Tuesday, 12/12/2023, 7:00 pm Location: Online Zoom Meeting Board Members 2023-2024

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	vacant
Publicity	Phil Davies, Joy Kamano
Exhibits	Lorrie Dahlman, Carrie Rebischke
Website	Joe Santos, Bev Kiecker
Facilities	Vacant
Activities	Bonnie Vande Vusse
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
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Highlighted names indicate attendance.

Members in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Officer & Committee Chair Reports

President – Rick Graves

• Vacancies: Programs, Facilities (two spots), Activities, Web Team

Vice President – Daniel Vande Vusse

• Nothing to report

Secretary – Brian Bauman

- Approve November Board Meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve made by Daniel Vande Vusse and seconded by Al Kieker. Motion passed Unanimously.

Treasurer – Debra Sunderman

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

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Rational moved \$\$ from savings to checking to cover expenses before additonal funds came in from membership dues.

Salons – Daniel Vande Vusse, Al Kiecker, Kevin Corrigan

- 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

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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	No
5/23/2024	5/2/2024	Weathered	Prints	No
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.

Question raised by Al Kiecker: what is "micro" for January salon? Consensus is that the terms are interchangeable. Nikon cameras refer to Macro as "Micro" while all other camera

manufacturer use the term "Macro".

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
				Couldn't find	
10/5/2023	Terry Butler	B&W photography	In Person	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		
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:
 - 12/21 Create Bokeh Background Somewhere with Christmas Lights (open to suggestions on location) - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Publicity – Phil Davies, Joy Kamano

- Announcements for January program will be made via typical channels.
- Will be creating new flyer over the next couple of weeks.

Exhibits - Lorrie Dahlman and Carrie Rebischke

• Nothing to 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.
- Send any activity pictures to Joe Santos to be posted on site this will help keep things fresh.
- Two people are now maintaining dates & links please let the website team know if any inconsistencies are observed.
- Encourage everyone to provide a write-up or recap of any event they attend to share on the website or the Facebook page. This is not a requirement but a "nice to have" to showcase the club.

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?
 - \circ 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
- Working with ISD 191 to obtain a room for February 20 Photographer's Playground
 - 6:30-8:30pm.
 - \circ \$60/ hr x 2 hrs = \$120 +\$20 permit fee for \$140 of the available credit would be used
 - Board approval via email poll (Yes 12, Abstain 6, No 0)
- 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.
- 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? STILL AN OPEN TOPIC TO BE DETERMINED.

Activities – Bonnie Vande Vusse

• No report

TCACCC Rep – Craig Peterson

• No report

Interclub 2024 – Craig Peterson

• MVPC is the club that coordinates Interclub competition judging for 2024

weeks out	Tasks	Timeline	Event
0		Saturday, April 13, 2024	Award Ceremony
1		Saturday, April 6, 2024	
2	Create slide shows	Saturday, March 30, 2024	Create slide shows and final awards prep
3	Put labels on ribbons	Saturday, March 23, 2024	
4	Make labels and files for shows	Saturday, March 16, 2024	
5	Order plaques and ribbons	Saturday, March 9, 2024	Order awards
6	Compile results for awards	Saturday, March 2, 2024	Create Final results reports
7	Judging	Saturday, February 24, 2024	Judging done
8	Judging	Saturday, February 17, 2024	
9	Prepare for judging	Saturday, February 10, 2024	Entries due, prep for judging
10	Receive and process entries	Saturday, February 3, 2024	MVPC prep club 20 images
11	Receive and process entries	Saturday, January 20, 2024	
12	Receive and process entries	Saturday, January 13, 2024	Start receiving entries
13	Post Rules and Entry forms on web	Saturday, December 16, 2023	

