

Minutes – MVPC Board Meeting: August 6, 2024

Tuesday, 8/6/2024 7:02pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Board Members 2023-2024

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Vice President	Daniel Vande Vusse
Secretary	Brian Bauman
Treasurer	Debra Sunderman
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Exhibits	Lorrie Dahlman, Carrie Rebischke
Website	Joe Santos, Bev Kiecker
Facilities	<i>Vacant</i>
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N4C Judging Team	Daniel Vande Vusse, Craig Peterson
Historian	Becky Bergmann
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Highlighted names indicate attendance.

Members in attendance

Officer & Committee Chair Reports

President – Rick Graves

- Vacancies: President, Facilities
- Board for 2024-2025

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Vice President – Daniel Vande Vusse

- No report

Secretary – Brian Bauman

- Approve June Board Meeting minutes

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- Motion made by Daniel Vande Vusse to approve June minutes with motion seconded by Al Kiecker. Motion passed unanimously by all present.
- All Thank-you's for the 2023-20024 club year have been sent out with the exception of Bob Lundquist (Judge for January)
 - UPDATE: Al Kiecker was able to provide this information, and Bob's thank-you was sent out on 8/26/24

Treasurer – Debra Sunderman

- Reminder that Club Fiscal Year runs September 1st to August 31st

Salons – Daniel Vande Vusse, Al Kiecker, Kevin Corrigan

- Status of arranging for judges for salons. Since the usual date for the salon meeting in November fell upon Thanksgiving, the judge recommended that this be held the Thursday of the previous week.
- Note: No assignment has been made for October since we all have plans or are considering plans to be gone in October. This could be a problem.

Assignment	Salon Date	Due Date	Topic	Media	Judge Arranged?
Al	9/26/2024	9/5/2024	Enjoying Life	Digital	Yes
????	10/24/2024	10/3/2024	Vintage	Print	Yes
Kevin	11/21/2024	11/7/2024	Action/Motion/Speed	Digital	Yes
Daniel	1/23/2025	1/2/2025	By the Water	Print	Yes
Kevin	2/27/2025	2/6/2025	Urban Nature	Digital	Yes
Al	3/27/2025	3/6/2025	Tree (nature rules)	Print	NO
Daniel	4/27/2025	4/3/2025	Event (photojournalism rules)	Digital	NO
Al	5/22/2025	5/1/2025	Landscape	Print	Yes
	TBD	5/1/2025	Year End	Both	NO

- Updates to the Salon Rules and the Salon FAQ are in their final review. When complete these will be given to the webmaster.
- Changes required to Gator have been identified:
 - No changes are required for preparation of images for the judge.
 - References to “Award” will be replaced with “Acceptance”
 - Regarding the web report, the tab that showed the accumulation of points will be removed.
 - New year end reports used by the salon committee to determine recognitions are needed. Since these are not needed for several months, they are a low priority work item.
- Al Kiecker will send the updated Salon FAQ & Rules out to Joe Santos for him to publish to the website.

Program Chair – Rick Graves

Date	Presenter	Title/Subject	Remote/In-person	Comment	Fee?
9/5/2024	Deanne Probst	Adapting Vintage Lenses	In Person		No
10/3/2024	Tennessee Rick Elliot	Portraits	Remote		No
11/7/2024	Don Tredinnick	Iceland	In Person		No
12/5/2024	Members	Slideshows	In Person		No
1/2/2025	David duChemin	The Heart of the Photograph	Pre-recorded Video	90 minutes	No
2/6/2025	Kevin Corrigan	Bird Photography	In Person		No
3/6/2025	Bill Cooper	Renewing and	In Person		Yes?

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		Deepening our Love of Photography			
4/3/2025	John Gregor	Photography Education – Navajo Nation	Tentative In Person		Probably
5/1/2025	Terry Butler	Black and White	In Person		No
6/5/2025	Salon Committee	Year End Awards	In Person	Date will likely change	No

- Rick is in process of updating the TCACCC Programs list for the council

Activities / Photographers Playground – Don Tredinnick

- Upcoming activities: tbd

Publicity – Phil Davies, Joy Kamano

- Gearing up for the new season, will be sending out program announcements for later this month.
- Will be printing out club brochures – looking for a printer that will give us a good deal.

