



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting 21st August 2019 8pm at North Frith Farm**

**Present : Chairman Derek Griffin, Mike Robinson, Derek Medhurst, Susan Wilkinson,  
Lynda Atkinson, Rob Weighill, Paul s'Jacob, Claire Thomas**

(Names sometimes abbreviated to DG, MR, DM, SuW, LW, RW, Ps'J, and CT)

**Apologies for Absence : Sandy Wyndham, Paul Simons**

**1. The minutes of the meeting on 27th May were approved and signed.**

### **2. Events and Matters arising from 27th May**

- a. Derek Griffin has held three meetings over the summer : Traffic Trails in Sevenoaks on 3rd June; Sunset at Bough Beech on 8th July; Astrophotography on 29th July - a total of 15 different Club members including two ex-members attended one or more of the meetings.
- b. Derek Medhurst and Roger Lee held their exhibition of photographs from the restoration of Bat and Ball Station on 29th and 30th June with 121 visitors. They gave a talk on 2nd July which 54 people attended, needing extra chairs to be brought in. They have sold cards and several copies of their book of photographs.
- c. The exhibition was held successfully from 4th to 17th June.  
The mayor attended the Private View on 6th June
- d. Derek Medhurst and Roger Lee have been asked to produce a photographic record of the changes in rebuilding Sevenoaks Day Nursery (at the community Centre) after their success at Bat and Ball.
- e. Lynda Atkinson photographed the Guide Dog event at Sainsburys on Wednesday 31st July.
- f. The meeting with Beckenham members at Sevenoaks Wildfowl Reserve took place on Friday 16th August. Three Sevenoaks Club members attended along with three Beckenham and two Carshalton members...
- g. Sevenoaks Camera Club News has been set up by DG on Facebook as an open site, although non-Facebook members cannot access it. Whether access can be improved will be investigated. So far 5 potential new members have contacted the Club through Facebook.
- h. Our rent for the Mencap Hall has been paid for the 2019-2020 season. DG is now the third approved signatory for cheques, along with MR and SuW.
- i. SuW has a full refreshments list for September and October.

New workshops proposed and approved by the committee include another 'Autumn Colours' visit to North Frith and Rob Weighill's suggestion of a visit to a Brands Hatch Track Day this autumn, dependent on sufficient interest from Club Members.

### **3. Review of GDPR policy. - led by Derek Medhurst**

The GDPR policy seems to be working well. When not using the Google group, Committee members sending out e-mails to multiple members must be careful to use BCC and ensure that the members do not see each other's addresses, unless they have given permission.

We do not need new membership forms from renewing members to be completed in full as we did last season, unless their details have changed. New members must complete them in full.

**LA will do a new membership list near the beginning of the season.**

Old membership lists should be deleted when new ones are received.

### **4. Review of Welcome pack**

The welcome pack was commended. We will have copies of the first page available on the first night. Judges are sent a PDF document of how to find us, with a copy of the relevant competition rules. We can use the relevant pages of the new welcome pack for the rules in the 2019-20 season.

Cellophane bags are mentioned in the competition checklist. It is not reasonable to expect the print secretary to extract prints from bags, keep the bags and put the prints back. The print secretary will take every care with prints, and if members are worried about their mounts they should place them face to face and even interleave them with paper in the print box. The print secretary will not return any cellophane bags that are used.

### **5. Review of Exhibition**

DM analysed numbers of comments in the book plus numbers of popular votes, and the attendance at the exhibition seems fairly constant, allowing for different lengths of time in different years. It was suggested that the Bat and Ball exhibition got relatively more attendance because the display had a specific focus.

The impression was that the publicity had worked well with many flyers handed out, Radio Kent announced the exhibition. The pictures in Sevenoaks Station for the Annual and Bat and Ball exhibitions were brilliant as publicity, so there was a hope that they would publicise our exhibition in 2020.

**DM will ask Brian Tabor** whether he will still organise the exhibition next season.

**Selling prints** was briefly considered. **DM will speak to SVAF** to find out how their system works, including whether they would want a percentage of any sales. It would be necessary to start arranging any selling of prints early, as people would need to be asked whether they wanted to sell on the entry form.

We have agreed to have a judge for next year's exhibition. Some members like the competitive aspect, and the awarding of several Highly Commendeds is popular.

### **6. The first meeting of next season on 2nd September**

Members will be asked to bring a couple of pictures to set out on tables round the front and sides of the hall as well as any new equipment they have.

We have 2 cups to be presented from last season to David Barker and Janice Harding.

Janice has contacted SuW to say she will be at the second meeting.

**DG will welcome members and introduce the new members of the committee.**

Committee members will be spread throughout the Hall as usual and be asked to stand up when introduced. They should try to befriend any new members who arrive.

**LA will bring the usual signing in list but SuW will provide a new separate sign in list for visitors and potential new members every week.**

**LA will also provide blank label badges** for potential new members.

**MR will give a presentation of some Canadian pictures for about 20 minutes.** He will bring it on a memory stick and as a power point so we can see what works on the night. He will include some before and after cropping and bring his new lens in.

MR also has some samples of different paper finishes that people can see.

DG will explain the club competitions including :

- a. Basic PDI. Rob Weighill will be introduced.

The 3rd PDI is on the subject of Night Time

- b. Basic Print - Paul s'Jacob will be introduced. If anyone needs help with printing for the Small Print Competition Mike Robinson is willing to send off a bulk order.

- d. In response to AGM we are having a finals evening at the start of next season so members should keep their prints. (See AOB b. For the other AGM suggestion that tweaking should be allowed. This has not been decided but is still under consideration.)

- e. There is a change in the rules of the individual panel competition in January

**SW will bring triptych and MR will bring a standard panel to illustrate.**

- f. Rules of small print competition in November will be explained.

- g. DG will ask whether anyone new want to join the Challenge. They should **speak to SuW.**

DG or RW will talk about Sevenoaks Camera Club News to encourage more use.

He will also encourage use of the help box

**SuW will bring cake.**

This will be the first night when members can bring their own mugs and when refreshments will be free.

We have had several potential new members who have been in contact over the summer. One is a 15-year old. Under 16s have to come with an adult but only have to pay £13 (This Junior rate applies up to age 18). for the season. Possibly if we get more younger members we should review the lower subscription rates for Students and Juniors, and who counts as a student - this would be for the AGM.

## **7. A.O.B.**

- a. MR did a lot of work on the suggestion that we should have a 'most improved award' and found that in past seasons it didn't always come up with a very sensible result (e.g. last year DM would have won despite being one of the Club's most experienced and best photographers.) It could be done at the end of the year when we see what the results are. Or we could have a members vote award - these suggestions should be re-visited in March.
- b. One suggestion at the AGM was that tweaking of images in the light of judge's comments and their re-submission into a subsequent competition should be allowed. This had significant support at the AGM and several committee members were in favour. However we have had several changes this season and new rules have been written for the Welcome Pack not including tweaking. The committee felt that it could be brought in as a trial, perhaps after Christmas. The suggestion was that members could be allowed to tweak one previous image and re-submit to a different competition, so long as it had not been held back in the original competition (or given an 18,19 or 20). It was suggested that only one tweaked image would be allowed per season, but details were not agreed. It needs to be discussed at the next Committee meeting
- c. We have 3 pictures from the visit to the Wildfowl Reserve for Facebook. After permission has been given DM will contact DG to include these on the Facebook page. (*Done by DM*).

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm

No further meeting date was decided.

Signed :

Date :