Foresters Meeting

Tuesday, 10.01.2024

Agenda

★ Anne opened the meeting by explaining to the new members that although our meetings "officially" start at 7:00, the formalities don't kick off till 7:15. This is by design to give everyone time to chat and socialize.

★ Anne then asked for a volunteer to be the club secretary. Norma offered to be the note taker for the meetings. THANKS Norma!!

★ Jack Martin and Anne spoke a bit about the club's existing Facebook page. The existing page was inherited by Jack a few years ago. The plan is to convert it from its existing format so that members can submit photos for display as is common on other group pages. One of our new members, Liz Schissler, has some expertise in this area and offered to help. Yeah Liz!!

★ Norma Berry, who is our Hospitality Director, asked that everyone stop by and sign up and take a turn to bring some kind of goodies to share. Unfortunately in the past, only a few people participated. There's no set expectations regarding what you would need to bring. We just feel that munching members are happy members. The more folks that sign up.....the more frequently we can have snacking. If you haven't signed up yet, please see Norma at the next meeting.

★ Jim Shover, who is our CACCA representative (Chicago Area Camera Club Association) spoke to the group about how the process to submit photos for CACCA competitions works (print and digital).
   ○ Print submissions - Jim will take to the CACCA judging for you.
   ○ Digital submissions
      ■ Interclub - The club's DPI coordinator will submit based on the scores received as part of our club's competition.
      ■ Individual - Members can submit their entries on their own using CACCA's online system.
   ○ Jim distributed a handout showing the CACCA judging schedule. He will follow up by sending out a link to a training module. (DONE - 10/5) He also offered to help anyone who has follow up questions.

★ Jim also shared that after a lot of sleuthing on his part, our Google email group seems to be working properly. This is a very key communications vehicle for our club. Please let Jim know as soon as possible if you experience issues.

★ Steve Zasadny distributed and walked us through a very thorough document that he put together which explains how our Print Competitions will work for our 2024-2025 season. We'll forward a digital copy within the next few days for the benefit of those who weren't in attendance. Please follow up with Steve if you have questions. He'll also be making the necessary labels available.

- ★ Phil is working on acquiring a microphone system for the club. This should be a great help so all of us can better hear when we have presenters and so everyone can hear the judges critiques during judging.
- ★ Bob Dietz asked that everyone submitting DPI images please pay careful attention so that their images don't exceed the required dimensions. The specifications are shown again at the end of these minutes.
  - ○ **Additional Notes**:
    - ■ No watermarks are allowed.
    - ■ Images that don't conform to the required standards will be returned to the maker to have the necessary modifications made.
- ★ Jack Martin who is our Technical Director & Program Coordinator told the group that at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 15, there will be a presentation on composition by a local artist and McCord Arts Instructor, Tony Crnkovich.
- ★ Our club Vice President, Bud Dyke, stated that so far we have 18 paid members for this year. If you haven't paid to date, please see Bud or Mike Verdak to pay your $50 dues as soon as possible.
- ★ After the evening's competition, Nit Sardesai told the group that he has an excellent location in Indiana for taking photos of migrating Sandhill Cranes. Last year even some relatively rare whooping cranes were spotted. The peak of the migration occurs around mid November. His location is only about an hour away. If you're interested in getting more details please reach out to Nit directly. He's even offered to drive if you're interested in riding along.

DPI Images

- ★ *All images must be sent as a JPG file. The file will be returned to the submitter for conversion if it isn't.*
- ★ *sRGB is recommended. sRGB – stands for Standard Red Green Blueand is a color space, or a set of specific colors.*
- ★ *Sepia is acceptable in the Monochrome category.*
- ★ *Borders: A border around the image is highly recommended but not mandatory. The border can be black, white, grey or any color you feel is complimentary. The width of the border must be factored into your final image dimensions.*
- ★ *Dimensions: (maximum, can be less) ***
  - ○ *Width: Less than or equal to 1920 pixels*
  - ○ *Height: Less than or equal to 1080 pixels*
- ★ *DPI COLOR: label your images according to the following standards:*
  - ○ *A~Title~BDietz (your first initial and last name)*
  - ○ *B~Title~BDietz*
- ★ *SPECIALS: Monthly themes can be found on our website at this link*
  https://foresterscameraclub.org/fcc-calendar/
  - ○ *C~Title~Name*
  - ○ *D~Title~Name*
- ★ *MONOCHROME:*
  - ○ *M~Title~Name*

- ○ *N~Title~Name*
- ★ *Note:*
  - ○ *No spaces between characters*
  - ○ *The character between the parts of the image name is tilda (~) not a dash (-).*
- ★ *Sizes:*
  - ○ *Resize your images to largest horizontal edge 1920*
  - ○ *And the vertical edge not to exceed 1080*
  - ○ ***** Recommendation** is to first resize your image to allow for putting a 10 pixel border (color of your choice) around it. Since the final image is not to exceed 1080 pixels on the vertical side and 1920 pixels on the horizontal size of the image, first you resize your image vertically first to not greater than 1070 pixels and horizontally to not greater than 1910 pixels. Then you add your 10 pixel border around the whole thing.*