

Southwest Missouri Camera Club
4th Thursday Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2026

Opening:

The 4th Thursday meeting of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club was held on August 27th in the Springfield Missouri's Botanical Garden main building. There were 31 members and guests present. President, Carrie Alkier called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM. She then covered the information about all the events and activities that were happening during the month of September. The club Christmas party was also discussed with an overview of the time, place, cost and menu.

Reports and Announcements:

- **Treasurers Report:** Treasurer, Susan Gettys was not in attendance, so President, Carrie Alkier gave the report. As of July 31st, the beginning balance was \$3423.92. Total receipts were \$240.65 and total expenses were \$388.22. The ending balance was \$3274.34. The clubs total funds are: Savings are \$1027.74, our CD value is \$4055.37 and the cash on hand is \$100.00. Total Funds available are \$8457.45.
- **Exhibitions:** Exhibition Chairman, Elaine Miller was not in attendance so the report was given by President Carrie Alkier. She reminded everyone that the fall exhibit theme here at the gardens is "Fall". The theme for the upcoming exhibit at Sweitzer was an open one and the theme at the Motown library is the work done by the "Capture Groups".
- **Connect Social:** The next one will be on September 9th at Big Mommas. Time frame will be from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- **Field Trips:** Chairman Jim Gulley announced a trip to St. Louis to the Great Forest Park Balloon Race.
- **Competitions:** The 4th Quarter competition prints are due by midnight on September 24th.
- **The next club meeting will be at the Library Center on Campbell.**
- **New Structure for our club for 2027.** President, Carrie Alkier, then presented the thinking behind the need for our club to consider restructuring our board for 2027. With the restructure plan, the board would consist of 6 officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two new positions would be created - a facilitator for Community and Connection and for the 6th position a facilitator for Program and Activities. President, Carrie Alkier then read the following script from the screen.

"The next item of business is the proposed 2027 Leadership Restructure, which has been reviewed and approved by the Board for recommendation to the general membership. Advance notice of this proposal was provided to all members as required."

"By direction of the Board, I move the adoption of the 2027 Leadership Restructure proposal, to take effect for the 2027 term."

"The question is on the adoption of the 2027 Leadership Restructure proposal. The motion is now open for debate. Members wishing to speak for or against the proposal may raise their hand." There were several members asking questions.

"Seeing no further debate, the question is on the adoption of the 2027 Leadership Restructure proposal. Because this motion alters our organizational structure, it requires a two-thirds vote in the affirmative to pass." There were 31 members (guests) present so an affirmative vote of 20 or more members was needed.

"All those in favor of accepting the 2027 Leadership Restructure, please raise your right hand..." (Pause to count or observe). "Thank you, lower your hands." 24 affirmative

"All those opposed to accepting the restructure, please raise your right hand..." (Pause to count or observe). "Thank you, lower your hands." One vote

"There being two-thirds in the affirmative, the motion is adopted! The club officially accepts the 2027 Leadership Restructure, and it will take effect for the 2027 term."

This new restructure will be a trial for 7 months. In July of 2027 another vote will be taken to determine if the by-laws need to be re-written.

- **Nominating Committee: President Carrie Alkier then again read from the screen:**

"The next item of business is the election of the Nominating Committee for the 2027 board elections. Under our rules, this committee consists of five members."

"The proposed slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee is: Richard Baumann, Lori Decker, Mike Holmes, Lori Long, and Doug Sampson."

"The floor is now open for any additional nominations." There were no other nominations.

"Hearing no further nominations, the nominations are closed." Since there are five nominees for five positions, without objection, I declare Richard Baumann, Lori Decker, Mike Holmes, Lori Long, and Doug Sampson elected as the Nominating Committee for the 2027 board elections."

"Hearing no objection, the committee is elected and will begin their work recruiting candidates for our 2027 board positions."

- **Critique Time:** With the business part of the meeting now over and 35 minutes remaining in our room time, the members separated into 5 groups and participated in a

favorite club activity of “kindly critiquing” members printed images. There were many beautiful images to look at.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by President, Carrie Alkier. The next meeting will be held on September 24th at the Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield, MO. Meeting time 5:45-7:45 PM.

Submitted by:

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Secretary