

MEETING MINUTES

Time/Date: 7:00 PM, Wednesday, 22 November, 2023
Location: Rm A2204, Yukon University

Present:

Walter Gutowski	John Reeve	Maggie Leary	Lois Moore
Brian Terry	Faye Cable	Sunny Lewis	Jerry Gallant
Grant Abbott	Tina Brobby	Robyn Gendron	Jason Gendron

via ZOOM:

Executive Regrets:

Gerry Steers

1. Call to Order at 7:10PM.

2. Learning Video

WG presented a Scott Kelby video titled "Lightroom Organization Simplified" available from [YouTube](#). This video also contained a [handout](#). Video was well received and presented some arguments for single catalogue, use of collections, and file management.

3. Housekeeping

1. Moved by WG, 2nd by ML: Due to vacancy created by Brian Pelchat's resignation to Executive Committee, and willingness of Ilona Maes to sit on Executive Committee, that Ilona Maes' position on Executive Committee be ratified at this Regular Meeting. Unanimous.
2. North Shore Challenge annual competition has been cancelled for 2024 due to uncertainty about impact/use of AI in photography, and a lack of volunteers to implement program.
3. WhatsUp magazine would like to include member photos in their publication. Members may submit via e-mail to [Maggie Leary](#) along with a title and a short description/writeup. No theme identified - but must be Yukon.
4. Survey Summary: GA summarized findings of Janet Webster's survey (16 respondents).
 1. Q1: How long have you been actively taking photographs - 56% of respondents indicated 10+years; none indicated 'just starting'.
 2. Q2: What camera - 62% indicated Nikon.
 3. Q3:How many lenses - 69% have 6+ lenses, and 31% have 4-5.
 4. Q4: Other equipment - top 4 list includes tripod, laptop, macro lens and neutral density filters.

5. Q5: Photo editing software used most - vast majority subscribe to and use Adobe Lightroom Classic + Adobe Photoshop and subscribe to the Adobe Creative Cloud photography plan.
6. Q6: What type of images you usually take - top 4 list includes Landscape + Nature, Wildlife, Macro, and Travel.
7. Q7: What skills/techniques do want to learn - 75% indicated 'more advanced techniques' (ICM, multiple and long exposure, black & white, infrared...).
8. Q8: Post processing areas to learn more - top 4 list includes how Photoshop and Lightroom work together, basic photoshop, Topaz Labs software, and delve deeper into Lightroom.
9. Q9: Photography areas to to learn more - top 3 list includes composition, how to tell a compelling story, and photography as creative and personal expression.
10. Q10: What kind of activities should WPC engage in - top 4 list includes tutorial sessions on different ways of shooting (e.g. flash, multiple and long exposure, macro...), in-person meetings, group activities such as photo walks and scavenger hunts, and sessions on improving post processing/editing.

GA asked the question - Does this survey result reflect us as individuals - consensus is yes.

Jason Gendron suggested at start of next season WPC issue a promotional advertisement/communication describing who we are and what we do.

5. Finances: Our membership is holding at 20 but presentation costs are expected to rise significantly due to the presenters' expectation of reimbursement - likely result in a similar loss as experienced last year.
 1. One possibility, specifically for Peter Mather's session on photo critiquing Dec 13, is to allow up to 10 guests (non-members) to have their image(s) included for a cost of \$10 to be given to Peter Mather. Jason Gendron offered to set up a FaceBook event to manage this.
 2. Some concern expressed on who - within the club - could lead a tutorial session on issues raised in the survey.
6. ML presented the proposed plan and schedule Exec Comm considered last night:
 - i. Dec 13 - Peter Mather positive critiques of anonymous submitted images (in-person only).
 - ii. Jan 10 - Kanina Holmes presentation, photoshare of techniques learned from Peter Mather critiques.
 - iii. Jan 24 - TRIAD session 1 ('dim' light images) - theory, Ray Marnoch presentation.
 - iv. Feb 14 - TRIAD session 2 ('dim' light images) - practical.
 - v. Feb 28 - TRIAD session 3 ('dim' light images) - photoshare, Tina Brobby presentation.
 - vi. March 13 - Manu Keggenhoff OR Devon Lindsay presentation.
 - vii. March 27 - Lois Moore presentation - triptych/diptych images.
 - viii. April 10 - Devon Lindsay OR Manu Keggenhoff presentation.

- ix. April 24 - Open for now...
- x. May 8 - AGM, photowalk.
- xi. May 22 - last regular meeting, and then new Exec Comm takes over with their 1st meeting ASAP. Members share their 'tips and tricks' to get ready for the summer.
- xii. Another possibility is that the Gendron's may do a presentation on their African trip.
- xiii. Jerry Gallant suggested that some of the more experienced members may share their tips.
- xiv. Brian Terry (new member) offered to share some of his panoramic shots.

4. PhotoShare

- 1. ML presented several great images from members on theme 'Winter is Coming'

5. Other Business

- 1. Next Meeting - December 13, 2023.

9:20 PM Adjourn

Minutes by

Walter Gutowski, Secretary