

# Minutes – MVPC Board Meeting: October 10, 2023

Tuesday, 10/10/2023, 7:05 pm

Location: Online 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	Bonnie Vande Vusse
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), Activities
- I will be out of town in October. I will not be available for the October meetings.

#### Vice President – Daniel Vande Vusse

- Has 3 judges for October N4C

#### Secretary – Brian Bauman

- Motion to approve minutes of September Board Meeting made by Deb Sunderman and seconded by Daniel Vande Vusse. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer – Debra Sunderman

- Discussion of PayPal fee
  - We need clarity and precision in our discussions
    - MVPC is not charging any fee. MVPC is attempting to pass on the PayPal fees.
    - MVPC should be sure we have the correct PayPal fees that we pass on.
  - MVPC does not process credit cards, we allow payment via PayPal and PayPal processes credit cards or has other EFT options.
  - Motion made by Deb Sunderman to continue handling PayPal fee as we currently do. Motion seconded by Brian Bauman. Motion passed unanimously.

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- Reminder that Club Fiscal Year runs September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Any bills for this club year need to be submitted & reimbursed by the end of August.
- 2 new members, bringing membership total to 55 members.
- Suggestion to put zoom link in the 'For Members' area in case members can't find the link
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<b>Primary Savings</b>				
	Beginning balance			\$5.19
	Deposit (interest)			\$0.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5.19</b>
<b>Savings -Money Market .70%</b>				
			<b>0.80%</b>	
	Beginning balance			\$5,115.05
	Deposit (interest)			\$3.58
	Deposit movement from chkg acc't			\$2,000.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,118.63</b>
<b>Checking</b>				
	Beginning balance			\$1,605.63
	<b>Deposits</b>		974.07	
		<b>Sub total</b>		\$2,579.70
	<b>Expenses</b>		145.91	
				\$2,433.79
<b>Money</b>	<b>moved to Money Market</b>			\$2,000.00
		<b>Checking total</b>		<b>\$433.79</b>
			<b>Total Funds MVPC</b>	<b>\$7,557.61</b>
<b>Checking Deposits</b>				
	Think tank/membership	47.35		
	Membership \$	\$205.00		
	Membership \$	\$85.00		
	Memberships	230		
	Membership pay/pal	406.72		
			<b>974.07</b>	

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<b>Expenses</b>					
#5296	cards/stamps		\$78.64		
#5300	Avary bus. Cards		\$19.27		
#5298	Ad in patch		\$48.00		
				\$145.91	

### Salons – Daniel Vande Vusse, Al Kiecker, Kevin Corrigan

- Since the 4th Thursday in November 2023 is Thanksgiving and there are five Thursdays in November, the salon meeting will be the following week, Thursday November 30
- 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
1/25/2024	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	No
5/23/2024	5/2/2024	Weathered	Prints	No
6/6/2024	5/23/2024	year end	both	Adam Grim

### October Salon

26 Prints – Delivered to the judge Mariann Cyr  
Zoom Salon Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Program Chair – vacant

- October Program was ad hoc. Thank You to all the member who assisted with the discussion. Presenter did not find the meeting. Excellent direction were provided and phone numbers to Presenter..
  - Follow up with Terry Butler for possible alternate date to reschedule. Hold off on sending gift card for now.
- 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
				Couldn't find meeting location	
10/5/2023	Terry Butler	B&W photography	In Person		No
11/2/2023	Rikk Flohr	Macro	In Person		No

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12/7/2023	MVPC Members	Member slideshows	In Person		No
1/4/2024	Arik Gorban	Travel	Remote		
2/1/2024	Mariann Cyr	Antarctica	In Person		No
3/7/2024	Ed Sanders	3D Photography	In Person		No
4/4/2024	Lisa Cuchara	Add Impact to Your Flower Photography	Remote		
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.

### Photographers Playground – Don Tredinnick

- Upcoming activities:
  - 10/25 - Basics of Video - Crex Meadows 3:00pm - Sunset
  - 11/18 - How to photograph X and what camera/lens to use - Stone Arch Bridge - 9:00am - 11:00am
  - 12/21 - Create Bokeh Background - Somewhere with Christmas Lights - (open to suggestions on location) - 6:30pm - 8:30pm
  - I blocked out 2-hour time periods, but we can go longer if everyone is having fun.

### Publicity – Phil Davies, Joy Kamano

- No ad purchased for October meeting. Usual Facebook page announcements, Eagan Patch, and Craigslist. Trying to get admin approval to post on Minnesota Photography group site.

