

Photo Club Leadership Meeting
April 13, 2026

Present: Julia Parrish, Rick VanDette, Everett Denning, Stan Holz, John Hock, Bob Ricketts, Bruce Marshall, Doug Scott, Rich de Asla, Corky Burt, Ward Litzenberg, Shashi Cooduvalli.

President Julia Parrish called the meeting to order at 9:58AM.

Everett moved that we accept the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Rich, passed.

Membership – We currently have 465 members.

Web – Has been updated. It is now showing the entries for the upcoming competition and being maintained.

Education – Ward stated that the Spring registration went better after the # of seats was removed. They had no duplicate entries in the Spring. The class survey data had 109 completed which is about 40% of the participants. He will send the survey out at the completion of the class going forward. There was a discussion regarding class levels. One topic was Basic Photo Info. We need to get levels; i.e., what is photography, equipment, introduction to education, etc. There was a discussion regarding classes and the issues in them.

The door code will change in the summer. He will be purging the list after the Spring Session (6/17). Probably in July.

We need to encourage members to become monitors.

Treasurer's report – Everett Denning. See attached report. Everett reported that Creative Vision is wrapped up for 2026. Next up is Earth Day on 4/18 from 10-1 for sales.

Programs – Doug Scott. Eric Horan will be our judge at the May 5 meeting. He's been having trouble finding judges/speakers. The October meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Melanie will be back doing portraits. Keri and he are working on September and November. They are trying to get judges who are not specifically birds and wildlife. Trying to expand the range of the judges. Also have trouble finding judges that will also be a speaker.

Discussion followed regarding using Advance/Expert photographers that no longer compete to be judges. Also to have a panel as opposed to a single judge. Stan suggested to use this when the speaker doesn't want to judge. A criterion also needs to be established for the judge. Gerry will see what Hilton Head used. Discussion followed regarding the rotating group of judges; change the deadline; change the scoring system. Doug also stated that he felt the judge should fall under Competition not Programs.

Tom advised he has a donated camera that is in relatively good condition. He will distribute raffle tickets for that,

Hunts Photo has speakers that we can use. They would be available for Zoom programs. We could consider that for meetings or summer meetings. We need to discuss this further; they are free to use. If we use them, we will get a discount on purchases.

Studio – Corky Burt. Help sessions are running smoothly. Both printers are working. The printer quality is now the same on both printers. The large printer gives a message when it needs cleaning. When you run the nozzle check the report shows clean. He has sent a message to maintenance. The stained ceiling tiles have been replaced. He is looking into getting a separate light switch for two of the overhead lights. We are running above cost this year for the first time; about 8%.

Competition – John Hock. The OP manual is nearing completion. At the December 2026 he would like to add an additional competition. This would be in addition to the People's Choice. This one would be a second chance for any member who entered, did not win, or received 2nd, 3rd, 4th, honorable mention and didn't get what they thought they should. This was changed to only those entered photos that did not win any award since points were awarded initially and will be awarded if they place in December. Only 1 entry per member and it must be entered in their current competition level. They would need a new judge for this. He will discuss this further with the committee.

Trips – Mike Laferriere. Mike is retiring from the committee, Doug Scott will be taking over, and Laurie Kellam will assist. The transfer will take place in the May/June time frame. He thanked all members for their support.

External Exhibits – Bruce Marshall. The Sun City Bird Club is now posting our images on their home page. This is a monthly slide show. It started in March. People exhibiting on this page should watermark their photos. We will be displaying members photos at the Earth Day and Discover the Low Country exhibits. The Carolina Bight Center is building a new center. They will display our photos upon completion. The Butterfly Garden is using some photos in their exhibit in Pinckney Hall. He is having trouble finding contacts for locations.

Internal Exhibits – Bob Ricketts. They received a good response. They are currently displaying the photos from Creative Vision. The next change will maybe be in July. At that time, they will change the photos, or the current exhibitors can leave theirs up through the next exhibit. Photos on display can be sold via CAM only. Sales are on First Saturday or Open Studio hours.

Creative Vision – Julia Parrish. She and Ellen are on the committee. It was hinted that there may be some changes for 2027.

Vice President – Rick VanDette. Currently working on Roles and Responsibility. What you do and how you do it. Has given the respective people access to update.

There being no further business, Everet move to adjourn the meeting at 12:04, seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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