- Terry Butler, Bev Kiecker and Craig Peterson are working with the council to finalize the Rules document. Added instructions on how to resize files. Keith Randolph is working in Artificial Intelligence wording.
 - Planned to have finalized at the next council board meeting.
- Gene helped Terry in updating the pdf entry forms.
- \circ $\,$ Bev and Craig are working on the details on how to handle incoming submissions.
 - Joe added email group: Interclub_Submissions@googlegroups.com with Bev and Craig as recipients.
- Al is working on MVPC's images for the club 20 entries. Al will also be creating the slide shows for the award ceremony.
- Daniel and Craig are creating the framework on how the judging will be conducted.
- The council has lined up Saturday, April 13, 2024 to be held at the Burnsville library at 1101 W County Road 42. Exact start and end times have not yet been set.
 - The council determined that Sunday would interfere with church. Terry tried to get the Community Center for Saturday, but the cost changed too high. I asked Terry if the library space was large enough to also show prints. She feels the space will do. The council agrees because of a projected smaller number of people attending due to no presenters like in spring break.
- Craig verified the current contact information for the council approved trophy company.
- MVPC may have to cut a check to the trophy company and then get reimbursed from the council. Craig will see about the timing of getting a check directly to the trophy company in time to order and pick up the trophies.
- Craig is starting to line up volunteers for ordering, preparing and helping in presenting the awards.
- Next Interclub council board meeting is Thursday, December 14, 7:00pm zoom.

Eagan Rep – Ken Cheung

• No report

PSA Rep – Bev Kiecker

• 25 entries for Round 1, 1 Honorable Mention

N4C Digital – Rick Graves

• No competitions in December. Competitions resume in January, 2024

N4C Judging Team – Daniel Vande Vusse, Craig Peterson

Upcoming 2023-2024 Judging Schedule

 May – Digital Nature

Historian – Becky Bergmann

• No report

Past President – Al Kiecker

• No report

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 – COMPLETE – Regularly being asked by president's emails -
- 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.

Old Business

• Approve Policy #7 – Approval of new policy #7 created to close an on-going action item.

Motion to approve Daniel Vande Vusse with Brian Bauman seconding the motion. There was a change in syntax from in the policy from "can retain their old salon number" to "will retain their old salon number". Motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

New Business

- Approve Update to Policy #3
 - Daniel Vande Vusse presented a motion to approve the policy update with Becky Bergman seconding the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
- Approve Update to Policy #5
 - Becky Bergman presented a motion to approve the policy update with Daniel Vande Vusse seconding the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

Board discussed combining multiple policies into one policy document vs. smaller separate policies. It was decided to go forward with having smaller separate policies.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 by Al Kiecker and seconded by Daniel Vande Vusse. Motion to end the meeting was passed unanimously by the Board.

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

Attachment – ISD 191 Permit for February 20, 2024 Photographer Playground Event

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From: ISD 191 Education		Facilities Agree	ment 8:20am		
Burnsville, MN 5					
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Attachment – Policy #7

MINNESOTA VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB POLICY STATEMENT #7 (PS #7)

TITLE: Timeframe to Remove Members from Club Correspondence and from Accessing the Members Only Sections of the Club Website.

EFFECTIVE: January 10, 2023

AUTHORIZED BY: Minnesota Valley Photography Club board

POLICY: Individuals will be removed from membership (dropped from emails, lose all member benefits as listed below) if dues not paid in full by Dec 31st of the membership year. The Club President will send an email to the membership mid-December informing the membership of this policy. PURPOSE: To ensure only club members have access to the privileges of being a paid member.

MEMBER BENEFITS:

Attend club meetings, such as programs and salons Attend activities the club provides Enter Salons: MVPC, Interclub (Twin Cities), N4C (Regional), and PSA (International) Participate in any TCACCC or N4C events Access the "members only" sections of MVPC's website by logging in as a member

PROCEDURE:

The Webmaster maintains the Google Groups email distribution list. In September each year this list contains all the paid memberships from the prior club year.

The Treasurer maintains a list of all paid members. As new members join or past members rejoin, the Treasurer updates the list and routinely emails list to the board.

The Webmaster will update Google Groups based on the updated membership list.

