

**Lincoln Hills Photography Club**  
**Board Meeting Agenda Minutes**

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**Multi-Purpose Room in Orchard Creek Lodge**

**1. Call to Order and Attendance: Approval of November 2023 Minutes**

**Attendance:** President: Ron Nabity, Co-Vice President: Truman Holtzclaw, Secretary: Nancy Whitaker - **Committee Chairs:** Membership: Heather Brown, Treasurer: Phil Harmon, General Meeting: Ron Nabity, Website: Ray Avakian, Field Trips: Les Thomas, Exhibits: Klara Kleman, SIG (Special Interest Groups) Kate McCarthy, Technical adviser, Gary Sloan.

***Vote for Approval of November 2023 Minutes:***

***Motion:*** Phil Harmon; ***Seconded*** Truman Holtzclaw; ***Passed:*** Unanimous.

**2. Officer and Chair Reports:**

**a. Treasurer:** (Phil Harmon) There is \$2,324.62 in the bank account, and petty cash of \$200.00 for social activities.

**b. Membership** (Heather Brown) Sadly Jeff Anderson is no longer with us. We now have 149 members now. Heather an email to a prospective member inviting him to the next General Meeting as she had not received his dues or a signed membership form. All Membership application forms must be signed at the bottom where the waiver is written. \$20 in a check Membership expires in June.

**c. General Meeting:** (Ron Nabity)

- i.* January 2024 meeting program to be held at Orchard Creek Ball Room: Flash photography hands-on workshop, to be led by Ron Nabity and Truman Holtzclaw.
- ii.* No program had been identified for the February General meeting. Since it is on February 14, the group decided on a photo challenge with an assigned theme to be Red. The photos will represent the members' creative interpretation. A contributor can turn in up to 3 pictures, each is to be prioritized as 1, 2, or 3. (Highest priority would be one, and lowest to be 3). The audience would discuss the pictures, though it is not to be a critique as such. It is possible that if there are too many pictures, we might have to eliminate lower priority ones.

**d. Communication:** (Diane) Not present. Please send Diane information before the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month for the Compass and the Sun Senior news. In the March Compass, there will be a ½ page Ad for our Photography Club.

**e. Website: (Ray submitted web report in advance of Board mtg)**

- i. January 2024 – Photo Club Website Summary**
- ii. November-December updates:** General Mtg, SIG Presentation, Breakfast, Field Trips, Calendar, Videos, Analytics, Admin. Heather has been helping to upload Board Meeting Minutes. Denise Souza has been working this month on updating exhibits that will show up next month.
- iii. Issues** with a new Wix Editor site migration - Header & Gallery. In December there was an update to the Wix editor. This update initiated required changes to the existing format of the website which resulted in a loss of our logo, 26 of our 59 galleries were gone, pointers were zeroed out, and for 2 of our folks the picture databases were gone also. Bob Baikauskas and Ray Avakian spent considerable time repairing the damage.

iv. **Website Unique Visitors:** October-63, November-55, December-60 (75 in September)

Note: no foreign country visitors.

v. **Videos** (\* 11/08 through 11/30)

1. 11/08 by Jan Lightfoot – “Intentional Camera Movement” - 10 views

2. 11/08 Rolling Slide Show - 13 views (5 in October)

Listing of members websites has been done in the past, and Ray and Heather have checked the URLs of ones currently listed and three are not working, and one had changed and had gone to a porno site. Obviously that last one was deleted from our website.

**f. Field Trips/Challenges:** Les Thomas and Jim Sakaguchi:

April Field Trip to Asilomar, April 23, 24, 25 with checkout on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim mentioned that there were special discounts for seniors. Les will send out another email for a second chance to sign up. Also, a SIG will be presented on February 7, in the multimedia room on Coastal Photography, geared to those who want to come, but not limited to them. The room will be set up Classroom style.

For those going on the trip, Les will have a meeting at his home on March 7<sup>th</sup> to go over the details of the trip. There he will have a packet for everyone, either by email or a hard copy. There will be food, Jim will prepare a salad, and his daughter will present some of her fabulous desserts. On May 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a show and tell party for those who have been on the trip.

**g. Exhibits:** (Klara, Denise) Only Klara was present. The Simple Pleasures exhibit will come down February 5th. That exhibit featured pictures from last year’s City Challenge. Klara has called the Spa Manager and asked if she could promote the pictures, but it seems that they are using the photos for decoration. Truman mentioned that he has sold two of his photographs from the Spa. Klara will also check on the Sewing Room Window to exhibit some

of our club's photos. The Buonarroti Ristorante exhibit (Denise) will go up on February 9<sup>th</sup> (until June) and must be family friendly.

It is likely that there will be an opportunity for exhibiting in the Rotunda in the month of August, and possibly a second opportunity. Ron is looking into this.

- h. **Photography SIG:** (Kate McCarthy) The planning meeting of December 6, 2023, resulted in the following members of the advisory group. Michael Deal, Nancy Whitaker, Jim Sakaguchi, Bob Baikauskas, Les Thomas, Rick Maness, and Larry White, and Gary Sloan offered his technical expertise as needed.

### **SIG meeting Schedule:**

**January 3, 2024,** Photography Roundtable-What's New at your House? The facilitator was Bob Baikauskas. It was a great success, 27 people attended and all approved of having the same format 4 times a year.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Preparing for the Asilomar Field Trip this Spring. The facilitators: Les and Kate. They will be discussing shooting seascapes, redwoods, and other opportunities in the Pacific Grove, Monterey, Carmel, and Santa Cruz areas. They will also cover recommendations for equipment (lenses, tripods, etc.) to get the best shot.

**Other months: March 6<sup>th</sup>:** What's new in Artificial Intelligence-(AI) (TBA). **April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Enhancement Workshop (Facilitator Kate); **May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Flowers Macro (TBA) **June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Night Photography (TBA)

**New Smart Phone Class offering.** Kate has sent out a Mail Chimp to the members regarding the class offering on January 22, 2024, at 1-3 PM in the media Room at Orchard Creek Lodge. Kate and Les Thomas are the facilitators and planners on how the Smart Phone Class will be set up. It will involve class participation, a possible subscription to software for smart phones, and photographing assignments to share later with the class. The format that will be

used will depend upon what type of organization the class decides. The class will be in the computer room which has chairs for 20, but can possibly seat an additional six. It is expected that there will be 2 meetings per month, a couple weeks apart.

i. **Social Events:** (Diane Margetts) Diane not present.

### **3. Unfinished Business:**

a. **Members Contact List:** (Ron Nabity) The contact list has been finalized reflecting membership as of January 1, 2024. Les will print copies for the members who choose to participate. The contact lists will begin distribution at the January 2024 general meeting.

### **4. New Business:**

Ron received a \$32.00 check from a Class Action lawsuit against Zoom, he is giving it to Phil for the club.

The association has requested one member from each club attend a strategic planning committee to determine what is wanted or needed for the next 5 years. Ron volunteered to be the club's representative.

### **5. Adjourn Meeting 11:00 AM**

**Motion to Adjourn: Truman Holtzclaw, Seconded Ron Nabity, Passed unanimously.**

Submitted, 1/14/2024 Nancy Whitaker, Secretary

Revised, 1/17/2024 Nancy Whitaker Secretary LHPC