

Lincoln Hills Photography Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2024

9:00 AM

Multi-Purpose Room in Orchard Creek Lodge

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

Attendance: President Ron Nabity, Co-Vice President Truman Holtzclaw, Co-Vice President Diane Margetts, Treasurer Phil Harmon, Secretary Nancy Whitaker, Membership Heather Brown, Webmaster Ray Avakian, Field Trip Coordinator Les Thomas, Technical Advisor Gary Sloan.

Motion: “*Approve Minutes of the May 2024 Board Meeting as corrected.*” by Truman Holtzclaw, Seconded Diane Margetts, Passed by all.

Ron called for a discussion regarding a question on the need for a motion of Board approval for events or activities that the club subsidizes or supports. Two possibilities are the July 6 Extravaganza, and upcoming support for the website, WIX, in 2025 whose fees are expected to increase.

Motion: “*The club will provide extra monies for WIX subscription after a budget is first presented to the Board in 2025*” by Truman Holtzclaw, seconded by Diane Margetts. Passed by all.

Motion: “*The Club will subsidize the July 6th Extravaganza for up to \$150.00*” by Truman Holtzclaw, seconded by Phil Harmon, passed by all.

2. Officer and Chair Reports:

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

Balance 4/30/24 -	\$3,012.57
Member Dues -	\$920.00
Raffle Prize -	(\$50.00)
Balance 5/31/24 -	\$3,882.57
Plus \$200.00 in Petty Cash	

b. **Membership** (Heather)

There are 171 members until June 2025. The current Roster has the new members highlighted in yellow and those who have not paid in red. Three households have resigned. She has sent out email reminders to those who have not paid (around 40) and will send confirmations to the paid members, and mention Facebook and if they want to join, send her a request so she can put them on Facebook. They can only join by invitation to our private account. She requested that all of us make certain that they only use the most current Roster as some who have resigned are complaining that they are still getting Messages.

c. **General Meeting:** (Ron)

- i. **June 12 Meeting:** Jim Moon will share bird photos from his recent trip to Belize.

Note: The June 12 General Meeting will be in the Orchard Creek Ballroom (June only)

- ii. **July 10 Meeting:** No program planned

Note: The July 10 General Meeting will be in the Orchard Creek Ballroom (July only)

Ron had agreed to give the presentation for July. The topic will be General Composition and he will be analyzing some of his own photographs.

In preparation for 2025, he has sent 4 Room requests to the Room Booking & Club Coordinator, Elaine Allen, as well as the current list of Board of Directors. The rooms are for General Meeting, the second Wednesday of the Month, in Presentation Hall. One is for an educational program, the first and third Mondays of the month in the Mixed Media room. Two are for the multi-purpose room: 1. is for the first Monday of the month for SLS, Special Learning Sessions, formerly SIG. 2. for the Monday before the General meeting, which is the Board Meeting. (If due diligence is important, we should get first choice in all categories.)

d. **Communication:** (Diane)

All reports of club activities must be sent to her by the 14th for publication in both the Compass and Sun Senior News. Since we have designated the Club Facebook page as private, she will quit reporting that residents can look at photos as it is only open to club members.

The pros and cons of keeping the Club Facebook page private were discussed. Ron and Phil mentioned that the SCLH residents could visit the club website to find the galleries of photographs. All Club members have signed waivers whereas the residents have not.

**e. Website: (Ray submitted web report in advance of Board mtg)
June 2024 – Photo Club Website Summary**

i. May 2024 Updates: General Mtg, Smart Phone SLS, Meeting Videos, High Hand Field Trip, Calendar, Analytics, Admin

ii. New Member Applications = 1

iii. Website Unique Visitors: May – 102 (104 in April)

iv. Videos (* 5/08 through 5/31)

1. 5/08 “Artificial Intelligence” Ken Spencer – 15 views – (18 in April – “Shadows”)

2. 5/08 Give Me Five Members Slide Show - 12 views (7 in April)

f. Field Trips/Challenges: Les Thomas

June is the month for election of Board members at the General Meeting. As a member of the Nominating Committee, he recommended the vote be held just after the presentation of the agenda.

