

Minutes – MVPC Board Meeting: April 9, 2024

Tuesday, 4/9/2024, Called to order at 7:04 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Board Members 2023-2024

President	Rick Graves
Vice President	Daniel Vande Vusse
Secretary	Brian Bauman
Treasurer	Debra Sunderman
Salon Committee	Daniel Vande Vusse, Al Kiecker, Kevin Corrigan
Programs	<i>vacant</i>
Publicity	Phil Davies, Joy Kamano
Exhibits	Lorrie Dahlman, Carrie Rebeschke
Website	Joe Santos, Bev Kiecker
Facilities	<i>Vacant</i>
Activities	Don Tredinnick
Photographer's Playground	Don Tredinnick
TCACCC Rep	Craig Peterson
2024 Interclub Judging	Craig Peterson
Eagan Rep	Ken Cheung
PSA Rep	Bev Kiecker
N4C Digital Rep	Rick Graves
N4C Judging Team	Daniel Vande Vusse, Craig Peterson
Historian	Becky Bergmann
Past President	Al Kiecker

Highlighted names indicate attendance.

Members in attendance

Officer & Committee Chair Reports

President – Rick Graves

- Vacancies: Programs, Facilities (two spots), Web Team, N4C Rep, N4C Judging
- Don Tredinnick has been appointed to be the Activities chair

Vice President – Daniel Vande Vusse

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Secretary – Brian Bauman

- Motion to approve March Board Meeting minutes by Al Kiecker, Second Daniel Vande Vusse
 - Motion passed

Treasurer – Debra Sunderman

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MVPC			
Treasurer Report			
March 31 2024			
Current Membership			
77			
Primary Savings			
Beginning balance			\$5.19
Deposit (interest)			\$0.00
Total			\$5.19
Savings -Money Market .75 0.80%			
Beginning balance			\$7,037.68
Deposit (interest)			\$4.78
subtotal			\$7,042.46
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Checking			
Beginning balance			\$315.81
Deposits			\$0.00
Sub total			\$315.81
Expenses			\$0.00
Checking total			\$315.81
Checking			Total Funds MVPC
Deposits			\$7,363.46
Expenses			

- Budget planning
 - All committee members need to put in a request for funds for the next MVPC budget 2024-25. Due April 21.
- Reminder that Club Fiscal Year runs September 1st to August 31st

Salons – Daniel Vande Vusse, Al Kiecker, Kevin Corrigan

- Salon report:
 - Judge: Steve Simmer
 - # entries: 65
 - # Novice entries: 2
- 2024-2025 Salon Topics
 - Sept – Enjoying Life –Digital
 - Oct – Vintage - Print
 - Nov – Action/ Motion / Speed - Digital
 - Jan – By the Water - Print

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- Feb – Urban Nature - Digital
 - March – Trees - Print
 - April – Event (photojournalism rules) - Digital
 - May – Landscape - Print
- Throughout the photography world, there has been much chatter about artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on photography, especially how it affects photo competitions. It is the position of the salon committee that we will hold off any change to the MVPC salon rules until TCACCC, N4C and PSA have given us guidance by updating their rules. In the interim, we recommend that the Generative AI feature now available in Photoshop not be used for any image submitted to an MVPC salon.
 - Adam Grim is the year end salon judge. Banquet date recommended in chart below
 - Salon judges have been found as indicated in the chart below

Salon Date	Due Date	Topic	Media	Judge
9/28/2023	9/7/2023	Lines and Angles	Digital	YES
10/26/2023	10/5/2023	Wildflowers	Prints	YES
11/30/2023	11/2/2023	Anything Fun	Digital	YES
1/25/2023	1/4/2024	Macro/Micro	Prints	YES
2/22/2024	2/1/2024	Wabi-Sabi	Digital	YES
3/28/2023	3/7/2024	Water In Motion	Prints	YES
4/25/2024	4/4/2024	Favorite Hobby	Digital	YES
5/23/2024	5/2/2024	Weathered	Prints	YES
6/6/2024	5/2/2024	year end	both	Adam Grim

NOTE: In order to make the timing of the Year-end salon for judging, prints for the Year end Salon must be submitted by May 2nd.

Program Chair – vacant

- Rick Graves and Al Kiecker have arranged some programs for 2023-2024 year

Date	Presenter	Title/Subject	Remote/In-person	Comment	Fee?
9/7/2023	Jef Clements	Video	In Person	Great feedback	No
10/5/2023	Terry Butler	B&W photography	In Person	Couldn't find meeting location	No
11/2/2023	Rikk Flohr	Macro	In Person	Great feedback	No
12/7/2023	MVPC Members	Member slideshows	In Person		No
1/4/2024	Arik Gorban	Travel	Remote	Good Feedback	No
2/1/2024	Mariann Cyr	Antarctica	In Person	Lots of attendees, good feedback	No
3/7/2024	Ed Sanders	3D Photography	In Person	Positive feedback	No
4/4/2024	Lisa Cuchara	Add Impact to Your Flower Photography	Remote		No
5/2/2024					
6/6/2024		Year End Banquet	In Person		

- As a backup Rick has obtained a 90-minute video lecture “The Heart of the Photograph” by photographer David duChemin (<https://davidduchemin.com/>). Ordinarily he charges for a presentation to camera clubs but he offered this video presentation free. We are not permitted to share it on any website.

