

Lincoln Hills Photography Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2026 9:00 AM
Multi-Purpose Room in Orchard Creek Lodge

i. Call to Order and Attendance:

Present: President Vern Rogers, Vice President Truman Holtzclaw, Treasurer Phil Harmon, Secretary Nancy Whitaker, Immediate Past President Ron Nabity, Membership Heather Brown, Webmaster Ray Avakian, Technical Advisor Gary Sloan, Education Director Cokie Lepinski, Through our Lens Publisher Keith Vogt.

• **Approval of February 9, 2026 Minutes:**

Motion to approve the February minutes made by Phil Harmon, and Seconded by Truman Holtzclaw. Motion passed.

ii. Officer and Chair Reports:

a. Treasurer: (Phil Harmon submitted Treasurer report in advance of Board Mtg)

The results for February are as follows:

Checking Balance: 1/31/26: \$3,321.68

Member Dues Collected: \$20.00

MailChimp: (\$13.00)

Raffle Prizes: (\$25.00)

Meeting Refreshments: (\$18.07)

Checking Balance: 2/28/26: \$3,285.61

Petty Cash: \$200.00

b. Membership: (Heather Brown)

As of March 4:

Facebook 77
Posts 113, down 12%
Comments 179, up 37%
Reactions 899 down 15%

Roster 166 members, 111 households

We need to discuss who we share the roster with. Board members only, or BOD and committee chairs, or???

Truman made a motion to create a PDF from Heather's Roster and hand it out to Board and Committee directors, seconded by Nancy Whitaker, Motion passed.

c. General Meetings and other club matters: (Vern Rogers)

- Bill Kress will be doing a presentation on Newfoundland for our March 11 general meeting.
- Yvonne Carter will be doing a presentation on The Galapagos Islands for our April 8 general meeting.
- Laurie Friedman will be doing a presentation on Burning Man for our May 13 general meeting. She also wants 15 minutes to speak about the benefits of PSA membership.
- Show and Tell Extravaganza will be on Saturday, June 20, 2026.
- We still need presenters for July, August, September, October, and November.

Truman offered to present a program based on "Pictures framed by any means such as trees, rocks, and other objects"

Show and Tell Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

d. Communications and Social Committee: (Diane Margetts)

Communications:

- Neighborhood watch association is looking for a volunteer photographer for an appreciation event on March 14 – Diane received the following:

Hi Diane,

Neighborhood Watch is hosting our annual volunteer appreciation event Saturday March 14 from 6-8 pm at Kilaga. We feed our photographers. Do you know of someone in your club who might be interested in spending some time photographing this for us?

Gary Sloan offered to take pictures of the Neighborhood Watch event. Nancy Whitaker had previously sent Suzanne Rosevold Larry White's name as someone who would also help with the event. Nancy has photographed several events for Suzanne Rosevold, but is not available because of the field Trip planned to Death Valley.

- As usual any information you would like included for the Sun Senior News or Compass Magazine is due to me on the 14th of the month.
- Compass articles are limited to 125 words. This does not allow for the inclusion of a lot of detail. Sun Senior News is a bit more flexible, allowing up to 300 words.

Social Committee: No Report

e. Website:

March, 2026 – Photo Club Website Past Month Summary

February, 2026 Website Updates: General Mtg, Calendar, Videos, Photo Locations, Education, Galleries, Exhibits, Through Our Lens, Admin, Documentation

Mike Johnson updated his Gallery page.

Website Unique Visitors: February, 2026 – 72 (175 sessions) 2.4

January, 2026 – 96 (260 sessions) 2.7

December, 2025 - 130 (212 sessions) 1.6

- Few visitors from China & Russia
- Desktop 63%, Mobile 31%, Tablet 5%

Videos__ (through February 28th)

- o 2/11 – “Give Me 5” – 4 views (1/14 Give Me 5 – 4 views)
- o 2/11 – “Death Valley” Truman Holtzclaw 7 views (1/14 – “Travel Photography” Wayne Carrol - 16 views)
- o 1/14 - “Through Our Lens” Keith Vogt – 37 views

RHA 3/01/2026

This is important and time sensitive. We need to discuss our options for division of labor support and maintenance of our website. It is an immediate priority. Any additions/changes to the website must be put on temporary hold. Nancy offered her house for a committee meeting on Tuesday Mar 24, 2026, 1:00 PM. Attending were Heather Brown, Vern Rogers, Keith Vogt, Gary Sloan, Cokie Lepinski, Ray Avakian, Diane Margetts, and Nancy Whitaker.

