

**Lincoln Hills Photography Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 12, 2026**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Multi-Purpose Room in Orchard Creek Lodge**

**i. Call to Order and Attendance: Approval of November 2025 Minutes**

Present: President Vern Rogers, Vice President Programs Truman Holtzclaw; Vice President Communication Diane Margetts, Treasurer Phil Harmon, Secretary Nancy Whitaker, Immediate Past President Ron Nabity, Membership Heather Brown, Technical Advisor Gary Sloan, Education Chairman Cokie Lepinski, new member Keith Vogt.

*Motion to approve the Minutes as amended of November 12, 2025 by Vern Rogers, seconded by Phil Harmon, passed unanimously*

**ii. Officer and Chair Reports:**

**a. Treasurer: (Phil Harmon submitted treasurer report in advance of Board mtg)**

- Checking Balance: 10/31/25: \$3,820.63
- Member Dues Collected: \$40.00
- Donation Income: \$125.00
- Breakfast:
- Cost of Buffet: (\$954.95)
- Raffle Cards: (\$150.00)
- Ticket Sales: \$660.00
- Net Cost of Breakfast: (\$444.95)
- MailChimp: (\$26.00)
- Raffle Prizes: (\$25.00)
- Checking Balance:12/31/25: \$3,489.68
- Petty Cash: \$200.00

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

As of January 10, our roster has:

- 162 members 108 Household
- Our Facebook has: 76 members. That's an increase of 3%
- Over the past 28 days
  - Posts 120 up 11%
  - Comments 92 up 12%
  - Reactions 1 K down 3%

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

- Wayde Carrol will be doing a presentation on travel photography for our January 14 meeting.
- Pending board approval, Keith Vogt will be doing a presentation during the January 14 general meeting on his "Through the Lens" concept proposal.
- Truman will be doing a presentation on Death Valley for our February 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.
- Current 2026 Room Bookings **PLEASE NOTE that our reservations for the multi-Media Room have been switched to the Computer Room at OC**

## 2026 Club Room Reservations

Board Meetings <i>Mondays 9-11:30 Orchard Multi Purpose</i>	General Meetings <i>2nd Weds 9-11:45am Kilaga Springs Pres. Hall</i>	Orchard Computer <i>1st &amp; 3rd Weds (unless where noted) 1:30-3:30pm</i>	Orchard Multi Purpose <i>Last Wednesday of the month 9-11:30am</i>
Jan 12	Jan 14	Jan 7 & 21	Jan 28
Feb 9	Feb 11	Feb 4 & 18	Feb 25
March 9	March 11	March 4 & 18	March 25
April 6	April 8	April 1 & 15	April 29
May 11	* May 14	May 6 & 20	May 27
June 8	June 8* <i>NO Mtng</i>	June 3 & 17	June 24
July 6	July 8	July 1 & 15	July 29
Aug 10	Aug 12	Aug 5 & 19	Aug 26
Sept 7	Sept 9	Sept 2 & 16	Sept 30
Oct 12	Oct 14	Oct 7 & 21	Oct 28
Nov 9	Nov 11	Nov 4 only	Nov 25
Dec 7	Dec 9	Dec 2 only	Dec 30

- *\*Note: The May General Meeting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> (a Wednesday) not the 14<sup>th</sup>*

### Calendar Updates:

- **Feb 4th 1:30-3:30** will now be a Death Valley planning trip (OC Computer Room)
- **Feb 18th 1:30-3:30** will now be the **Mobility Discussion group (OC Computer Room formerly on Feb 4th)** Led by Keith Vogt.
- The Android SIG that *was* set for Feb 18th will be on hold and we will try to add that back in after Death Valley.

