

Lincoln Hills Photography Club Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 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, Vice President Diane Margetts, Treasurer Phil Harmon, Secretary Nancy Whitaker, Recent Past President Ron Nabity, Webmaster Ray Avakian, Membership Heather Brown, Education Cokie Lepinski, Publisher "Through Our Lens" Keith Vogt, Technical advisor Gary Sloan. Former Field Trip Coordinator, Jim Sakaguchi,

• Approval of May 13, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve Phil Harmon, Seconded by Vern Rogers, Approval by Board unanimously.

ii. Officer and Chair Reports:

a. **Treasurer: Phil Harmon**

Checking Balance: 4/30/26: \$3,211.44

MailChimp: (\$13.00)

Program Presenter: (\$150.00)

Raffle Prizes: (\$25.00)

Checking Balance: 5/31/26: \$3,023.44

Change Fund: \$200.00

b. **Membership: (Heather Brown)**

171 members 115 households

Facebook 78 members

Posts 79 Up 14%

Comments 73% down 10%

Reactions 572 up 7%

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

- It is requested that any content to be put into the newsletter or general meeting presentation be in unformatted plain text without embedded pictures. Pictures should be sent separately in .jpg format. PLEASE DO NOT SEND.pdf files with embedded pictures.
- A BIG thank you to Diane and Cokie who have taken on creation and submission of the LHPC room reservation requests for 2027.
- There will be no General Meeting in June.
- So far the only ramification to our vote to exclude a specific member from exhibiting with the club has been the letter that she sent to Truman. I believe this letter has been shared with all of you. Let me know if you do not have the letter and would like a copy. The chairman of the CCOC was notified of her exclusion prior to my sending the letter. Lastly, my letter to her was sent with MailChimp, so we have a record of when and how many times she opened it.
- Many members who went on the Death Valley trip will be attending **a June 10** show and tell in the OC Multi-Purpose Room from 9 – 11:30. Attendance of spouses is encouraged and there have been some special invites. We will continue over lunch at Meridians.
- Show and Tell Extravaganza will be on **Saturday, June 20**. Gary is collecting photos/videos and will put the presentation together. It will be followed at noon by a Pizza Social.
- Truman will be doing a presentation on Reflections at the **July 8** meeting.
- Jim Dunn will present on Birds of Brazil for our **August 12** meeting.
- Cokie will be presenting on the “Lightroom Family” for our **September 9** general meeting.
- Jeff Mitchell, the West Coast Nikon Rep, will be doing a presentation on Wildlife Storytelling for our **November 11** general meeting.

- We still need a presenter for October. *Laurie Friedman will be presenting her trip to Patagonia. October 14, 2026*

d. Communications and Social Committee: (Diane Margetts)

***June 20 - Show and Tell Extravaganza* discussion
Communications:**

- 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 *Nancy reminded us that we could still use another person in the social Committee.*

e. Website:

June, 2026 – Photo Club Website Past Month Summary

May, 2026 Website Updates: General Mtg, Calendar, Videos, Education, Alcove/Simple Pleasures Online Exhibit Forms, Alcove Exhibit, Gallery Online Submission, Extravaganza, BOD Nominations, Renew Membership, Field Trips, Admin

One potential new member contact on May 2nd

William R. on Granite Falls Ln., “I would like to join.”

Website Unique Visitors: May, 2026 – 107 (393 sessions) 3.7
April, 2026 - 80 (174 sessions) 2.2
March 2026 – 70 (192 sessions) 2.7

LHPC website visited in 12 countries in May, 95% USA

Sessions in Northern CA

Rocklin 94 Lincoln 86 Santa Clara 62 San Jose 45 Granite Bay 34 Folsom 12

Videos (through May 30th)

o 5/13 – “Give Me 5” - 8 views (4/08 “Give Me 5” – 8 views)

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

- Jim Sakaguchi would like to request the Boards' approval to conduct a field trip to San Francisco on Sept 28 to Oct 1st, 2026.
Motion made by Nancy to approve a Field Trip to S. F., Seconded by Phil Harmon. Membership agreed
- Jim met with the prior Field Trip Committee (Heather, Nancy, Stephanie Huntingdale, Rick Maness) last week and they drafted a plan for the trip. This trip was actually discussed back in 2025 and Jim conducted a scouting trip. It was originally meant to be a Spring trip, but the committee selected Death Valley.
- The trip has been announced on the website and Facebook page asking members if they are interested in this field trip. If we find no or little interest, then we will withdraw the request and let folks know the trip will not occur. As a minimum the committee would like to see somewhere between 10 to 20 participates, probably 15 is the magic number.
- Some of the amazing photos 24 or so of us brought back from the Death Valley trip have been and are being shared through our Facebook Group, many have been sent to Keith and are included in the Through Our Lens DV Special Edition, and lastly, members who went to DV with the group are being asked to attend a special show and tell on June 10 as noted in the President's report above.
- Photo Op's – an updated list of these was published and emailed to the membership on Wednesday, May 6.

