Harris, Secretary; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Doug Beecher, Acting Past President; Cyane Lowden, Jay Denny, Stephen Retherford, Sallie Rugg, Tom Allen, Debbie Roberts, Vicky Eicher, Charles Krumbein, Cindy Krumbein, Beau Richardson, and Bill Piper.

Agenda:

WELCOME OF GUESTS

One guest was in attendance, former member Frank Feigert.

Lloyd, on behalf of the members, thanked Doug Beecher for taking over the duties of projectionist/meeting presentation coordinator from Mike Bachmann, who has moved out of state.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

There was no monthly challenge for this meeting, but there will be a challenge for next month: Home Sweet Home. The task is to take a photograph every day within a one-block radius of your home and share your best five images.

PROGRAM – LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The program consisted of images taken at a particular location, with members sharing their experiences while taking the photographs. Images were presented by Tom (Canaan Valley, WV), Doug (Hilton Head, SC) Lloyd (Oregon coast and other Oregon locations), Gene (Yosemite), Cyane (Cape Cod), and Charlie (Outer Banks, NC).

UPCOMING PROGRAM

The October program will be a presentation by local photographer Bob Papas about printing photographs.

BUSINESS MEETING

- Monday Meetings – Lloyd reminded the members that from now on, club meetings will take place on the 2nd Monday of the month, rather than the 2nd Tuesday as done previously.
- Social ½ Hour – starting with the October, 2023 meeting, the doors of the meeting room at River Road Presbyterian Church will be open at 7 pm for a “Social ½ hour” to give club members an opportunity to socialize before the meeting and get to know each other better. Attendance is optional but encouraged. Those members that often meet at Chianti’s at 6 pm for dinner prior to the meeting will now meet at 5:30 pm.

- Treasurer's Report – Mark Breen offered the Treasurer's Report – a balance of \$4197.58 with expenditures of \$25 for the web hosting fee, and \$150 for rental of the meeting room for the fall. Also, annual dues of \$60 per member are now due.
- Proposed Board for 2023-24 – The proposed board for 2023-24 is: Lloyd Chaser, President; Charlie Stout, Vice President; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; and Doug Beecher, Past President.

ROUNDTABLE

Doug, Gene, Cyane, and Ellen Martin (in absentia) each presented images for the Roundtable.

DATES TO KNOW

- Next club meeting – Monday, October 9th at 7:30 pm, with Social ½ hr at 7 pm.
- Cedarfield Exhibit – now running, ends January 5, 2024.
- Truist Exhibit – September 30 – October 31
- Richmond Public Library exhibit – December 2023, exact dates TBD

Debbie Roberts, coordinator of the upcoming Truist Exhibit asked for more participants, and for participants to send to her the relevant information about each image to be displayed – title, size, contact info, and price. She suggested having a reception at the exhibit location on Friday, October 6, the first Friday after the exhibit opens, from perhaps 4 to 6 pm. Members seemed agreeable to the idea.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary