

MEETING MINUTES

Time/Date: 7:00 PM, Wednesday, 8 November, 2023
Location: Rm A2204, Yukon University

Present:

Walter Gutowski	John Reeve	Maggie Leary	Lois Moore
Ilona Maes	Ray Marnoch		

via ZOOM:

Executive Regrets:

Gerry Steers Grant Abbott

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10PM. ML chaired in GA's absence.
2. **Goals**
 1. ML suggested a process to encourage individuals to get out and shoot, and that is to set yourself a goal. ML provided the following to help guide you in this endeavour.

Setting a Personal Photography Goal

It's easy to get in the habit of not photographing enough, of not getting outside our comfort zone, or learning new skills. Setting a personal photography goal is a good way to combat this. The idea is that you choose your own photography goal – one that works for you but that ultimately gets you improving your skills, trying new things, and photographing regularly. The challenge would be from December to May.

***Your mission**, should you choose to accept, is to set a goal for yourself to improve your photography skills.* It needs to be one that can be accomplished. For example, if you're not able to get out much, you could photograph your family, your plants, document the artwork in your house, historic items, food photography, etc. If you're on a tight work schedule, think of a goal that works within that schedule. If you make it too hard, or too specific, you won't end up doing it. Ultimately, though, you do want to challenge yourself. Your goal can be general (I want to commit to photographing one day a week) or specific (I want to improve my black and white photography skills).

Choose a timeline for your goal. It would be good to produce a photo every week but if every two weeks works, try that. Make a schedule and plan for yourself to ensure you take the photo.

Once you take the photo, it can be posted on the a club site page to be set up. You could also save your photos for a personal photo share, or we could show a selection of photos at the meetings.

Below I have listed some ideas for your goal. These are simply suggestions, not guidelines. Hopefully as you look through, other ideas will come to mind.

Possible Goals:

- Improve your black and white photography
- Choose a lens and shoot only with that lens, exploring what you can do with it.
- Photograph your family in new and creative ways
- Creative flower/plant photography
- Choose a genre and focus on it – ie -landscape, events, street photography, portraits, creative photography, city scapes, wildlife, nature, storytelling photography, humanelement, night photography, macro, etc.
- Specific types of photography: time lapse, night sky, clouds, snow and ice, light painting, still life, food, flash photography, Intentional Camera Movement, etc.
- Tripdics/diptycs – two or three photos that link together
- Editing skills – learn new editing skills to try on your photos. Your weekly photo would display this skill.
- Human element – people as a part of your photo
- Storytelling – include an element in your photo that tells a story
- Change over time – photograph things that change, perhaps due to human impact or seasonal/weather changes, growth, etc.
- Water drop photography; smoke photography;
- Winter photography – not only landscapes, but frozen bubbles, snowflakes, frozen branches, ice, etc.
- Photograph the same location in different ways (consider weather, time of day, point of view, composition, light)
- Learn new techniques and produce photographs that display what you're learning – ie flash photography
- Get outside your comfort zone – if you always do landscapes, try focusing on a different genre such as portraits.

Hopefully this list helps you select or think of an area in which you want to improve.

Good luck with it folks. If you want to share what your goal is, feel free to let me know or to tell everyone at the meeting on Nov. 22 or Dec. 13.

2. ML has scheduled a Peter Mather presentation for Dec 13.

3. Photo Stacking

1. LM discussed photo stacking in PS with several moon shots she had taken.

4. Edit Other person's image

1. Assignment was to bring in a few of your RAW files for others to edit. Attendees broke into groups of two and did so - success!

2. Other Business

1. Next Meeting - December 13, 2023.

8:55 PM Adjourn

Minutes by

Walter Gutowski, Secretary