

Lincoln Hills Photography Club

Board Meeting Agenda Minutes Draft

Monday, February 12, 2024

9:00 AM

Multi-Purpose Room in Orchard Creek Lodge

1. Call to Order and Attendance: Approval of January 2024 Minutes

Attendance: President: Ron Nabity; Co-Vice President: Truman Holtzclaw; Co-Vice President: Diane Margetts; Treasurer: Phil Harmon; Secretary: Nancy Whitaker; Committee members: Membership: Heather Brown; Website: Ray Avakian; Field Trips: Les Thomas; Technical Adviser: Gary Sloan

Approval of January 2024 Minutes as amended: Motion: Truman Holtzclaw, seconded: Phil Harmon, Passed: Unanimous.

2. Officer and Chair Reports:

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

i. Balance 12/31/23:	\$2,324.62
Holiday Breakfast Ticket Sales:	\$618.00
Member Dues:	\$60.00
Refund of Zoom Expense:	\$32.32
Raffle Prize:	(\$25.00)
Balance 1/31/24:	\$3,009.94

b. Membership (Heather)

Heather reported 149 members, and 102 households. Several residents were making inquiries about joining the club, some identified their specific interest was in the club activities.

c. General Meeting: (Ron)

- i. February 2024 meeting program:** A photo challenge with a theme of “Red” images is to be shown and discussed at the general meeting. Ron is to receive the challenge pictures and reported he has received 65 images from 25 individuals. The photos will represent the members’ creative interpretation. A contributor could turn in up to 3 pictures, each were to be prioritized as 1, 2, or 3. (Highest priority would be one, and lowest to be 3). The audience would discuss the pictures, though it was not to be a critique as such. Agreement was made that if there were too many pictures for the time allowed at the meeting, the lower priority ones could be set aside, and could be shown on the website’s Gallery.

In addition, there was to be a “Give Me Five” Slideshow near the end of the meeting.

- ii. March 13, 2024, meeting program:** Moose Peterson will present via Zoom. Truman is to reconfirm that Moose Peterson is available.

Regarding the new setup(audio, video, Zoom) in Presentation Hall, Gary has used it for the past two Sundays. He was successful with it, but it is different than what they used in the past.

Programs for April 10, May 8, and June 12 were discussed. The program for April will be Truman’s “Shadows” presentation. Truman wants our members to send in some of their Shadow pictures for his April Presentation. The April field trip will also highlight that month and may be part of the following May program, but still TBD. The June meeting may be a Show and Tell (Extravaganza), but it is also time for voting for officers. Diane will investigate the availability of the Kitchen for the Extravaganza.

d. Communication: (Diane)

Diane has prepared a 1/2 page ad for the March Compass promoting the club with details of activities, programs (including cell phones), and three club pictures.

e. Website: (Ray submitted web report in advance of Board mtg)

Ray reported that when the club first used WIX software, the financial plan for club was limited to 10 GB for the website. However, there were no tools to determine the amount, and the club at one time used 12.5 GB of data. As a result, the club was locked out, and we had to pay more to get back on the website. At that time Ray was able to reduce the data (largely the pictures) to around 10 GB. Somewhat recently WIX scrubbed all their payment plans and now the middle plan is 2GB to 50GB. If we want to get a discount, we will have to go below 2 GB, which with a photo club is nearly impossible.

i. February 2024 – Photo Club Website Summary

- ii. **January 2024 updates:** General Mtg, Exhibits, SIG Presentation, Meeting & Holiday Breakfast Videos, Calendar, Analytics, Admin, Member Websites, Galleries – Knutson, Johnson & Baikauskas (These three renewed their galleries)
- iii. New Member Application = 1 driven by Field Trips
- iv. Website Unique Visitors: January – 110 (60 in December)
Desktop 72%, Mobile 25%, Tablet 3%
Avg Engagement Time = 4m 41s
- v. Videos (* 1/10 through 1/30)
12/02 Holiday Breakfast Video – 7 views (to now)
1/10 Truman/Ron – “Single Flash Workshop” – 4 views (10 in Nov)
1/10 Give Me Five Slide Show - 13 views (13 in Nov)

f. Field Trips/Challenges: Les Thomas Les reported that there was a large turnout for the Coastal Photography SIG, and Kate ended up with multiple slides that resulted in 27 pages. If

participants want to receive these, please email Les and he can send them out. Les's email is 7thomas33@gmail.com

There are now 35 members signed up for the Asilomar trip in April. March 7, Thursday, is the date for the pre-informational meeting at Les's house for those who have registered with hotel and with Les Thomas. There will be food served courtesy of the Thomas's and Sakaguchi's. May 9th, Thursday, will be a Show and Tell at the Thomas's.

