

Lincoln Hills Photography Club Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2026, 9:00 AM

Multi-Purpose Room in Orchard Creek Lodge

- i. Call to Order and Attendance: Present: President Vern Rogers, Vice President Diane Margetts, Treasurer Phil Harmon, Secretary Nancy Whitaker, Recent Past President Ron Nabity, Program Advisor and recent Past Vice President: Truman Holtzclaw, Webmaster Ray Avakian, Membership Heather Brown, Education director Cokie Lepinski, Technical Advisor Gary Sloan, Exhibits Denise Souza and Rhonda Campbell.

Approval of June 6, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve as Amended Phil Harmon, seconded by Vern Rogers, approved by Board unanimously.

ii **Officer and Chair Reports:**

A. Treasurer: Phil Harmon

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

Member Dues: \$480.00

MailChimp: (\$13.00)

Extravaganza Tickets \$175.00

Extravaganza Expenses - (\$500.59)

Checking Balance: 6/30/26: \$3,164.85

Change Fund: \$200.00

B. Membership: (Heather Brown)

PAID MEMBERS 62

Unpaid Members 112

The Board should discuss incentives for members to pay on time.

PAID HOUSEHOLDS 42
Unpaid Households 74

FACEBOOK

Members	80		
Posts	82	up	2%
Comments	116	up	47%
Reactions	609	up	15%

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

- Truman is our presenter for the July 8 General Meeting. His presentation will be on Reflections.
- A BIG thank you to Ron who has handled much of my communication duties over the last month, as well as the creation of the election/voting over MailChimp.
- The Death Valley trip show and tell in the OC Multi-Purpose Room was a Great Success! Thanks go out to Heather, Rick, Nancy, Ron, Gary and others! Lunch at Meridians afterward was excellent.
- Show and Tell Extravaganza happened on Saturday, June 20. Thank you to Gary for collecting photos/videos and putting the presentation together. Thank you to Diane, Nancy, and Heather for their work on the Pizza Social.
- James Dunn will present on Birds of Brazil for our August 12 meeting.
- Cokie will be presenting 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.
- *Our Presenter for October is Laurie Friedman from Gold Rush. She will be reporting on her trip to Patagonia.*

D. Communications and Social Committee: (Diane Margetts)

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.

E. Website: Ray Avakian, Webmaster.

July, 2026 – Photo Club Website Past Month Summary

1. June, 2026 Website Updates: Calendar, Education, Online Exhibit submission support, Simple Pleasures Exhibit, Gallery, Extravaganza, BOD Nominations, Renew Membership, Field Trips, Through Our Lens, Admin

2. Alcove Exhibit received 9 online submissions

No form issues.

Effort was successful! *Ron Nabity and Ray Avakian worked together to rapidly develop processes that allowed submissions online. This is a first! Ray has appointed Ron Nabity as manager of Customer Relations. Diane Margetts is Website Manager. Denise Souza, Mike Johnson, and Bill Kress are Website Designers. Ray Avakian is the owner of the Website.*

3. One potential new member contact on June 6th
Rod S. on Grand Pheasant. *No response to Membership.*

4. Website Unique Visitors: June, 2026 - 112 (381 sessions) 3.4
May, 2026 – 107 (393 sessions) 3.7
April, 2026 - 80 (174 sessions) 2.2

5. No videos in June. *The video of Truman's presentation for July is to be published on the website.*

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

Field trip to San Francisco on Sept. 28 to Oct. 2nd, 2026.

- Additional Details? *Apparently, there are about 20 or 22 people who have signed up already. They may be trying to reserve a tram or trolley for a private tour of a few hours.*
- Other Trips?

G. Exhibits: (Denise Souza and Rhonda Campbell)

- Alcove at OC

Several members who had previously exhibited at other venues have their fantastic photos on display in the alcove just inside the entrance to OC. Thank you to Rhonda, Ron and others for coordinating and “hanging” our works. Photos will remain in place until August 24, 2026.

Rhonda will have additional information at the meeting. *Rhonda reported there were 9 photographers with 25 submissions. She also reported on the requirements to submit their photos, and how all of the table top easels were acquired, or donated. Rhonda purchased them from an art supply store some years ago for \$7.00 ea. Larry White made 2 large Easels which can hold multiple pictures. Ron Nabity picked up 4 at a garage sale. Quite the coordinated effort!*

(Some of the table top easels are locked in cabinet 46 in the OC multi-purpose room. Keys are available at the front desk.) Please see the report from Rhonda attached to these minutes, as she has listed the locations of these stored easels. They are assets of our club and are necessary for these exhibits. The participating photographers are listed also.

- **Buonarotti's Exhibit**
Member photos were refreshed at Buonarotti's Restaurant in downtown Lincoln on the morning of April 24.
- **Simple Pleasures Exhibit**
Several LHPC members have their work adorning the walls at this lovely downtown Lincoln Cafe. *Denise reported 25 pictures were hung by 9 photographers. These will come down on Oct 2nd, 2026*

H. Education Committee (Cokie Lepinski)

Cokie thanked the Webmaster Ray Avakian for allotting space on the website for all of the upcoming classes.

Upcoming Education Committee Meetings:

- **Wednesday, August 19th, 1:30-3:30pm, Orchard Creek Computer Room**
- **Wednesday, September 30th, 9am-11:30am, Orchard Creek Multi Purpose Room**
- **Wednesday, November 4th, 1:30-3:30pm, Orchard Creek Computer Room**

List of Scheduled Classes and User Group Meetings

- **Intentional Camera Movement (ICM)**
Wednesday, July 15, 1:30-3:30pm in OC Computer Room.
- **Canon Users Group**
No update (*Previous Leader Jim Sakaguchi*)
- **Nikon Users Group Next** meeting has not yet been scheduled. (*Previous Leader Carol Smith*)
- **Android Phone Special Interest Group**
(*Previous Leader: Heather Brown*) Needs to be rescheduled

- **Dee Grimm will offer an Intro to 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.

I. Unfinished Business:

Through Our Lens/New Wix Website: Update, Keith Vogt has stopped producing TOL after the Q2 edition due to lack of interest/participation. He has also taken down the Wix website that he had created.

- Elections: The following slate of officers has been elected by members in good standing through online electronic voting:
Vern Rogers President
Pat Honeycutt Vice-President
Diane Margetts Vice-President
Nancy Whitaker Secretary
Phil Harmon Treasurer

Their term began July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2027. The final vote was 63 for and 1 against.

J. New Business:

New Member Orientation, July 15. Do we want to have a club presence at the event? *The answer was NO by a couple of the members.*

K. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Phil Harmon and Seconded by Truman Holtzclaw. Time 10:00 AM

Agenda by Vern Rogers, Nancy Whitaker submitted these minutes on Aug 6, 2026.