The Club President will send an email to the membership mid-December informing the membership that dues need to be paid by 12/31. If not paid, the member will be removed from the membership. In January of each club year, the Treasurer will send the current membership list to the Webmaster. The Webmaster will remove any members, not on the current paid membership list, from all applicable Google Groups.

In the event a lapsed member returns by renewing their membership, they will retain their old salon number and will be added back to the current paid membership list by the Treasurer and to the membership Google Group by the Webmaster.

Attachment – Policy #3

MINNESOTA VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB (PS #3) POLICY STATEMENT #3 (PS #3)

TITLE: Decision to Reduce Annual MVPC Dues for New Members Joining Mid-Year EFFECTIVE: January 21, 2010 AMENDED: December 12, 2023 AUTHORIZED BY: Minnesota Valley Photography Club board

POLICY: Any new member joining MVPC in March or later, will receive membership at half-price.

PURPOSE: To extend membership benefits to a new member for the current club years (reduced months – reduced dues)

MEMBER BENEFITS:

Attend club meetings, such as programs and salons Attend activities the club provides Enter Salons: MVPC, Interclub (Twin Cities), N4C (Regional), and PSA (International) Participate in any TCACCC or N4C events Access the "members only" sections of MVPC's website by logging in as a member

PROCEDURE:

The new member fills out a membership form and submits it to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer marks the membership form with a notation that the new member pays half price.

The new member submits the proper payment to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer updates the Membership Spreadsheet to reflect the half price dues for auditing purposes.

Rev #	Revision Date	Revision
1	12/12/2023	Edited Member Benefits to reflect current year

Policy #5

MINNESOTA VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB POLICY STATEMENT #5 (PS #5)

TITLE: MVPC Email Distribution Lists EFFECTIVE: Pre 2009; Amended 2/6/2023 AMENDED: December 12, 2023 AUTHORIZED BY: Minnesota Valley Photography Club Board

POLICY: Web-based email distribution lists will be created and maintained by the Webmaster.

PURPOSE: To ensure communication consistently goes to all members and board members.

PROCEDURE:

The Treasurer maintains the membership spreadsheet which contains the information for all paid members. The newest paid memberships are at the bottom of the list. The Treasurer routinely emails the updated list to the board members. From this updated list, the Treasurer provides information to the Webmaster to immediately update the web-based email list (in Google Groups) by adding an email address. Note: other board members, such as, the N4C Rep, the Salon Committee and the PSA Rep use this updated list of members as well.

The Webmaster will follow the guidance set in Policy #7 for removal of members from Google Groups each January.

The Webmaster builds all Google Groups and maintains all email lists (in Google Groups), which includes the board members. Should changes need to be made to the board members list, the Webmaster will update the email lists (in Google Groups).

Note: Our members personal information is important to protect. For that reason, the membership list for our members is found in the password protected part of our website.

Details of Email Lists Managed in Google Groups:

mvpcboard@googlegroups.com Email goes directly to all board members

mvphotoclub@googlegroups.com Email goes directly to all members.

mvpcinfo@googlegroups.com on website for the public to get information regarding MVPC. Email goes directly to the President, Secretary and Publicity.

n4c-entries-to-mvpc@googlegroups.com

Email goes directly to those in charge of arranging the N4C judging.

<u>mvpc-psa-team@googlegroups.com</u> Email goes directly to PSA Representatives and 2 or 3 other club members responsible for selecting the 6 images for each category for submittal to PSA each round.

mvpcsalon@googlegroups.com

Email goes directly to all members of the Salon team.

<u>mvpc-zoom@googlegroups.com</u> Email is used to log into MVPC's Zoom account for general meetings, salons and "My Meeting."

Details of Email Lists Managed in GoDaddy:

webmaster@minnesotavalleyphotoclub.org Email goes directly to the Web team.

Treasurer@minnesotavalleyphotoclub.org

Email goes directly to the Treasurer and this email is used for our PayPal transactions.

Rev #	Revision Date	Revision
1	2/6/2023	Email system was switched to using Google Groups
2	12/12/2023	New website has changed some of our past procedures

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