

Lincoln Hills Photography Club Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2026 9:00 AM

Multi-Purpose Room in Orchard Creek Lodge

i. Call to Order and Attendance:

Present: President Vern Rodgers, Vice President Diane Margetts, Treasurer Phil Harmon, Secretary Nancy Whitaker, Recent Past President Ron Nabity, Membership Heather Brown, Webmaster Ray Avakian, Education Cokie Lepinski, Exhibit Coordinators, Denise Souza & Rhonda Campbell, Publisher “Through Our Lens” Keith Vogt, Technical Advisor Gary Sloan.

- **Approval of April 6, 2026 Minutes:** *Motion to approve Minutes: Phil Harmon, seconded by Vern Rogers, rest of Board approved unanimously.*

ii. Executive Closed Session – Possible Member Sanction.

iii. Officer and Chair Reports:

a. Treasurer: Phil Harmon

Checking Balance: 3/31/26: \$3,379.44

Member Dues Collected: \$20.00

MailChimp: (\$13.00)

Program Presenter: (\$150.00)

Raffle Prizes: (\$25.00)

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

Change Fund: \$200.00

b. Membership: (Heather Brown)

Membership numbers.171 members
Household 115

Facebook 78 members
Posts 66 down 33%
Comments 77 up 24%
Reactions 524 down 46%

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

- 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.
- Members who went on the Death Valley trip will be invited to share 10 landscape photos as well as people photos at a June 10 show and tell in the OC Multi-Purpose Room from 9 – 11:30 (I may have the time slightly incorrect). Attendance of spouses is encouraged. We may possibly continue over lunch at Meridians.
- Show and Tell Extravaganza will be on Saturday, June 20.
- Truman will be doing a presentation on Reflections at the July 8 meeting.
- Jim Dunn will present on Birds in Brazil for our August 12 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 presenters for September, and October.

Vern requested “Room Request Assistance” from attendees of this Board Meeting. Members offering to help, Nancy Whitaker, Cokie Lepinski, and Diane Margetts. At this time, only members President Vern Rogers, and

Vice President Diane Margetts have permission to speak directly with Room Booking and Club Coordinator, 916-625-4021.

Cokie Lepinski will be giving a presentation on Adobe's Lightroom software modules, Lightroom Classic, Lightroom Mobile, and Lightroom.

FYI the Speaker on November 11, 2026 is the Nikon Representative for Action Camera, Jeff Mitchell

d. Communications and Social Committee: (Diane Margetts)

June 20 Saturday - Show and Tell Extravaganza discussion

Gary Sloan will be handling members thumb drives for the Extravaganza. He has offered to be available from 8:30 AM to 9:30 am at the Multipurpose room on June 10th to accept the Thumb drives, to be shown on June 20, 2026.

Communications:

- As usual any information you would like included for the Sun Senior News or Compass Magazine is due to me (Diane Margetts-dmargett@yahoo.com) 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:

May, 2026 – Photo Club Website Past Month Summary

April, 2026 Website Updates: General Mtg, Calendar, Videos, Education, Exhibits, Extravaganza, Through Our Lens, Admin, Documentation

One potential new member contact on April 7th
(Stephanie on Blue Heron)

Website Unique Visitors: April, 2026 - 80 (174 sessions) 2.2
March 2026 – 70 (192 sessions) 2.7
February, 2026 – 72 (175 sessions) 2.4
- Few visitors from Singapore, China & Russia

Most Popular Webpages: Views by Page title

Ron Nabity, Mike Johnson & Through Our Lens

Videos__(through April 30th)

- o 4/08 – “Give Me 5” – 8 views (3/11 Give Me 5 – 7 views)
- o 4/08 – “The Galápagos Islands” Yvonne Carter – 7 views
 (“Newfoundland” Bill Kress – 4)

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

- 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. *Thank you Ron and Denise.*

g. Exhibits: (Denise Souza and Rhonda Campbell)