Activities / Photographers Playground – Don Tredinnick

- Upcoming activities:

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- Listed on the club website

Publicity – Phil Davies, Joy Kamano

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Exhibits - Lorrie Dahlman and Carrie Rebischke

- Dunn Brothers (Eagan) exhibit extended to April 2024

Website – Joe Santos & Bev Kiecker

- Website:
- Email Lists (A reminder)
 - The table below lists all the emails that are currently set up in Googlegroups and GoDaddy and how they function and where to manage the personal emails that are listed. The Webmaster builds and maintains all the lists

mvpcboard@googlegroups.com	All board members	Manage in Googlegroups
mvpcinfo@googlegroups.com	President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity	Manage in Googlegroups
mvphotoclub@googlegroups.com	All current members	Manage in Googlegroups
To be built, when needed	Inactive Members	Manage in Googlegroups
mvpcsalon@googlegroups.com	Personal emails of salon group	Manage in Googlegroups
n4c-entries-to-mvpc@googlegroups.com	Personal emails of N4C Judging Team	Manage in Googlegroups
To be built	Personal emails of PSA Reps	Manage in Googlegroups
mvpc-psa-team@googlegroups.com	Personal emails of PSA Team	Manage in Googlegroups
mvpc-zoom@googlegroups.com	Personal emails of Zoom Hosts	Manage in Googlegroups
webmaster@minnesotavalleyphotoclub.org	Personal email of Webmaster	Manage in GoDaddy

- Club Calendar
 - Reminder: All Committee Chairs need to supply timely information for the club calendar, as needed.
- Provide any activity pictures via upload app to be posted on site – this will help keep things fresh.

Facilities – vacant

- ISD 191 Note (keep this note until we use the credit)
 - Contact at ISD 191 for facilities use is Kyle Hinrichsen at 952 707-4123
 - We have \$210 -\$140 = \$70 credit remaining toward use of facilities.
 - The cost of rooms varies between \$25 and \$35 per hour.
 - Larger rooms are \$35.
 - Classroom style rooms range from \$20 to \$30 per hour.
 - Room requests require 14 days notice!
 - Certificate Liability of Insurance Requirement
 - the insurance requirement applies only to groups above 75 participants and anyone who requests use of the gymnasium.
 - They no longer offer food service onsite, so it is permissible to bring in outside food.
 - No alcohol policy on all School properties
- Club Equipment
 - Al Kiecker has in his possession the digital projector
 - Club will be retaining our sound system and keep for backup – currently in Al Kiecker’s possession.
- Year End Awards Celebration: Thursday, June 6, 2024.
 - Plan to have cake & coffee
 - Cake and coffee to be procured by Bonnie Vande Vusse
 - Utensils / napkins / cups, etc. by Becky Bergmann
 - In person at Eagan Municipal Center Training Room only, no Zoom
 - Use normal room setup

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TCACCC Rep – Craig Peterson

- See interclub report

Interclub 2024 – Craig Peterson

- Working on awards
- Plans to bring proposal to TCACCC at the 4/11 council board meeting regarding the use of PSA salon tools instead of the manual process used today for interclub

Eagan Rep – Ken Cheung

- Upcoming events are noted in emails to club members

PSA Rep – Bev Kiecker

- PSA Round 2
 - Photojournalism – 8 uploads, 6 entered + 1 make-up from Round 1
 - David Perez received an HM
 - Nature – 7 uploads, 6 entered
 - Color – 8 uploads, 6 entered
 - David Perez received an HM
 - Monochrome – 8 uploads, 6 entered
 - David Perez received the “Award of Merit”
 - Travel – 6 entries
- PSA Round 3
 - Photojournalism – 4 entered
 - Nature – 6 entered
 - Color – 6 entered
 - Monochrome – 5 entered
 - Travel – 6 entered
- Entered our website in the annual PSA Website contest.

N4C Digital – Rick Graves

- March Contest images results
 - Digital Altered Reality – No awards
 - Digital B&W – 1 Merit
 - Digital Journalism – No awards
 - Digital Nature – 1 Honorable Mention
 - Digital Pictorial – 1 Merit, Third Place
 - Digital Travel – 1 Honorable Mention
- Note that a new member received the Honorable Mentions and 1 Merit!

