



February 14, 2008
Minutes

There were eleven members at the camera club meeting. The competition this meeting was open category and we had a total of 24 prints entered. This was by far the best competition and the toughest to judge of any competitions since I became a member. Every print was of winning quality. The naming of the prints also enhanced the competition and helped set the mood or tone of the print. Here are the results of this competition:

* Black and White Advanced Category

- 1st place - Mark Hamilton
- 2nd place - Iris Burd tied (two of her prints tied for second)
- 3rd place - Mike Adkins

* Black and White Tyro Category

- 1st place - Sally Williams
- 2nd place – tie - Jeff Bryson and Rick Jackson
- 3rd place - Jeff Bryson

* Color Advanced Category

- 1st place - Mark Hamilton
- 2nd place - Connie Jackson
- 3rd place - Iris Burd

* Color Tyro Category

- 1st place - Kathy Smith
- 2nd place - Sally Williams
- 3rd place - Jeff Bryson

* Digitally Enhanced Category

- 1st place - Mark Hamilton
- 2nd place - Mike Adkins

* Best of Show was a tie between Kathy Smith and Mark Hamilton with a score of 112 points each. Both were in the color category.

There was a lot of discussion related to club business. I brought up about speaking with an attorney that works with the tax laws and she suggested that we consider changing our IRS tax status to a 501c 3. We would have to declare that the purpose of the club was educational and there are several camera clubs that have already done this. We would need to re-charter, but that should not be a problem.

Jeff Bryson brought up that we may wish to consider changing the camera club name at the same time. He would like to see a name that better suits the club as a photography club and not just a camera club. He would like to see a name that would better say we are about not only taking pictures but also the appreciation of great photography. I suggested that members could email me with name ideas. If we did change the name we would continue to make reference as the "Former Ohio Valley Camera Club" since that name has been used for 50 years. No decision was made on this idea. It was tabled for further discussion.

I continue to receive positive feedback from the membership on the idea of changing the meeting night to Fridays. We will discuss this more at the Feb 28th meeting and have our vote during the March 13th meeting as previously planned.

After the competition a few of us stayed and tested the digital projector and some photos. We found that digital projector that I have will require considerable tweaking to make it acceptable for competitions. Mark and I will plan to get together and do further testing. We did find out that the wall behind the projector was much better than the projector screen.

There was a lot of positive feedback on this meeting. Some said that this was one of the best meetings of the club so far. That is exciting news for me since a lot of work and thought went into the format changes and how the meetings are conducted. I would like to thank everyone for coming out on Valentine's Day. I could not have had a better Valentine's gift than to see so many of my friends and members show up. I look forward to more great meetings in the future.

I am still working on the program for the next meeting and should announce it this week.

Respectfully,

Michael Adkins
President