

Minutes – MVPC Board Meeting: February 6, 2024

Tuesday, 2/6/2024, 7:08 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 Rebischke
Website	Joe Santos, Bev Kiecker
Facilities	<i>Vacant</i>
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

Highlighted names indicate attendance.

Members in attendance

Officer & Committee Chair Reports

President – Rick Graves

- Vacancies: Programs, Facilities (two spots), Activities, Web Team, N4C Rep
- Which officers will accept nomination for another term?
 - Rick Graves (President) – No
 - Debra Sunderman (Treasurer) – Yes (will be her 3rd term)
 - Brian Bauman (Secretary) – Yes (will be his 3rd term)
 - Daniel Vande Vusse (Vice President) – No
- Which committee members will continue for another year?
- Who to ask to be nominating committee?
- Recent events show the constitution is inadequate in some areas
 - Conflicting requirement
 - Impossible requirements
 - Vague requirements
- Define a date for finalizing the Mark Freier Service Award. Last year we finalized the award on 5/8/2023
 - Do we need to know earlier since banquet is earlier than it has been in previous years? Yes! Rick will send notification out to club membership for nominations so that we can get award earlier. April 15th will be deadline for past recipients to determine winner. Rick will send out requirements to the club.

Vice President – Daniel Vande Vusse

- Working on TCACC Interclub with Craig. Have enough volunteer judges.

Secretary – Brian Bauman

- Approve January Board Meeting minutes
 - Motion made by Deb Sunderman and seconded by Daniel Vande Vusse. Motion passed unanimously by Board.
- Approve January Special Board Meeting minutes
 - Motion made by Daniel Vande Vusse and seconded by Becky Bergman. Motion

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passed unanimously by Board.

Treasurer – Debra Sunderman

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Treasurer Report
Jan. 31 2024
Current Membership
76

Primary Savings	
Beginning balance	\$5.19
Deposit (interest)	\$0.00
Total	\$5.19

Savings -Money Market .7 0.80%	
Beginning balance	\$7,032.90
Deposit (interest)	\$4.78
subtotal	\$7,037.68
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Checking			
	Beginning balance		\$381.77
	Deposits		\$166.05
	Sub total		\$547.82
	Expenses	\$73.00	
Checking total			\$474.82

Checking		Total Funds MVPC
Deposits		\$7,517.69
	1 membership	\$35.22
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		\$35.22
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		\$166.05

Expenses	TCCCC dues	\$73.00
	Total	\$73.00

- Reminder that Club Fiscal Year runs September 1st to August 31st
- Board had a discussion regarding expenses incurred during the construction of the new website, and by consensus approved those expenses.
- Motion was made for approval of future expenses for an additional \$200 for web related expenditures by Deb Sunderman and seconded by Bev Kiecker. Motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

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Salons – Daniel Vande Vusse, Al Kiecker, Kevin Corrigan

- Salon Topic voting results:
 1. Trees (nature rules)
 2. Landscape
 3. Enjoying Life
 4. Action/Motion/Speed (technique)
 5. Urban Nature
 6. By The Water
 7. April - Event (photojournalism rules)
 8. Vintage
- There are no ties to resolve. We do need to decide:
 - Which topics are digital and which are prints
 - What topic each of eight months

Board discussed the topics and came to the consensus of the 2024-25 Salon schedule:

- Sept – Enjoying Life (Digital)
 - Oct – Vintage (Print)
 - Nov – Action/Motion/Speed (Digital)
 - Jan – By the Water (Print)
 - Feb – Urban Nature (Digital)
 - March – Tree (nature rules) (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.
 - Currently under discussion
 - 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 Arik Gorban
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	No

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				meeting location	
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		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.

Discussion – Board recommend not to have an official program on May 2nd due to it being the year-end business meeting, but could have possible short member-presentations as time permits.

Photographers Playground – Don Tredinnick

- Upcoming activities:
 - Listed on the club website

Publicity – Phil Davies, Joy Kamano

- I considered Marianne's Visiting the Antarctic talk at the February general meeting a good promotional opportunity, so in addition to the standard free announcements on the MVPC public Facebook page and Craigslist (which generated a Zoom enquiry as you saw), I placed a paid ad on The Patch website for the sum of \$56. Close to 46,000 people saw the ad either on the Web or via email. I've been reimbursed for the ad. Given the subject matter of the remaining program evenings, I probably won't place another ad this year.

