



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 16th October 2017 : 8pm  
Chairman's House

- a. **Apologies for absence : Robin Daly**
  - b. **Present : Brian Tabor, Susan Wilkinson, Barbara Coleyshaw, Derek Medhurst, Derek Griffin, Peter Dillon, Lynda Atkinson, Roy Smart, Mike Robinson**
1. **Minutes and Matters arising :**

The minutes need the word reliable inserted in the last sentence of 3c. "There is no reliable means of counting visitors." SW will send the amended minutes to DM for inclusion on the website. (*done 18th October - SW*). The minutes were signed.
  2. **Information and Progress to Report**

The two club nights were run successfully but were only moderately well attended. The first had an excellent talk from Roger Lee on his philosophy when talking photographs on holiday. There were also many pictures from a wide range of members on display for people to look at.

The second club night was set up as a workshop-style meeting where 5 members brought equipment and answered questions. Attendees could then go round and look see how things worked or ask further questions. There were only 21 members present in total, but those that attended really enjoyed it. The demonstrators were Roy Smart, Maurice Childs, Sheila Sargeant, Derek Medhurst and Mike Robinson.
- a. **Possible Laptop Replacement**

Derek Griffin is waiting to hear from the police about return of the Club laptop that was stolen. Until it comes back we won't know whether it is still working properly. Mike Robinson, Maurice, Derek M and Derek G have been researching a possible replacement laptop and have decided that £600 would buy a good replacement, and we could spend £200 more for a better graphics card. The type of thing where this might be necessary would be for AVs containing very demanding video clips. We have restoration keys for Di Centra and Lightroom only of the programmes on the laptop. We cannot decide what to do until the laptop is returned but can act quickly when it is.

*(The Club Laptop was returned by the Police on 23rd October, and seems to work.)*

Peter Dillon suggested we should backup the programmes and contents of the hard drive on the old or a new computer on an external hard drive. It was agreed that it was a good idea to backup the programmes and things like competition results. **PD will research a suitable external hard drive.**
  - b. **Treasurer's Update**

Mike Robinson, the Treasurer reported that cheques and online banking are working well. Electronic payments need backup authorisation from another



signatory. Marcus and Roger have now signed last year's accounts and SW has a copy for the files. The Mencap Hall has been paid for the season.

c. **Exhibition 2018**

The library exhibition space has been promised for the first week of the Sevenoaks Festival, which means take down on Sat 30th June or Monday 2nd July. We will have at least one week beforehand, but **Brian will be in touch with the exhibition space organisers again** to see whether we can have two weeks before (three weeks in all) and whether we can take down the exhibition on the Monday which we would prefer. Mike Robinson reported that the Exhibition made a slight profit this year. *(The organisers were contacted on 17th October - they have offered three weeks, but with take-down on Saturday 30th, and with the Thursday event being in the 2nd or 3rd week of the exhibition.)*

3. **Show and Tell and AV evening, 30th October**

The AV competition has definitely been postponed due to the difficulty of running it with Derek M's old laptop, and because we only had 3 entries, two from Peter Humphrey and one from Graham Usher. We may have a display of AVs at the end of another evening, such as the disposable camera competition or the Monotones evening. AVs have become less popular since Mike Foster and John Long left the Club, and entries for the KCPA AV competition are also down. The disposable camera competition will not be renewed for next season.

**SW will inform new members of the rules for the disposable camera competition for 19th Feb this season.**

Items for the Show and Tell evening so far are :

Brian Tabor on the use of his new Panasonic Lumix for travel photography.

Bryan Rawlins on the progress he has made over his first year in the club.

Greta Gardner on "Life is a Growing Opportunity."

Robin Daly on the process of gaining his LRPS

Peter Humphrey also offered an item but we decided to ask him to give the Club a whole evening next season instead.

*(SW contacted Peter Humphrey on 18th October and he agreed).*

4. **Possible Programme changes**

There has been some feedback about there being too many competitions. One suggestion was that since the Finals involve repeats of seeing the same pictures as earlier in the year, should we abolish the Print and PDI Finals?

This proposal was discussed but it was decided not to change this for the 2018-19 season, when we already have the abolition of the disposable camera competition and the incorporation of the Theme as one of the PDI competitions. It would be a possible subject of discussion at the AGM.

5. **Committee replacements**

Needed on the Committee for next season are : a vice-chairman, a programme secretary, an external competition secretary and a print secretary.

Peter Dillon has offered to take over the Print Secretary role gradually from Robin over this season.

Derek Griffin has offered himself as vice-chairman, retaining the PDI secretary role for next season while Brian is in his last year as chairman.

Barbara will book the 2018 - 2019 season but needs a replacement.



It was suggested that we have many keen newer members and it would be a good idea to invite a member onto the committee without a role, so that they could see whether they would be interested in getting more involved.

**Brian will e-mail members** to encourage joining the committee. *(Done 17th Oct)*

6. **Membership Numbers**

We have had a good number of new members, but are not sure how many leavers there will be. It may be as many as 15 - 17. Various people agreed to contact possible leavers whom they know personally, to find out whether they are re-joining.

7. **Possible Grants from the District Council**

Roger Lee suggested that there might be grants available from the District Council, for example the Literary Festival gets an annual grant. We need to find out more, maybe from Roger - **Brian will follow up**.

8. **Any Other Business**

Derek G pointed out that the next PDIs are due in soon. If they are given to him by Wetransfer then it acknowledges them. He will download from e-mails or wetransfer on the next **working** day. He always acknowledges e-mails, so if people don't hear that their images have arrived by the end of the next working day, they should enquire whether he has received them.

**He will inform members in a reminder e-mail.** *(done 18th October)*

The meeting closed at 10:00 pm and no further meeting was arranged.

Signed :

Date :