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Meeting Notice

The October meeting will be held at the Paramount Arts District Parking Lot, 913 West St. Germain, St. Cloud, Minnesota. October 25th at 7 p.m.

This month's meeting is a night shoot. We'll be meeting on the steps by the parking garage and heading out to photograph together. There will be no executive meeting before the night shoot. Locations are open to suggestion, but St. Bens is currently a leading contender.

The digital users group meeting is scheduled on Thursday October 19th at 7pm at George and Bill's studio. All are welcome to attend. If you need directions Barry has posted a map both on the [Camera Club website](#) and at the digital users group website – www.digitalphotouser.com. Please e-mail Barry before you go just to confirm the meeting is going to happen.

No need to keep you copy of The Image! Barry has archived them on the camera club website!

For those who don't use computers and e-mail, LaVona Sherarts has offered to telephone members with information. Her phone is 320-255-1964. Let her know if you would like to be called.

Information:

The September meeting was the annual 'organizational' meeting. Thanks to all who attended and contributed. Here are some notes submitted by Janice:

Over the past two years there has been a decided lack of interest in sustaining the operational model of a President/Vice President system. It seems to be more cumbersome than any of our members can

commit to, so for this next business year we will try a different "hybrid" model for our club.

Shanda has agreed to remain our Treasurer, as has Mindy-who will stay with PR, Angie, who will continue as Secretary, and Steve who will continue the Newsletter. Barry will continue as webmaster. THANKS!!

For management of the meetings we will have an Executive committee (those who show up at 6:30) and a lead person for each meeting to shepherd the meeting on, keep us on task, set the stage, introduce the speaker, or in general keep the ball rolling. This will be identified on the annual calendar that is currently being worked on.

Much of our discussion centered on money issues.

1. Dues increased to \$25 to allow for us to be able to purchase new equipment (LCD Projector perhaps) and pay expenses for speakers without resorting to "fund raising". Dues will be payable year round rather than just in September. This may help keep new members engaged-as they have a financial stake early on.

2. We need to identify alternate treasurer support so dues can be collected at every meeting if new members come, and so that receipts can be promptly paid if needed.

3. Persons who have incurred costs related to operations for the club are expected to be responsible for reimbursement requests, however, a pre-event budget and access to a cash card was recommended, and will be available upon request to assist with expense management.

4. One benefit of membership is access to discounts

with vendors, however, we have lost the ability to sustain the plan for the vendors to know who we are. Marly will create a membership card that each member will receive with dues payment.

That card will have the Expiration date, and a list of vendors and their discount arrangements on the back. We feel this is fairer to the vendors, and will help support the dues system. Several members agreed to call previously known vendors to re-establish contact, and renew (or not) the agreement.

5. Yearly Calendar: Barry is working on the next twelve-month calendar; it should be available in October. Each meeting will need to have identified a meeting lead. Meetings are going to take on some new flavors to help with maintaining our interest and enthusiasm, and hopefully to retain new members--who seem to come once and drift away uninspired to return. We are hoping the new format, and varied bureaucratic structure will keep people wanting to be at our meetings. Meetings will continue to alternate with a photo "assignment" and a guest speaker or "activity". Also we will add in a mini in-service piece "10 minute Photoshop Tips" which can be presented by anyone who is Photoshop savvy. Each meeting we will try to have a "tip" of the month to inspire and inform. We need to collect a list of requests to start off the sessions. My first request is: Photoshop tip #1 to Barry: How did you get the pole out of my picture? We are now set up to have a large screen /laptop computer system for viewing photos at each meeting. You can bring your CD and we can plug it in. This has been a great addition to making our photos more available, and meetings fun.

6. Finally, this business meeting report and the reminder for the October meeting will be sent to anyone who ever came and left contact information with us. We would like to draw some people back, find out what they need to make the meetings more inviting, and be open to creating a space where photo ideas and enthusiasm can flow.

Treasurers Report:

Not presented at this meeting. Steve Fines collected \$100 in dues.

Other Items:

That's the news. Be sure to take a look at the website's discussion forums – Barry has put a lot of hours in designing and setting this up and it really is a great way for us to communicate between meetings.

To use these go to the Camera Club website and then click on the "Discussions" link near the bottom of the left hand menu.

Once you get the hang of forums you might find yourself wondering how folks ever got by without them – lots of good information out there.

Photoshop tip:

Often I look at pictures in an 'actual pixel' view to check for dust spots or whatever.

In actual pixel view the "Home" button on the numeric keypad will take you to the upper left of the image. "End" takes you to the lower right. "Page up" and "Page down" each will move you up or down one screen view. Holding down the Apple key (Alt on a PC I think) while pressing 'Page up' moves you one screen to the left and Apple – Page Down moves you one screen to the right.

This is a really quick way to cover an entire image – I find it much easier than the scroll bars and the mouse.

- Steve