

Sevenoaks Camera Club

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The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain through The Kent County Photographic Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 29th March 2017 : 8pm

Chairman's House

1. a. **Apologies for absence : Robin Daly, Marcus Rainbow**
 - b. **Present : Brian Tabor, Susan Wilkinson, Barbara Coleyshaw , Roy Smart Lynda Atkinson, Peter Dillon, Mike Robinson, Derek Medhurst, Derek Griffin**
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 1st March 2017 and matters arising**

The minutes were approved and signed.

 - a. There is not enough interest in a dinner to warrant booking St Julian's or the Bowls Club (about 16 members signed up). **Brian will arrange a dinner at a pub or restaurant on 6th May for those who are interested.** SW to send him the list again. (*arranged at Cote in Sevenoaks.*)
 - b. The mandate papers for signing cheques are with Barclays.
3. **Theme Title for next year :**

It was decided to defer this discussion as a decision is not needed until the AGM.
4. **Programmes for 2018/2019, and for next season**

There have been several comments about the number of competitions happening at the end of the season. It is particularly difficult for the PDI secretary, mainly because projected images now accompany prints in the print competitions. Peter Dillon has been taking some of the PDI workload. (It was noted though that competition evenings are still the best attended, so cutting the number of competitions might not be popular.)

It was decided to put a proposal to the AGM that the Theme Competition should be merged with one of the PDI competitions, perhaps the 2nd or 3rd, but this would not be for next season 2017-18, but the season after, 2018-19. This is because judges are already booked.

The theme competition can also be moved to earlier in the season for 2018-19, but the 18-19 season also has to accommodate the November Tripartite competition in the Club Programme. The individual panel competition could also be moved.

Next season still needs a decision about the content of the first Club Night, a speaker on 12th February and a speaker on 14th May.

It has been decided an evening on 30th October should be half AV competition and half Show and Tell, since both have been poorly supported for some time. Derek Medhurst and Pat Jones will both be asked to give an evening's talk, and a Club Night on 19th February has been replaced by the Disposable Camera Competition.

Suggestions were made for next season's programme :

- a. To welcome in new members could we have a more engaging name than Club Night - How about 'Question Time? However since the Shoreham show is after

this it could be for the 3rd Monday instead when more new members might be there. It would have a panel of photographers, with their equipment, answering questions.

- b. We could have a display of winning prints from last season.
- c. We could have a quiz night or do a quiz by taking pictures from strange angles which we have round the room and people have to guess what they are.
- d. The Monotones should provide an evening - maybe Roy and Peter could do a session on Infra Red, or others could talk about various sessions the Monotones have had.
- e. It would be nice to have more members contribute to evenings, but many seem reluctant to speak.
- f. Next season's dates are fairly fixed, still with the competition congestion at the end, however, the 18-19 season plan has been roughed out with competitions spaced out better. We could in the longer term move the Panel competition earlier.
- g. Barbara still has one possible speaker she hasn't heard from, so until this is known we can't make final decisions for the programme for next season.
- h. The AGM has been moved to a week earlier next season to give more time for printing the programme and distributing it, but **we will evaluate whether this makes it difficult for the Treasurer to prepare accounts in time.**

5. The Exhibition :

The **price for entries to the exhibition was decided as £2 for prints and £1.50 for PDIs**. Mike Robinson had done a thorough analysis of the costs, and this level may result in a small shortfall, but it was felt that prices shouldn't go up too steeply in one go. Derek Medhurst also produced income estimates based on different entry numbers and concurred with Mike's analysis.

SW will design an entry form in consultation with Derek M and Derek G and have some copies to distribute at the 3rd April meeting.

(Done : Derek G printed 30 copies and SW distributed than all. DG also e-mailed the form to all members 4th April.)

It was agreed that we would **not try to get selling prices for all print entries**, due to the short timescale, but just have a notice up to tell visitors that if they wished to purchase a print they should contact sales@sevenoakscameraclub.co.uk. This would then come through to Derek M to be forwarded to the photographer. Selling prints could be considered again in future.

Robin will liaise with Gerald Kitiyakara about the delivery of prints and the PDIs, which will be on CD. These need to be **delivered in mid-May for return at the beginning of June**. Peter Dillon offered to deliver them if Robin can't. **Derek and Derek will liaise about the PDIs** to prepare them for the TV presentation.

Derek M suggested that if photographers wanted to have a brief CV/ description of their work, we could have a ring binder of these at the exhibition. He showed us the ones from the Art Club. It was decided that this would be done if any photographers wanted to contribute to it.

6. Agenda for the AGM

All secretaries need to send their reports for the AGM to SW who circulates them with last year's minutes to the whole club at least a week beforehand. Try to send them to SW by the end of the Easter weekend (17th April).

The Chairman reads his report, and the Treasurer also reports to the meeting.

The committee agreed to recommend an increase the subscription to £50 for and individual and £80 for a couple. This must be put to the AGM and a vote taken on the increase (from £48 and £77.) Mike Robinson presented us with a list of other Clubs' subscriptions where available and our new subscription would still be in the middle of the range. **SW will check with Marcus that he is in agreement and that he will put this proposal to the meeting.**

The proposal that the Theme be merged with a PDI competition will be put to the meeting. A box to collect members' suggestions for the AGM at meetings was suggested.

7. A.O.B.

- a It was suggested we should have a sheet with final submission dates for all competitions available for all at the beginning of the season. These are already on the website. **SW would be happy to compile this** over the summer.
- b. Paul Joynson Hicks who has done wildlife photography, and wildlife humour and pet humour has offered a talk on Safari Photography at the beginning of May. **Brian is hosting this on 21st April at his house for a limited number** to be offered on a first come first served basis.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm
No further meeting was arranged.

Signed :

Date :