

Fountain Hills Photography Club

Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018

President Bruce Boyce welcomed a gathering of 30 plus members and guests. He introduced a new member, Matt Gurtatowski, to the group and added that another new member, Scott Adams, had joined recently.

Vic Kumar graciously offered to bring the snacks for the next meeting in October.

Bruce then introduced our speaker for the meeting, Kathleen Reeder, who is a nationally known and respected wildlife photographer. Kathleen introduced the group to unique wildlife photography opportunities in the state of Minnesota. She noted two excellent sites - the Vince Chute Wildlife Sanctuary in Orr, MN and the Minnesota Wildlife Connection in Sandstone, MN. She conducts workshops at both sites and illustrated the variety of wildlife at each and the remarkable ability afforded photographers to interact and photograph a variety of animals with no fences or other barriers.

After a brief break for snacks and conversation, the meeting resumed with the monthly slide show, the theme for which was "Animals". Kathleen graciously consented to run through the members' photos and offer advice on how to improve them. She offered many post-processing tips and tricks, and also spoke to the need for the photographer to know what he or she was trying to convey in the photograph and how best to accomplish that. It was a very informative experience.

Following her presentation and discussion, Bruce announced that the Watson Lake meet-up scheduled for Saturday has been postponed, date to be determined later.

Bruce gave a brief overview and "review" of the new Sony RX100 M6 - a camera he owns and feels could be the ultimate bridge camera for many people. Member Charles Donaldson also has one and is very happy with it. The charts Bruce used are posted on the club website on the Information and Events page

(<http://fhphotoclub.org/events.html>), under the Miscellaneous Information section

down at the bottom of the page, last in the list of text links.

Bruce brought up the current edition (October) of Arizona Highways as it contains a two-page spread, *Fall Color Guide (2018)*, showcasing 17 sites, some reached by vehicle, others by hiking, where one can experience the colors of an Arizona fall. He offered to email the information to anyone who might not subscribe to Arizona Highways, and he encouraged everyone to purchase their own subscription.

Regarding the November Fall Color meetup on the current schedule, Mike Isenberg commented that he had spoken to an individual at Ramsey Canyon who said the color might not be the best this year due to lack of rainfall there. The meet-up date for that destination is still to be determined, based on timing and conditions.

In a very brief business meeting at the end, Bruce reminded everyone that Elections for the 2019 slate of club officers will be held at the November meeting, and announced that he has decided not to run for re-election as President. He encouraged everyone to consider running for the office to fill the vacancy in 2019, and he asked that anyone who is willing to run contact him or any other of the club officers to let us know of your interest. Meeting adjourned.

Leslie Donaldson,
Secretary