

Photography Club of Sun City
Leadership Committee Meeting

February 9, 2026

Attendees: Julia Parrish, Rick VanDette, Everett Denning, Ward Litzenberg, Shashi Cooduvalli, Gerry Fagan, John Hock, Bob Ricketts, Bruce Marshall, Mike Laferriere, Keri Ricci, Corky Burt.

President Julia Parrish called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. She stated that we need to have communication in all areas to support and assist each other.

Membership – Julia. She reported that we have 450 members. Badges are no longer being distributed due to the difficulty with no mailboxes in the new north side. Badges will be able to be picked up at Orientation and all in-person meetings. It is up to the individual to pick them up.

Website – Julia. She requested that after field trips all members should enter photos on the website and to the monthly slide show.

Calendar Email – We need to remove the account from Dorothy Knudson's personal account. We are reviewing options.

Zoom – Julia reported that the account needs to be changed from John. She will discuss this with him. Hybrid meetings were discussed. The Hilton Head club does record their presentations, but they have members from various areas as opposed to our club members. The question was raised as to how to record in person meetings. Discussion followed. Julia reported that attendance at the meetings was 85 November, 95 October, and 102 in February. Zoom encourages members to stay home. The final decision was that no one has disk space to record meetings, we do not have a Zoom account with cloud storage and we do not want to encourage our members to stay home.

Education – Ward. There were some issues with the initial Winter registration, but it quickly straightened out. Half of the registrations were

done in the first half hour, 81% of the classes were taken, 33 seats were added to classes, and several classes were added. He asked everyone to save the date of April 16 for the Instructor Appreciation reception. Cindy started this last year and it was a big success. It will be from 2-4PM at Jameson's. The class catalog will go out on March 16, registration link on March 23, classes will from 3/30-6/12.

Door Code-The code will be changed. Will purge names the end of Spring and change in the summer.

The 2/25 Equipment Certification will be 2 step – 1-training, 2-make appointment with staff. 50 have been trained so far but only 1 has certified. We need to come up with a process. We also need a Lightroom 101 class but don't offer one.

Discussion followed regarding having a wireless printer so members can print on their own. John Burrack is testing.

Rules and Regulations say that 20% of studio needs to be allotted for use by members. Need to come up with a way to set up "open" times for printing. Would need "experts" and a schedule. A discussion group needs to be formed.

Treasurer's Report – See attached. Creative vision sold 11 photos, and 2 artists. We made \$1500.

The Sony User Group has been changed to the Sony Club. There will be a tech meeting monthly. A survey was sent to obtain the best time and day. This would be a monthly meeting. Trips would be planned.

Programs – Keri. Suggested we use Zoom to accommodate speakers who can't attend due to distance. It would be something for everyone. Hunts Photo supports clubs who do Zoom. Hilton Head Club has used them in the past. Could use for summer webinars. Julia will speak to them at CNPA.

Trips – Mike reported that there are 7 on the agenda. He is looking into a birding cruise. Is part of Vanguard Cruises. Cost is approximately \$50 per

person. Will have more info later. He discussed the Smoky Mountain trip and parking. He spoke with lifestyles and they said we would have to add a room request for parking spaces. Mike stated we should no longer leave vehicles overnight. We need to look for a new committee chair going forward. He will work with the new person. The position needs someone with computer and organizational skills. He has info for the Operations Manual

External Exhibits – Julia advised that this was something we did pre-Covid. Decided to resurrect. Bruce Marshall is working on this. He is working on hospitals and libraries. He is asking them about a series of photos to be on exhibit for 2 months. Photos would be priced and replaced when sold. He will need a team when he finds locations. Gracene will assist with the Port Royal Sound annual photo agreement. They have been contacted. He has contacted Honey Horn, and they are no longer taking local work. Earth Day and Discover the Low Country will need photos for their exhibits. Marshall Ponzi is developing a slideshow for Discover the Low Country. He needs to send out for requests again. It will take time to set up.

Internal Exhibits – will come down on 4/2 and the new show will go up on 4/9. They will need 36 photos. When a photo comes down, it needs to be replaced. They need 2-3 people to help with set up. They have had a safety briefing.

Creative Vision – Was a disappointment this year. Julia and Ellen will be on the committee for next year.

New Business – Rick VanDette is working on an Operations Manual. This would have a record of passwords and other information needing to be retained and available. It would be password protected. It will be password protected and formatted for easy editing. Roles and Responsibility will be defined.

Rules and Regulations are on the AAM site. Make sure you read them.

Corky advised that printing demand is high. Competitions and Creative Vision used a reservation system for printing. This enabled them to allocate the time for printing, editing, mounting, and ready to be hung. This system

works very well and should be continued. The 7000 printer works well until the settings are changed. If settings are changed, they need to be returned to original settings. Make sure to check equipment before printing. Adjust the lights in the room for better viewing.

Everett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rick, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Scott

Secretary