

February 5, 2009 Minutes

We had a total of 17 members to brave the cold temperatures to attend our Open competition meeting. Two of these 17 members joined tonight. The Club would like to welcome Anna Payne and Don Tillack as our newest members. So far this year we have gained 8 new members!

Mike Adkins updated the group on the brochure being created. He will complete the project since there were no objections to the layout and text. These brochures will be a useful tool in recruiting new members and getting the word out about the Club.

Mike also updated the group on the progress of the downtown Gallery efforts. He recently met with the new Director of the Huntington Visitor Bureau. The new Director is interested in the project, but needs more time to familiarize himself to his new job before making any firm commitments.

Herb Parsons, our Treasurer, reported we have \$822.36 in our account. This balance includes membership dues paid to date and reflects all expenses paid out.

Twenty two (22) members have paid their 2009 dues. There are 12 current members who need to pay. Dues should be paid by the second meeting in Feb. (2-19). Dues are \$20 per year for adults.

Members are encouraged to voice ideas on possible photo outings for 2009.

During the tally of the votes members enjoyed pizza and other refreshments. Many thanks to those who brought the food for the members to enjoy. Mike also led constructive critiquing of the images during this time.

Our next meeting will be February 19. Each member should bring their camera and camera instruction book. Mike will put on a presentation of how to use different setting in the camera as well as other interesting points of photography. Any member who feels comfortable doing so will be welcome to share their experiences with the use of

their camera and settings. Watch the emails and website for more details on this program. Don't forget to bring your camera and instruction book with you!

We will also be voting on the Constitution and Bylaws during the beginning of the meeting on February 19.

We had 55 images entered into the Open competition. The following were voted as winners:

Black and White Advanced

1st place - Mark Hamilton – "Walkway" 2nd place - Mark Hamilton – "Minutes Before the Race" 3rd place – Rick Jackson – "Don't Fence Me In"

Black and White Tyro

1st place – Joe Browning – "Surfer" 2nd place – Joe Browning – "Harry Owen" 3rd place – Kathy Smith – "Route 60"

Color Advanced

1st place – Rick Jackson – "The New at Gauley Mountain"
2nd place – Mark Hamilton - "Kayton Roberts"
3rd place – Mike Adkins – "Coffee"

Color Tyro

1st place – Joe Browning – "Winter" 2nd place – Joe Browning – "Teton Reflections" 3rd place – Becky Burdick – "Hudson River"

Digitally Enhanced Tyro

1st place – Joe Browning – "Lighthouse" 2nd place – Tyson Smith – "In the Pumpkin Patch at 1AM" 3rd place – Connie Jackson – "Three Tulips"

Best of Show

Joe Browning – "Lighthouse"

Submitted by: Kathy Smith, Secretary