*Discussions were held regarding our speakers at the March 11 General Meeting and the April 8 meeting. **Yvonne Carter** was asked to do her presentation on the Galapagos Islands, which she has presented in Sacramento. She will give the presentation on **April 8**. As of this board meeting, there still has been no one presenting for **March 13**, though apparently **Bill Kress** has been approved by numerous members of the board.*

*Further discussions continued the planning **Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** of our General Meeting with Truman reporting on his experiences visiting and touring Death Valley over a 50year period. This will invigorate those of us attending the trip. **Feb 18** will be an Accessibility & Mobility program led by **Keith Vogt**. **March 4<sup>th</sup>** will be a twosome: **Cokie** leading the Education Committee meeting from 1:30-2:29, and **Heather** adding the final touches to the planning documents for Death Valley for an hour.2:30 to 3:30 pm. This will be in **the OC Computer room**.*

#### **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.

*We don't have Presentation Hall for our general meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to try to have our Extravaganza on one of the Saturdays in June in place of the General Meeting. It typically lasts about 2 hours in Presentation Hall and we then move into the Kitchen at Kilaga for a social gathering and a favorite luncheon.*

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**

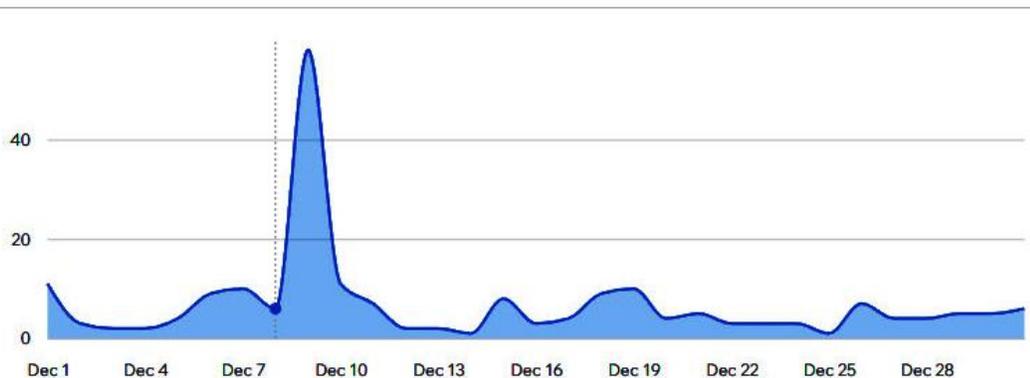
*Discussion: Can we better communicate with our club members? Ron mentioned having something like a bulletin board where our members could read what is happening, and also request volunteers for help such as: with planning,*

*physical assistance, and even ideas regarding our Website, Tech, Exhibits, Social activities, field trips, Facebook, and others.*

*Heather suggested that at our General Meeting we ask members who might be interested in helping with fieldtrips that they come after the meeting to the café and offer to help and suggestions. (For everyone's information, Cokie, Heather, and Diane do help with the website, but there is more that can be offered.)*

**e. Website: (Ray Avakian submitted web report in advance of Board mtg) January 12, 2026 – Photo Club Website Summary**

Sessions over time



The graph above is a plot of **unique website visitors vs date**. Shortly following our Holiday Breakfast, Truman contacted me to say he wanted to roll out his Breakfast images in a manner which would **help drive more of our club members to see the content on our website**. We posted an article on the website homepage with a description of Truman's dedication in photographing the event, a link to Truman's website where he maintains his images, a rolling slideshow of the 175 images, and an announcement on Facebook. Truman sent out an announcement to take a look at our website.

The graph shows the following results:

- 68 unique visitors the day that the Holiday Breakfast images went up

- 130 unique visitors for December - the highest monthly visitor count in the 8 years I have worked on the website.
- (December is generally a slow month) and 130 views of that rolling slide show. Visitors to the website see all of the Club activities we have posted.
- The folks who contribute to the website appreciate the support from the Board.

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

*Vern remarked that he would be publishing his Lincoln Hills Photography Club News twice a month. (Wow) with a content listing: Exhibit take downs, Feb 11 General Meeting teaser, Through Our Lens, Photo ops, User Groups (Nikon, Canon, etc.), 2026 Rooms reserved, Fieldtrip committee openings, and Social Committee openings.*

*Ron Nabity is taking on some important tasks; handling the room reservations, and updating the Calendar. He is also offering to add Photo-ops onto the Calendar. Photo-ops are not being lead, but are listed for each member's own interests, to check out if they want. Many of us do want to continue learning and are willing to travel on our own to see and photograph local (and some not so local) events.*