June 24th is a trip to **Amador Flower Farm in Plymouth, CA.**

We will meet at OC Fitness to carpool to Plymouth.

On **August 3rd and 4th** (tentative dates) there will be a field trip to Carson and Hope Valleys, and Silver and Caples Lakes for opportunity to capture the Milky Way (a dark sky event). This will be led by Jim Sakaguchi, Heather Brown, and Nancy Whitaker.

g. Exhibits: (Klara, Rhonda, Denise) Ron Nabity reporting.

An exhibit of club members is being placed today at Simple Pleasures which he is coordinating.

Klara has asked the club to find a replacement for her ‘exhibits’ position. She has been handling Simple Pleasures, the Spa, and the display case in OC hall. Ron is looking for someone to volunteer for the position.

h. Photography Special Interest Learning: (Les Thomas)

On July 3, Galaxy Milky Way Photography for Smart Phones and all Cameras, Greg Ferguson, Jim Sakaguchi, and Heather Brown are giving a Special Learning Session (SLS) on astrophotography in the OC multi-purpose room. Greg Ferguson will present the planning and necessities with all cameras. Jim will discuss Smart Phone (iPhone) and Heather will go over the Android; esp. Samsung S24 Ultra.

i. Social Events: (Diane)

The **July 6th Extravaganza** has been discussed. Tickets will be sold at the General Meeting on Wednesday. Reservations can also be made, and tickets can be purchased at the door. In the past we have averaged about 40 people attending.

3. Unfinished Business:

a. Requests for photography from SCLH groups (Ron)

Follow up to previous month’s request for tennis group photos: Ron agreed to take some pro bono photos of a tennis event (coop between SCLH Tennis club and SCLH Wellfit). Ron agreed to take the photos as an individual, not in the name of the Photo Club.

b. Names and Faces (Ron)

After last month’s board meeting, Ray provided an example of a secured online member directory that would include member’s photo and contact information. What is the next step?

Ray has set up a prototype directory on the website and given the board a password to see how the existing Excel spreadsheet could be

used. Ray also stated that we cannot be assured this data is secure. He recommended a 135-pixel x 135-pixel sized headshot, and then to decide on fields to be used; Picture, Name, email, phone number (cell) or others, such as type of cameras, software, with member to decide to disclose or not. A Photo booth at a meeting is a possibility.

No decision was finalized. Each member will have the ability to opt in or out of having their information posted on the Club website in a password protected section. The purpose of which is to reduce the necessity of printing out new rosters/directories every month. It also will reduce the number of directories with personal information floating around.

c. Equipment Donations (Ron)

Ron tested out the wireless triggers he had, and they did work with the donated studio lights kit. Ron will donate and include those triggers with the donated studio gear as a kit available for loan.

d. Surveys (Ron)

A discussion was held with Ron leading it.

Categories to decide for feedback.

General Meetings: for example, too long, not long enough, what topics,

Field Trips: duration, location, outside speakers, suggestions, travel versus local.

Exhibits, Flash Mobs, Social Activities? Have you attended?

How are Communications with club?

Ray suggested Website and Calendar as items of interest.

More educational classes for Smart Phones, or Editing?

Ron will submit a draft or outline of categories, and potential questions about each.

e. Community Projects (Ron)

Previously there were talks of a “Day, Week, or Month in the life of SCLH,” or having a Resident contest. Are these still a possibility?

Is it club only, or community? This topic to be held for another meeting.

4. New Business: None

5. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn by Truman Holtzclaw, Seconded Diane Margetts, all agreed. 11:10 AM

Submitted by Nancy Whitaker, LHPC Secretary, 6/26/24