

MEETING MINUTES

Time/Date: 7:00 PM, Wednesday, 11 October, 2023
Location: Rm A2204, Yukon University

Present:

Walter Gutowski

via ZOOM:

Gerry Steers	Grant Abbott	John Reeve	Lois Moore
Janet Webster	Jessica Murphy	Tina Brobby	Steve Wilson
Brian Pelchat	Ilona Maes	Maureen Caron	

Executive Regrets:

Maggie Leary

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10PM.

2. **Housekeeping.**

1. WG advised attendees of:
 - i) The new Handbook that replaces Constitution & Bylaws has been accepted by Executive and will be distributed to members for ratification at next meeting October 25.
 - ii) A Celebration of Nature 2023 'heads up' notice was sent to recent members. Club selection to be held November 5, venue TBD. Attendees encouraged to get their memberships for participation.
2. LM advised attendees that:
 - i) Lions Gate Camera Club, like Victoria Camera Club, will host a speaker program that will be available to WPC's members at a nominal cost.
 - ii) WPC will participate in the BC/Yukon speaker series at a club cost of \$24 - free for club members.
 - iii) CAPA is offering a free one year membership to members of affiliated clubs. Information will be provided to active members.

3. **Landscape Presentation**

1. MC presented information on how you may improve the Composition and Balance in your landscape photography. She attended a recent workshop led by Dave Brosha and his *Offbeat* crew.
 - i) Some options to enhance your photography:
 - a) try long exposure
 - b) include a human element
 - c) try black and white (in-camera preferably)
 - d) get low
 - e) or try a high camera angle
 - f) try different lenses (e.g. wide, telephoto)
 - g) shoot vertical as well as horizontal.
 - ii) MC also presented a YouTube video by Nigel Danson on the topic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wx5aQja7vEI>
 - iii) ASSIGNMENT - photograph landscapes over the next couple weeks using

above discussion topics and bring/share at next meeting (Oct 25).

4. November 8 Mtg

1. BP will lead a hands-on presentation at this meeting, and asked attendees to select a topic from:
 - street photography
 - still life photography
 - portrait retouching
 - composites.
2. Attendees preferred topic "street photography" for Nov 8 but would like to do "composites" at a later meeting.
3. BP will provide an image and attendees will follow along as he goes through his processing procedures using Lightroom and Photoshop.
4. BP will check with Exec about putting on a 1 or 2 day workshop on "portrait retouching" where lights etc will be provided. Venue may be an issue due to cost.

5. Member Survey

1. JW provided an update:
 - i) 14 responses received from previous SurveyMonkey survey but their restrictions allowed analysis of only 10.
 - ii) Subsequent investigation found that GoogleForms does not restrict responses or analysis.
 - iii) Subsequent discussion resulted in - The survey will be repeated with GoogleForms and SurveyMonkey results discarded as submissions were anonymous and impossible to combine two surveys without possibly skewing the results (some member submissions could be missed and some duplicated). It is a short survey.
 - iv) JW will resend survey with a three day response time with explanation of doing again. She will then complete analysis and submit summary to Planning/Executive Committee for next step determination.

6. Other Business

1. LM volunteered to Chair meetings on Oct 25 and Nov 8 in GA's absence.
2. Next Meeting - October 25, 2023.

9:10 PM Adjourn

Minutes by

Walter Gutowski, Secretary