

Lincoln Hills Photography Club (LHPC)
Minutes of May 9, 2017 Board Meeting

A. Call to Order at 9:00 am in Orchard Creek Multi-Purpose Room

B. Roll Call done visually and informally

Participants: Brad Senn, President and facilitator; Truman Holtzclaw, Vice President; Dale Petersen, Treasurer; Debra Raach, Secretary

Chairs and SIG Leaders: Bob Baikauskas, Print SIG; Jeff Hanner, Video SIG; Gary Stephens, Enhancement SIG; Les Thomas, Field Trips and Nominating Committee; Diane Margetts, Communications

Others: Charlie Schuman, Lifestyles; Bill Kress, Bob Dale

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Minutes** of the April 11 Board Meeting were approved as distributed.
2. **Tax Filings:** Dale Petersen, Charlie Schuman and Brad Senn met with Jennifer Jensen, CPA, to discuss hiring her to help with the club's tax status and the proper filings needed. While this meeting was pro bono, Dale suggested we hire her as he and Charlie have already spent countless hours on this. Her fee will be \$350 for her work on the federal tax filings plus a \$400 fee to the IRS. Once that is done, work can continue with the California entities. A motion was made and passed to engage her services.
3. **Member's Forum** at April General Meeting: A summary of the discussion was distributed with thanks to Diane Margetts and Sandie Cassieri for the wonderful note taking. Diane and Debra will meet to put together an action plan on ideas that surfaced.
 - a. A mentoring program has been suggested, which has been tried in the past. Charlie Schuman reminded us that he retains the camera and accessories donated to the club for this purpose.
 - b. Gary Stephens suggested having a small meeting immediately following the general meeting to go over basics. Brad will check to see if we can keep the KS Presentation Hall a little longer.
 - c. Bob Baikauskas suggested using the Multi-Purpose Room for 30 minutes following the Print SIG (ie, from 11:30 to 12:00). He will put together a 12-month plan and ask for volunteers to facilitate a particular subject.

The Club will need special publicity for special events and to inform members of these added programs. Examples will be a flyer in the lobby, Compass and Sun Senior News articles.

4. **Needle Arts Display Case:** Installation will take place tomorrow of approximately 20 members' prints and will be on display May 10 to June 12.

5. Jeff Hanner shared the new video recording equipment recently purchased. Training with the new equipment at Kilaga are Gary Sloan, Charlie Schuman, and Jim Wronkiewicz. Brad asked Jeff to video tomorrow's general meeting. Discussion ensued as to whether we record all guest speakers with their permission. We can put the YouTube video on the website but must be careful with copyrighted material such as videos or music.
6. Gladding McBean photo shoot will be May 22 with 6 openings in addition to John Neil, the organizer. A lottery will be held at tomorrow's General Meeting. Potential participants must be willing to share their photos in a presentation. John Neil was invited to speak for a few minutes about the 2-3 hour "tour". A liability waiver will have to be signed on site.

D. OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS

1. **Treasurer/Membership:** Checking account balance is \$5,327.05. Currently 159 members from 129 households. Expenses to date for fiscal 2017 are \$1,093.97. Dale passed around his statement.
2. **Field Trips** (Les Thomas):
 - a) Flash field trip to Maple Rock Gardens on Saturday, May 13.
 - b) Lake Tahoe trip July 23-26 for waterfalls, wildlife, and wildflowers. 12 or 13 people have already signed up.
 - c) Loon Lake trip information has been provided by Bob Baikauskas and is up on the website. Bob will be camping one night.
 - d) Reno hot air balloons: Stay Thursday night, Sept. 7th to photograph Friday morning trials.
 - e) Fall colors at Tahoe: Oct. 18-20 for bears and salmon running. The galaxy will still be showing in the southwest sky.
3. **Nominating Committee** (Les Thomas): Spoke to 54 members. Vice President and President positions are open and Bob Dale and Bill Kress have been nominated. Debra has agreed to stay on as Secretary for another year. Voting will be in June.

A motion was made and passed to create a Photography Locations committee. Bill Kress will be chairman as he and Bob Baikauskas have each put together locations for approximately 30 photography shoots.

5. **Enhancement SIG** (Gary Stephens): Would like input as to what the membership wants. Open discussion or specific topics? The trick is how to satisfy all levels, basic through advanced. Vicki White used to be chair and Gary will speak with her on her viewpoint. Next SIG he'll be demonstrating ON1.
6. **Print SIG** (Bob): Will not just follow the Round Table but actually start at 10:30.
7. **Round Table** (John Campbell not present) General discussion: Should SIGs be held outside at times? SIG chairmen can do whatever they like.
8. **Video SIG** (Jeff): Demoing video editor in Photoshop Elements 15 part 2 this month. What topics should we consider?

9. **Lifestyle/Event Photography** (Charlie Schuman): In post-production of PACE Race, shot by 8 photographers. Locations had been pre-scouted. May 13 has 2 events to be shot by 5: Opening day of LH Softball (rescheduled twice due to rain) and Lions' Ride to Walk. Charlie mentioned they are always happy to have other photographers join them in this "story telling".

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Should dues be reduced? How will that affect future reserves? In light of future expenses with tax entities and member-desired club events, this will wait till after Diane and Debra report back to the board with options. Dale advised that our checking account cannot drop below \$1,000 or bank fees will be charged. A new budget should be set up.
2. Business card supply is down to 250 and 1 mug available for the next speaker. A motion was made and passed to order 500 cards and travel mugs. Brad will check into pricing.
3. Members forum suggested more social events. We'll try to do a barbeque at the sports center. Diane, Sandie, Debra and Fred volunteered to work on.

F. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.