g. Exhibits: (Denise Souza and Rhonda Campbell)

- New Exhibit Application
 - Big thanks go out to Ron and Ray who collaborated in the creation and addition of this form to the club website. I (Vern) have used it and it greatly simplifies the process of applying to participate in a Club sponsored exhibit.
- Buonarotti's Exhibit
 - Member photos were refreshed at Buonarotti's Restaurant in Downtown Lincoln on the morning of April 24.
- Simple Pleasures Exhibit

- LH Painters Club took down their works last Monday, and several LHPC members were present to put up photos from our club.
- OC Alcove Exhibit
 - June 26th – Application Deadline – How many photos are accepted depends on the space.
There is still exclusion to exhibit in the Alcove to only those members who have exhibited previously at Buonarotti's and or Simple Pleasures
 - Please email application and 3 photos to Rhonda Campbell, rhonda.photoart@gmail.com or **apply using the new exhibit application form on the club website.**
 - July 1st – Time TBA – Deliver the photographs selected.
 - August 24th - Time 9:30 am – Take down the photographs.

h. Education Committee

Heather requested use of the OC Computer room for June 17th to assist those members who have had difficulty in getting into LH Photography Club Private Facebook account. Her request was granted.

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

♣ Wednesday, August 19th, 1:30-3:30pm, Orchard Creek Computer Room

♣ Wednesday, September 30th, 9am-11:30am, Orchard Creek Computer Room

♣ Wednesday, November 4th, 1:30-3:30pm, Orchard Creek Computer Room

List of Scheduled Classes and User Group Meetings

- ***Canon Users Group***

Wednesday, May 20 - from 1:30 – 3:30pm in OC Computer Room

Wednesday, July 1, 2026- Time 1:30 – 3:30 PM OC Computer Room, Leaders will be Jim Sakaguichi and David Leo, who will be reviewing the Canon Application “Canon Camera Connect” which we can put on our smart phones. Please download the app before attending the class. They recommend: Google “How can I connect Canon Camera Connect to my XXXX (Canon and Model) Written by Jim Sakaguichi and David Leo

- ***Nikon Users Group***

Thursday, June 18 from 9am at Sierra Pacific Industries. All club members have been invited.

Sadly, this had to be canceled again.

- *Sony Users Group, Tuesday June 9, 2026, Meet at Kilaga Café to plan meetings. 1:00 PM. Friday June 5th Brandon Burt, Sony Rep at Action Camera 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Then Saturday (June 6th) from 5 to 7:00 PM meet at Donner Pass train tunnels for a chance to try out various models of Sony.*

- ***Android Phone Special Interest Group***

Needs to be rescheduled

- *Facebook Workshop **June 17, 2026**, OC Computer Room 1:30-3:30 PM. Heather is coordinating the class.*

- **Ron Nabity is planning a basic “know you Camera” for the month of October -November**

- **ICM class (Intentional Camera Movement)**

Wednesday, July 15th 1:30-3:30 in OC Computer Room

- **Dee Grimm will offer an Intro to a Lightroom class Wednesday, August 5th from 1:30-3:30pm in the OC Computer Room**

- **Rick Maness will offer a class on Masking in Lightroom Classic**, on Wednesday, **September 2nd** from 1:30-3:30 in the Orchard Creek Computer Room

iii. Unfinished Business:

- Through Our Lens update (Keith)
 - Keith has determined to stop producing TOL after the Q2 edition due to lack of interest/participation
However, after further thought, he has been encouraged to continue the publication until the end of the year. So, everyone who can, please send Keith 4 or 5 of your photos by the end of the 2nd Quarter. June 30th
- **Nominating Committee/Elections—VOTE !!**
(Committee consists of Keith Vogt and Rhonda Campbell)
This time all members will vote by email.
 - Slate of officers to be voted on prior to 6/30/26
 - Vern Rogers President
 - Pat Honeycutt Vice-President
 - Diane Margetts Vice-President
 - Nancy Whitaker Secretary
 - Phil Harmon Treasurer
 - Ron will be using the Survey feature of MailChimp to send out a ballot to members in good standing.
By using email, Ron can tell who votes and the election will be counted in that manner.

iv. New Business:

Cokie commented that the club seems to lack enthusiasm and that perhaps we can encourage more interest.

- v. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Phil Harmon, Seconded by Truman.**

10:05 AM

Approved July 6, 2026

Minutes submitted by LHPC Secretary Nancy Whitaker

June 24, 2026