Exhibits - Lorrie Dahlman and Carrie Rebischke

- Eagan Community Center exhibit will be refreshed 2/12/24 (duration: approximately 3 months)
- Dunn Brothers (Eagan) exhibit scheduled for March 2024 (duration: 1 month)
- City of Eagan exhibit application pending (duration 3 months; requested Brugger’s on Pilot Knob/ Yankee Doodle Rd in April through June 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

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n4c-entries-to-mvpc@googlegroups.com	Personal emails of N4C Judging Team	Googlegroups 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.
 - 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
- Have room scheduled for February 20 Photographer’s Playground (\$140 of credit used)
 - 6:30-8:30pm.
- 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.**
 - Decision: Daniel says this is something that he can do – pick up cake from Costco/Sam’s.

Activities – Bonnie Vande Vusse

- No report

TCACCC Rep – Craig Peterson

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Interclub 2024 – Craig Peterson

- Bev and I are processing the submissions. The simplified file specs are helping but many still need to correct something on their entry form and or file naming. After this competition we will need to talk about using a more modern system in the future.
- Print Judging: I had promised the processed files to help in judging by February 13. I am now looking at February 16 to provide these files.
- Digital Judging: We are still in the process of lining up a judging panel. We plan to stick with our original digital judging timeline to avoid confusion with ones we have already contact.
- Below is the current updated timeline.

Timeline	Event
Monday, April 29, 2024	Send final report to council.
Monday, April 22, 2024	Craig sends webmaster Nancy lists of top awards and matching

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	image files.
Monday, April 22, 2024	Send each submitter their scores
Saturday, April 20, 2024	Award Ceremony
Saturday, April 6, 2024	Pick up trophies, sticker ribbons
Monday, April 1, 2024	Trophy company sends Gene the statement to pay.
Saturday, March 30, 2024	Create slide shows and final awards prep
Saturday, March 23, 2024	Bev, Craig; Proof order sheets and order trophies by.
Wednesday, March 20, 2024	Craig compiles and makes proof order sheets
Saturday, March 16, 2024	zoom judging meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024	Craig compiles files for zoom meeting
Sunday, March 10, 2024	Digital judges finish scorecards due end of day
Friday, February 23, 2024	digital Judges receive scorecards
Thursday, February 22, 2024	Entry grace period, cjp finish prepping judging files
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	Daniel sends Craig list of judges and their contact information.
Monday, February 19, 2024	Print judging club sends cjp scorecard with awards marked on it.
Saturday, February 17, 2024	Print judging
Friday, February 16, 2024	Craig sends print scorecard and matching image files to print judging club; Corrine
Tuesday, February 13, 2024	Submission grace period ends. Un-resolved submissions don't get in.
Sunday, February 11, 2024	Lorie brings MVPC prints to drop off location.
Sunday, February 11, 2024	Entries due, Craig prepares excel crosswalk files per category.
Saturday, February 3, 2024	
Friday, February 2, 2024	Start Judges lined up
Sunday, January 21, 2024	Start receiving and auditing entries

Eagan Rep – Ken Cheung

- Upcoming events are noted in emails to club members

PSA Rep – Bev Kiecker

- Images received for PSA Round 2:

Photojournalism	8
Nature	7
PID Color	8
PID Monochrome	8
Travel	6
- Internal team is now in process of ranking images to select 6 in each category.
- Round 3 is in April

N4C Digital – Rick Graves

- N4C Judging Club for January 2024 Digital Journalism has experienced a delay in completing the judging
 - Expect judging to take place week of Feb 5.
- February Contest images received
 - Digital Altered Reality – 4 images
 - Digital B&W – 7 images

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- Digital Journalism – 6 images
- Digital Nature – 6 images
- Digital Pictorial – 7 images
- Digital Travel – 5 images

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:** 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

New Business

- Finalize Salon Topics for 2024-2025 – DONE!

Motion to adjourn made by Al Kiecker and seconded by Daniel Vande Vusse . Motion passed unanimously Board. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

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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