### Exhibits - Lorrie Dahlman and Carrie Rebischke

- No report

### Website – Joe Santos & Bev Kiecker

- 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.

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- Send any activity pictures to Joe Santos to be posted on site – will help keep things fresh.
- Subscription to old site expires on November 4<sup>th</sup> and will need to transition to new site. New site needs to be reviewed by the Review committee for syntax and other suggestions.
- Will need to get images from current site to the new site (salon submissions photos)
- 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.

### 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 credit toward use of facilities.
    - Are we able to get a refund?
  - 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.
  - Note: there is a comment on insurance, with a requirement on Certificate Liability of Insurance.
    - 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 Projectors
  - Al Kiecker has in his possession the digital projector
- Club Sound System
  - Club will be retaining our sound system and keep for backup – currently in Al Kiecker’s possession.
- Approved Banquet Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024.
  - Question – do we need to be a banquet? Group consensus is that we are not required to have a banquet. Maybe do something alternative like dessert or cake & coffee?

### Activities – Bonnie Vande Vusse

- Ken Cheung hosted a Portrait Session on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> with 6 members participating with great feedback.

### TCACCC Rep – Craig Peterson

- Will be meeting on Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Notes from that meeting:
  - Spring Break: There will be no Spring Break this time. Cancellation is due to key people not being available to make it happen. The council has set up a committee chaired by Terry Butler to put together a 2025 Spring Break.
  - Interclub Competition: Will still happen with an awards presentation sometime in mid-April 2024. There are no changes in categories or rules. File requirements will be the same as N4C. The longest side must be no more than 1920 pixels. The file size must be no more than 750 KB.
  - Digital Judging: The Council is ok with having it virtually. This opens up more available judges to draw from.
  - Print Judging: Kaposia on Print competition Anna Cady
  - Awards: The percentage of awards is dropping from 35-40% to 25-30%. Use the same Hastings trophy company.

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- MVPC duties:
  - Receiving, processing and preparing entries for judging: Craig, Need second backup email person.
  - Arranging and conducting the judging: Not Craig
  - Procuring and preparing awards: Not Craig
  - Final judging reports: Craig
  - Slide shows for awards ceremony: Not Craig
  - Club competition: 20 images
- Gator entry processing system: The Council is interested in finding a way to incorporate a Gator type system for interclub competitions.
- Council mentioned appreciation for Melanie McDermott's work last Spring Break.

### **Interclub 2024 – Craig Peterson**

- MVPC is planned to be the club that coordinates Interclub competition judging for 2024
  - The upcoming interclub duties are too big for one person. I plan to process the images for the judging and create the needed judging results reports.
  - We need other members to manage the judging and also the awards procurement.

### **Eagan Rep – Ken Cheung**

- No report

### **PSA Rep – Bev Kiecker**

- There will be 3 Rounds this year – November, February and April
- We will be entering Color, Monochrome, Journalism, Nature and Travel (6 individual entries each category).
- Looking for 2 more folks to be part of the PSA Team which narrows our entries to the best 6 in each category.

### **N4C Digital – Rick Graves**

- N4C ballot voted and returned to N4C
- October 2023 status
  - Digital Altered Reality: 1 Entry
  - Digital B&W: 4 Entries
  - Digital Journalism: 3 Entries
  - Digital Nature: 4 Entries
  - Digital Pictorial: MVPC Is the judging club for October
  - Digital Travel: 3 entries

### **N4C Judging Team – Daniel Vande Vusse, Craig Peterson**

- 2023-2024 Judging Schedule
  - N4C tentatively proposed:
    - October – Digital Pictorial
    - November – Digital Altered Reality
    - May – Digital Nature

### **Historian – Becky Bergmann**

- Nothing to report

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## Past President – Al Kiecker

- Not present

### Action Items

- **Action Item:** Vice President (Daniel) will take the action to create the new policy and send out to be reviewed by Board member – IN PROCESS
  - Proposed Policy – Individuals will be removed from membership (dropped from emails, lose all member benefits) if dues are not paid in full by Dec 31st. In the event a lapsed member returns they can retain their old salon number.
- **Action Item:** Daniel to send out email to MVPC members to see if there's anyone that would be able to join the AV team – IN PROCESS
- **Action Item:** Secretary to send a thank-you card and gift card to Jef Clements of Eagan TV for the September program.
- **Action Item:** Secretary to send Sympathy card to Bev Kiecker for the passing of her brother
- **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.

### Old Business

### New Business

- Discussion for Board – are we required to do a year-end banquet, or can we do something else like dessert or cake & coffee?
- Motion for adjournment Becky Bergman with Brian Bauman seconding the motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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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.

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



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