*To contact Ron for submissions for Photo-ops, or for "Give me Five" use his email: [ronnabity.LHPC@gmail.com](mailto:ronnabity.LHPC@gmail.com)*

*To access the calendar, go to the website, <https://www.LHphotoclub.com>. click on **News**, then orange button labeled **Calendar**. Once you're at the Calendar, make certain you select the Monthly Menus which will give you a good visual version of the entire month. Also, on the left of the screen will be a stack of rainbow buttons. Click each one of those, and you will see when and where those events and or activities will occur.*

#### **g. Exhibits: (Denise Souza and Rhonda Campbell) Vern Rogers**

**Denise Souza:** LHPC members Jim Sakaguchi, Stephanie and Phil Huntingdale, Ron Nabity, Larry White, Maggie Rose McGurk, Vern Rogers, and Steve Stewart have their photos hanging a Simple Pleasures Café in Downtown Lincoln. ***Our photos are scheduled to come down on February 2.***

*If approved by the Exhibit directors, we may be able to exhibit there four months later,*

Member photos are still on display at Buonarotti's Restaurant in Downtown Lincoln until February.

#### **h. Education Committee (Cokie Lepinski)**

*Check our Newsletter: "Update! LH Photo Club January 25, 2026"*  
**Round Tables and Classes**

#### **iii. Unfinished Business:**

#### **iv. New Business:**

##### **"Through the Lens" Proposal (Keith Vogt)**

*Check our Newsletter: "Update! LH Photo Club January 25, 2026"*

Link available on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5gX70AhNCg>.

##### **Event Leader Guidance (Ron Nabity)**

*Ron handed out the SCLH Club Information and Guidelines Handbook to the Board members to be aware of the requirements a club needs to meet in order to remain a Recognized Club (so we can reserve rooms, ie. Use the facilities.)*

- Proposal to develop guidelines for club members who may be leading an event, (e.g. class, camera user group, workshop, meeting)
- Scope would include areas where the SCLH Association has given direction clubs. Example areas are:
  - Protecting privacy by using bcc for emails to members,
  - Preventing/intervening with actions/conversations that are not club-related (e.g. political conversation, business promotion)
  - Personal safety (appropriate notification if a member is injured during an event)

- The purpose of the guidelines is to assist members in knowing how to be sure club activities occur consistently with SCLHA direction.

## *A Question?*

### NEW For the Board

#### **PSA Gold Rush Chapter**

Laurie Friedman, President of PSA Gold Rush in Sacramento, would like to advertise upcoming programs in our club newsletter and FB.

Kathleen McCarthy has attended their programs with Truman and says she has found them to be excellent. She is proposing the creation of a permanent spot at the bottom of our newsletter and on our FB page with their current programs.

From Laurie Friedman ([laurief@dcn.org](mailto:laurief@dcn.org))

Hi LHPC;

Gold Rush is already connected to the LHPC as Truman is on the Gold Rush board, but it can't hurt to have even more connections! As a bit of background, Gold Rush is one of 11 chapters of the Photographic Society of America (the largest group for photographers in the world, run almost exclusively by volunteers), and we're based in Sacramento. We organize quarterly in-person workshops, with a morning program (on a wide variety of photo topics) and an afternoon shoot based on the morning program—the blend of education and practice seems to work well. In between the quarterly workshops, we have online programs.

We usually prepare the PR for our programs a few weeks before they occur, so I'm not sure if that would coordinate with your monthly newsletter—but maybe? It seems as though it would work to send

both Vern and Heather the information when it goes out—we also have the information on our website, so letting people know about that would be useful: [psagoldrush.org](http://psagoldrush.org).

Thanks for all your help, and I look forward to meeting more of you at a workshop. Coincidentally, the upcoming workshop on Saturday, January 24th is called “Playing with Light”, and Truman will be presenting Silhouettes.

Best, Laurie Friedman, President PSA Gold Rush

**v. Adjourn Meeting:** *Motion to adjourn made by Phil Harmon, Seconded by Truman Holtzclaw 10:35am*

**Minutes submitted by Nancy Whitaker, Feb 2, 2026**

Note: Words in italics are descriptions of our discussions, and motions made.