f. Field Trips/Challenges: (interim - Heather Brown)

- The next to the last Death Valley trip meeting was well attended and occurred on Wednesday, February 4. Schedule and possible areas to visit on which days were discussed, as well as current road conditions within the park.
- The Board and Committee chairs need to discuss how we want to handle members with physical challenges attending events that could pose risks to their health or wellbeing. *See New Business below.*
- Photo Op’s – a list of these was published and emailed to the membership on Tuesday, March 3rd.

g. Exhibits: (Denise Souza and Rhonda Campbell)

- Member photos are still on display at Buonarotti's Restaurant in Downtown Lincoln until March (This still needs confirmation by Denise).

It is expected that Denise will call for a photo refresh at the Restaurant at the beginning of April.

h. Education Committee (Cokie Lepinski)

LIST OF SCHEDULED CLASSES AND USER GROUPS:

- ***Canon Users***
Thursday, April 23 - Action Camera Anniversary - Canon Factory Reps setting up a private session for LHPC Canon Users.
Jim Sakaguchi is Leader of this group.
- ***Nikon Users Group***
Thursday, March 12 at 9am – Meet at the Rookery (behind \$Store)
Thursday, April 2, again at 9am - the group will meet in the parking lot of Coyote Pond Park, 2543 Old Kenmare Rd.
Thursday, May 7 from 10am - Noon at Carol Smith's Home.
- **Wednesday April 22, time to be announced later** - Keith Vogt has reached out to the management of Sierra Pacific Lumber just outside downtown Lincoln to arrange a photo club visit. ***Sierra Pacific is a go, April, 22, 2026, 9:00 AM***
- ***Android Phone Special Interest Group***
Needs to be rescheduled. *If interested please contact Heather Brown.*

- ***Snapseed Beginners Class Part 1 (Must RSVP) Contact Cokie Lepinski***
Wednesday, March 25 from 9 -11:30am in OC Multi-Purpose Room
- ***Snapseed Beginners Class Part 2 (Must RSVP)***
Wednesday, April 1 from 1:30-3:30pm in OC Computer Room

iii. Unfinished Business:

- Through Our Lens update (Keith)
*The website (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFiloDZX3No>.)
Gives an explanation of the project. People must be paid up members of LHPC. Four pictures sent to Keith, he'll post it on our website, and every 3 months, quarterly, they will be changed. Each quarter, will be photos from the prior quarter. This first deadline is March 31, 2026 Great fun.*

iv. New Business:

Proposed Policy Statement on Mobility Accessibility

The Lincoln Hills Photography Club is committed to ensuring that members with mobility challenges can participate, safely, and with dignity in all club activities, including field trips, meetings, workshops, and photo outings. The club values inclusion and strives to create an environment where every member—regardless of physical ability—has equitable access to photographic opportunities, social engagement, and creative growth.

To uphold this commitment, the club will:

- Consider accessibility when planning all events and field trips, including terrain, distance, rest opportunities, and available facilities.
- Provide clear, accurate information about mobility considerations in all event descriptions so members can make informed decisions.
- Encourage open, confidential communication from members regarding mobility needs and respond with respect and flexibility.
- Offer alternative viewpoints, routes, or equivalent photographic opportunities when full access is not feasible.

Approved as amended April 6, 2026

- Foster a culture of patience, support, and shared responsibility among members and trip leaders.
- Continually review and improve accessibility practices based on member feedback and evolving best practices.

This policy reflects the club's belief that photography is for everyone, and that accessibility strengthens both our community and our creative work.

The Board asked Keith to rewrite this. In general, when planning a trip, we all have to consider our own capabilities, as all of us are getting older. Sun City Lincoln Hills has always prided itself as being an active adult community.

All of us have signed Part B—Important Notice -Safety, Risks & Liability of the Lincoln Hills Photo Club Membership application. Under Acknowledgements, it states: By signing the Important Notice, I acknowledge that I have read the above Notice and understand that there are risks associated with Lincoln Hills Photography activities, and I am responsible for my own health, safety, and costs and those of my guests.

It is revision REV 04/25.

v. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted to Board on 3/29/2026 by Nancy Whitaker, Secretary SCLH Photography Club.