Other day trips and field trips will be planned once a committee has been formed led by Les Thomas.

g. Exhibits: (Klara, Rhonda, Denise) – Ron

The Simple Pleasures exhibit will come down today. The Buonarotti Exhibits went up last Friday with 7 members participating. The Fine Arts Show, a Joint showing with the Painters' group and the Photography club in the Orchard creek ballroom, will be June 14, 15 and 16th. There will be an informational meeting in April regarding the show. The Art League of Lincoln is calling for photographs to be displayed inside City Hall, in their Rotunda, near the front door for perhaps two months. It is open to anyone, but the deadline is Feb 22. Truman believes that there should be room for 25 pictures. Truman, DeAtley, Robin, and Larry White will be actively organizing, collecting, and hanging the artwork.

h. Photography SIG: (Kate) **Kate was not present but sent in a report.** Les will be taking charge of the Smart Phone class and facilitating the SIG for the next several months or more.

I am withdrawing from the leadership on the SIG and will be contacting members of that committee looking for someone to take over the organization and planning. I will continue as a resource librarian of sorts since I've collected so much information. I'm fine meeting one on one with members or over Zoom. The

initial plan for the SIG schedule was to have Bob B do a total of four Round Tables and I was going to do three Lightroom and Photoshop workshops where people brought in and discussed their work.

Report: The February SIG on Coastal Photography presented by Les, Jim, and Kate was well attended by about 35 members including those planning to go on the Asilomar Trip. The Smart Phone Class was organized at the end of January where it was decided to use the iPhone Academy class material while working to meet the needs of members who use both the Android and iPhone platforms. The enrollment was capped at 20 due to the size of the room, and a schedule of four sessions was set for February and March. The format was set up as a review with discussion on the selected module, then a sharing and discussion of photos, and then a review of the next module. The first session was well attended. The Android/Samsung group went to a breakout room to discuss issues specific to their phones while the iPhone folks went over the Module. The groups reunited for the rest of the session. Leadership and curriculum were established among the Android/Samsung group to help them better continue within the Smart Phone Photography class. There is one more session planned in February, and two more in March.

i. Social Events: (Diane)

There will be an extravaganza on June 12, a Wednesday and at our club General Meeting date. However, if the kitchen is not available, then plans will change (TBD.)

3. Unfinished Business: (Ron)

- i. Exhibit in City Hall organized by the Art League of Lincoln.** Truman was contacted by Gia of the Art League, DeAtley, Robin Immen, and Larry White to hang the pictures.

- ii. The SIG for March was originally scheduled for AI (artificial Intelligence), but our potential presenter declined. Les suggested that the members of the SIG planning team meet soon. The members are: Michael Deal, Nancy Whitaker, Jim Sakaguchi, Les Thomas, Rick Maness, Larry White, David Leo, and perhaps Heather Brown.
- iii. Ron met with the HOA strategic planning meeting. There were about 25 other clubs there. It was well facilitated, and operated by the SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats). There was concern by the clubs of threats proposed by the rapid growth of the high-density housing going in around SCLH. One example was the amount of traffic from the schools coming through Sun City, and how those drivers may be affected by the 'lack of understanding stop signs' here. Additionally, many outsiders don't understand that they cannot use the LH facilities, like Pickle Ball, or trails.
- iv. The CCOC is looking at how Club Bylaws should deal with Guests. Also, what to do about non-residents attending clubs, and should Association money-making projects be in competition with club activities.

4. New Business:

We need to activate the SIG planning group.

- 5. **Adjourn Meeting: 10:42 AM** MSP Truman, Seconded Phil Harmon, and passed unanimously.

Submitted: Feb 18, 2024 Nancy Whitaker, Secretary