- Buonarotti's Exhibit
 - Member photos were refreshed at Buonarotti's Restaurant in Downtown Lincoln on the morning of April 24. One member insisted on placement of her works which were not photographs in the prime location. Other members placed theirs as possible in other locations. Exhibitors were Ron Nabity, Carol Smith, Rick Maness, Vern Rogers, Maggie McGurk and others (need names...)
- OC Alcove Exhibit
 - June 26th – Application Deadline – How many photos are accepted depends on the space.
(Applications are limited to those who have exhibited previously at Buonarotti's and/or Simple Pleasures.)
 - Please email application and 3 photos to Rhonda Campbell, rhonda.photoart@gmail.com
 - July 1st – Time TBA – Deliver the photographs selected.
 - August 24th - Time 9:30 am – Take down the photographs.
- Exhibit Application Change Discussion
 - Rhonda, Denise and Ron have been looking into changes to make our exhibit application clearer regarding rules and to make the process more efficient.

At Simple Pleasures the Painter's club exhibit will be taken down June 1, and the approved photographs will be placed there at 2:15 PM. Several volunteers will help in hanging the new pictures.

h. Education Committee (Cokie Lepinski)

LIST OF SCHEDULED CLASSES AND USER GROUPS:

- ***Canon Users Group***

Wednesday, May 20 - from 1:30 – 3:30pm in OC Computer Room
Jim Sakaguchi was the lead. Present were: Larry White, Gary Sloan, David Leo, Greg Geren, Robin Kain, Nancy Whitaker.

- ***Nikon Users Group***

Thursday, June 18 from 10am - Noon at Carol Smith's Home.

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

Needs to be rescheduled

- ***SnapSeed Intermediate Class***

Wednesday, May 27 from 9:00-11:30am in OC Multi-Purpose Room

Education Committee Cokie was the leader

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

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

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

- **Dee Grimm will potentially offer an Intro to Lightroom classic**

Wednesday, August 5th from 1:30-3:30pm in the OC Computer Room. *It will be more of a demo than a Hands-on class. She needs a minimum of 6 for the class.*

- **Rick Maness will offer a Lightroom Classic class on**

Wednesday, September 16th from 1:30-3:30 in the Orchard Creek Computer Room

Cokie will do a presentation at the September 9th General Meeting as an overview of Lightroom, Lightroom Classic, and Lightroom mobile. She will showcase what one can do with that series of Lightroom modules.

Rick Maness will do a showcase of the Masking technique using Lightroom Mobile and Lightroom Classic on September 16th in the Orchard Creek Computer room.

Ron will be doing a series of classes in basic Camera photography such as how to do auto focus, manual focus. It will be a series of classes so that members can get a hands-on feel with their own cameras. It will be offered as a class with sign ups required.

iv. Unfinished Business:

- *Through Our Lens update (Keith Vogt) Keith thanked those that went to Death Valley and submitted their photos to his Publication Through Our Lens. He feels that there are some awesome photographers in the Club and he wishes to show their work. He is asking for Quarter 2 photos, and he wants them into him by June 30th. Keith remarked that Jim Sakaguchi's Portugal pictures would be well presented into a Tabletop book.*

Ron remarked that after seeing Keith's "Through Our Lens" online book, he was inspired to revive his original plan of putting together a huge eBook of Ron's project "Seven days in Spring".

v. New Business:

- **Nominating Committee/Elections:** *Rhonda Campbell and Keith Vogt volunteered to be on the committee. Vice President Truman Holtzclaw has finished his last year of 4 years and is required by HOA regulations to step aside for at least one year. The remainder of the board, Vern Rogers, Diane Margetts, Phil Harmon, and Nancy Whitaker have agreed to stay on for another year (the 26-27 fiscal year). Nancy will term out after this next year. Also Terming out will be Phil Harmon and Diane Margetts.*

Membership dues were given a Grace Period to September 30, 2026, if members wish to renew for next year (26-27).

Gary Sloan who will be responsible for collecting and showing pictures for the Extravaganza of June 20, printed up instructions on how to give the thumb drives to him. and also sent out an email to us.

*vi. **Adjourn Meeting** Motion by Phil Harmon Seconded by Truman Holtzclaw*

Submitted by Nancy Whitaker, Lincoln Hills Photo Club Secretary

June 4, 2026