N4C Judging Team – Daniel Vande Vusse, Craig Peterson

- Upcoming 2023-2024 Judging Schedule
 - May – Digital Nature
- Craig Peterson is stepping down from this team after the May judging. Need a new volunteer to pick up those tasks
 - Craig will transition and mentor a new volunteer over the summer
 - N4C has packet of instructions – Craig has good notes and tips and tricks to pass on

Historian – Becky Bergmann

- No report

Past President – Al Kiecker

- No report

Action Items

- **Action Item:** Changes to website will affect membership & salon numbers. Joe Santos will set up discussions with Daniel Vande Vusse, Rick Graves, Al Kiecker, Bev Kiecker & Deb Sunderman.
 - 2023-12-08 Status: This action is on hold until the web team begins to work on the new membership process. It is unlikely that the salon numbers will need to change.

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- **Action Item:** Treasurer (Deb Sunderman) to send out notice for committees to start planning for next year's budget
- ✓ **Action Item:** Salon Committee to send out notice of proposed salon changes to the membership. **Completed** at the March Salon meeting.
- **Action Item:** Salon committee to prepare salon rules change proposal for member adoption at the May meeting
- ✓ **Action Item:** Need to determine the format of the year-end banquet. Completed today.
- **Action Item:** Secretary to mail thank you note to April presenter.

Old Business

New Business

- Salon rules clarification for AI per January 2024 board meeting motion
 - Board consensus to proceed with the proposed clarification
 - Salon committee to brief clarification at the May membership meeting
 - See attachment for the AI rule change
- Craig Peterson Proposal
 - Volunteer to be a virtual greeter and mentor to new members
 - Craig is appointed to this position

Motion to adjourn by Bev Kiecker, Second Deb Sunderman

Motion passed

Adjourned at 8:34pm

Rick Graves for Brian Bauman

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- Attachment – Salon Rules Change for Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI Proposal

SECTION 1. General Rules and Eligibility

- 1. Members only:** The salon is open to any member who has paid their current year dues to the Minnesota Valley Photography Club (MVPC).
- 2. Original work by the member:**
 - The original image must be made by the member on photographic emulsion or acquired with a digital camera (or electronically recorded). All images (or image montages) must be original and may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else.
 - *(adapted from TCACCC) Images generated from software (AI), stock images, and/or any other non-photographic means are not eligible. The image may be enhanced with editing software including AI-based tools for such purposes as sharpening, de-noising, selecting a subject or background, and removal of spots or minor distracting elements. Elements of interest that are not derived from the photographer's own in-camera images may not be added to the image through image creation tools (AI) or other artificial means.*
 - Any modification of the original image must be made by the member. All other print processing, matting, or mounting may be commercially done, if desired.
 - Any photograph where subject, lighting, arranging, etc., are not primarily the work of the member entering the salon shall not be eligible for entry in the salon.
- 3. Image modification:** Image modification, manipulation, or enhancement by the member is allowed *per paragraph 2*, unless restricted by a particular topic definition. (For example, image manipulation is often restricted for photojournalism or nature photography salons.)
- 4. Promotional use:** Permission to copy or publish images submitted for salons for promotional use by the MVPC is assumed unless otherwise stated. The original maker retains the copyright to their submissions.
- 5. Interpretation and Application of These Rules:** The Salon committee will interpret and apply these rules at each salon and has the right to reject any entry not properly *submitted*.

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- **Attachment – Room Technical Difficulties Recommendations**

I think we need an AV team. Right now if I do not show up, I am not certain we will have a meeting. Put together a process document. Normal operation and fall back procedures. The AV team shows up 30 minutes before and setup / tests, installs fall back solutions as needed. I do not always get to focus on this, supporting the salon, etc, prior to the start of the meeting.

I also think we need to be prepared for equipment failures. It will happen. It happens at work, we just move to another room. We do not have that option.

Resources we need to hold a meeting;

Presentation Laptop - currently the Club Laptop - New should be reliable, I still bring mine as a spare just in case.

Monitor laptop - Currently my laptop. - See what is being "broadcast". Mute participants who have not muted themselves, Used to test the setup prior to the meeting. Need a wireless headset to listen in to the audio. Could it be done using a phone / tablet as a backup? An AV team member needs to be monitoring this.

Projector - Club has one, we should confirm it works and bring it. Just need a wall if the screen does not come down. We had one meeting where it finally started working just a few minutes before the meeting.

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Sound - Club should have a speaker system, just a decent set of PC speakers is likely good enough. May plug into the same adaptor as the microphones.

Internet - Would need someone with a phone that supports a hotspot and unlimited data, This has never been an issue, so far.

Audience microphone wrangler. - AV team member to move mic to participants in the audience for questions / comments / introduction.

Extension cord and power strip for projector and sound system.

USB C hub, with USB 3 ports. Plug in the microphone adapter, Microphone power supply, USB drives with presentations.

Daniel