Exhibits - Lorrie Dahlman and Carrie Rebischke

- There is an exhibit at Eagan community center, and we are ready for a refresh this month
- Planning to exhibit at the Lakeville City Hall & Lakeville Area Art Center for December to February. Plan to reach out to members who submit to Print salons and will also send out requests to club members for their photos. We are looking to get about 20 pieces to exhibit.

Website – Joe Santos

- 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.

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- 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.

TCACCC Rep – Craig Peterson

- No meetings until September.

Eagan Rep – Ken Cheung

- Upcoming events are noted in emails to club members
- Eagan Agreement status is ready to review.
- Have been asked to move December Potluck meeting to a different room due to conflict with the training room. The room is slightly smaller with no sink but has projector and screen. There is an elevator as well as the upper parking lot for access.

PSA Rep – Bev Kiecker

- Round 1 will begin soon.

N4C Digital – Terri Greenberg

- Have been sending emails out regarding the Sioux City conference in October. Registration is open now.
- N4C Club registration will be due soon. Will forward form on to Treasurer.

N4C Judging Team – Craig Peterson – Rob Hubbard

- Craig Peterson is stepping down from this team after the May judging.
 - Craig will transition and mentor 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

Old Business

New Business

- Who will conduct future meetings? Board decision necessary
 - Effective September 1, 2024, we have no president.
 - Rick Graves is willing to prepare and conduct the September 5 membership meeting
 - Subsequent membership meetings and board meetings will need someone to be the chair
 - Maybe taking turns among the board members is a good path forward until we obtain a president?
 - Per the constitution, the vice president assumes the president duties when the president is unavailable
- Will appeal to membership at September meeting to see if can get a**

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volunteer for President. We will determine next steps after that.

- How do we entice more MVPC members to volunteer for Eagan event photography? Rick met with Tanya Mazingo on July 30, 2024, to discuss this topic. Tanya raised concerns that it is just a very small subset of members that volunteer, and she is concerned that those few will burn out and stop. City does not want to lose the partnership with MVPC.
 - Maybe set up a small 2-3 person committee of board members to brainstorm and provide recommendations
 - Reduced membership fee or membership fee credit for x events?
 - Change constitution to make volunteering a membership requirement
 - Something else?
 - Need a report back to the board by the September board meeting
 - We always have the option to stop the partnership and rent a room for our meetings
- Zoom Renewal – Price increasing by \$10 to \$159.99 per year
 - Automatic renewal date is 10/3/2024
- N4C Dues Increase
 - In the recently received N4C Dues Notice Form, the dues have been raised to \$2 per club member. This change was made at the September 2023 N4C board meeting at the annual convention. Reference the November 2023 N4C bulletin, bottom of page 4 and top of page 5 where the relevant motions are documented in the minutes for that N4C board meeting. There is no minimum dues and no maximum dues as well.

Our approved budget included \$60 for N4C dues (I guess we all forgot about the above change and I am guilty for not looking it up prior to finalizing the budget). Now the dues are \$144. We can afford it but since we did not correctly include it in the budget we should vote via email to approve this expenditure.

The N4C dues payment is due on September 1, 2024.

- Rick Graves initiated a vote by email response to the MVPC board for approval of the increased budget for N4C dues:
 - Here are the results of the vote on whether or not to approve spending the additional money for N4C dues as described below: **Passed**
 1. Recall that the president only votes to resolve ties.
 2. Of the 5 executive board members - the officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President) responses were received from all meeting that quorum requirement.
 3. Of the 17 board members responses were received from 12 meeting that quorum requirement.
 4. Of the responses received, one was verbal in person and the rest were via email.

Approval: 12

No response = abstain: 5

Disapprove: 0

Resulting in a pass.

Thanks again for being board members and volunteering your time to support the club.

Motion to adjourn made by Al Kiecker with a second from Becky Bergmann. Motion passed unanimously by the group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

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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