



Sevenoaks Camera Club

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 18th November 2019

The meeting was held at 8pm at North Frith Farm

**Present : Chairman Derek Griffin, Mike Robinson, Derek Medhurst, Susan Wilkinson,
Lynda Atkinson, Rob Weighill, Claire Thomas,
Sandy Wyndham, Paul Simons**

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

Apologies for Absence : Paul s'Jacob,

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 21st August.

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

2. Events and Matters arising from 21st August

- a. Former member Edward Coady died at the end of October. He and his wife Marian were both excellent photographers, and Edward had served as Chairman, Programme Secretary, Slide and Print Secretary, and then for many years on the Selection Committee for external competitions.
- b. The Club has sent over £400 in donations to the Alzheimers Society and to Hospice in the Weald, both from members' donations in memory of Edward Coady and from sale of equipment belonging to previous members.
- c. Derek Griffin held a workshop at North Frith for Autumn Colours which turned out to be an amazing fungus foray. He proposes another outing, this time to Whitstable on the 30th or 31st December. This proposal was approved by the committee.
- d. Four members led by Graham Usher took photographs for the Sevenoaks Players' production of Jesus Christ Superstar at the Stag on 5th November when the Players were doing their dress rehearsal. **Theatre outings should be notified** to the chairman beforehand for insurance purposes.
- e. Derek Medhurst has finished taking photographs of the construction of the new Sevenoaks Day Nursery.
- f. Sevenoaks Camera Club came second in the Ross Cup, the print competition of the KCPA. We were only two points behind the winners, Ashford. Excitingly, this means that the Club will take part in the PAGB inter-club print competition in October. A pleasing number of Club members (15) attended the Ross Cup event.

g. Arising from 21st August Committee Meeting:

Brian Tabor will not be organising the exhibition this Season.

DM has discovered that selling prints at the exhibition is possible. It would require a list of prints with their titles, the photographer's name, and either 'not for sale' or an amount beside each one. If someone wished to buy a print there would be an e-mail address for

them to contact and they would then be put in touch with the photographer for direct negotiation. **DM will find out how much commission SVAF would want.** We would need a box on the entry form for the exhibition for photographers to specify either 'not for sale' or a price. There was no decision on whether selling would be arranged.

3. Review of Membership

On 18th the Club had 57 paid up members with 4 payments outstanding, so the membership looks as if it will be approximately the same as last year at just over 60. We have 8 new members and five that we know have left. Most of these stated 'too many other commitments' as the reason for leaving.

Extra publicity suggested was : the Chronicle ; Publicising the Club (and our success in the Ross Cup) on Facebook pages such as 'My Sevenoaks Community' or 'Sevenoaks Women's Forum'. No person responsible for this was decided.

DG suggested he could print some copies of an A5 flyer to advertise the Club. These could go on noticeboards, such as in the supermarkets.

SW will send a picture of our Ross Cup panel to DG for the Facebook Page and the Panel could be put up for the Club to see at the next Print competition. Whether we could have an Instagram presence was queried, but no-one volunteered as having sufficient knowledge. *(SW sent the picture to DG 18th Nov - DG put it on Facebook 'Sevenoaks Camera Club News' on 19th Nov).*

4. Treasurer : Mike Robinson

Since the membership is the same this season as last and we have sufficient general funds, MR suggested that our Programme Secretary, Sandy, could have a little bit more to spend when organising speakers for next season.

MR said that the Bank Account can be operated online through a browser using the present dual signature method. This can be used to pay presenters or judges. The dual signature method cannot be operated to pay judges or speakers on the night.

It was decided to offer to pay presenters using BACS if the recipient prefers this to a cheque. This was accepted unanimously.

SaW sends a confirmatory e-mail to a speaker before they come, so she will include in the **e-mail asking whether they want to be paid by BACS.** If they do, could they send the amount, and their Sort Code and Account Number to facilitate prompt payment.

5. Do we want to organise a mounting workshop?

The Committee has had such a workshop requested by more than one member so **DG suggested that he will send out an e-mail offering a print mounting workshop** at North Frith on a Saturday. *(e-mail sent on 19th November).* DG could offer printing of images, mounting, and even perhaps some tuition on PDI preparation. MR and SuW both offered to help. We could run a 3rd Monday event at the Mencap Hall, but this would not give much opportunity before prints for the third print competition are due in at the end of January. Members could even mount their prints from the Small Print Competition.

DG will ask for the number of members interested at the Club on Monday.

3-4 people would be sufficient to run an event.

It was mentioned that at the Ross Cup there were several entries stuck on the mount board rather than mounted behind it, so people who didn't want to invest in a cutter could use this method.

6. Review of Small Print Competition and questions about next year's Programme

1. The Small Print Competition was received favourably by many members (only one complaint was noted). People especially liked the element of conversation and discussion. It was decided to put this event in again next Season. SaW suggested 23rd November for this and this was agreed.
2. We will have a judge for the Exhibition in July - this also partly provides a 'Best of the Year' competition except that the entries do not have to be entries into previous competitions. It was pointed out that we have three members who have not yet received a prize for winning the People's Vote and this should be attended to. **SuW will provide a prize** for the Small Print Competition. The most likely day for the Exhibition Private View event is Thursday 16th July. The judge will have to be booked for this, but there is no Thursday late night opening in the library any more so we don't have to have Thursday if this is difficult for the judge.
3. We agreed previously to have a 'Best of the Year' competition, which has been pencilled in for 28th September. The committee agreed not to have our original two finals restored next season. There was discussion on the format for the 'Best of the Year'. It was agreed that each member could submit one print and one PDI that had been in competition the previous season. This would make a long evening so we might need an extra half hour on our hire of the Mencap Hall. There was disagreement on whether the competition should be judged externally or internally by members. This was not decided finally, but the favoured suggestion was to have an external judge to critique the images, but then get members to vote for their favourite three images in each category. The votes would be handed in and the winners announced in the subsequent week's meeting. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
4. The Mencap AGM happens on the third Monday in October so cannot be used for Club events.
5. It was pointed out that the Early May Bank Holiday this season (2020) has been moved to Friday 8th May - VE Day. This could leave us an extra Monday if we wanted to put something in. It is back to Monday May 3rd in 2021. We have a Keynote Speaker in for 10th May, but we could put another speaker in, either on Club Night, 12th April, or after the End of Year Social on 17th May.
6. There were no other outstanding matters from the AGM.
7. All agreed to keep 3rd Mondays in as having no Club Events, so we can have committee meetings, ad hoc extra meetings at short notice, or just a night off.

7. Discussion on whether / how / when we allow tweaking of images?

This item was not reached due to lack of time.

8. Committee members

The External Competition Secretary, Paul Simons, decided that instead of standing down at the AGM this season, he would like to take the Club through the PAGB competition next October. He will stay on for an extra season, but we should find a new candidate for 2021. SuW would like to give up doing the coffee and tea at the end of this season. She said she was not going to account for all the coffee, tea, milk and biscuit purchases and would be happy to pay for it all herself. The committee decided they would rather pay her an average amount, such as £50 to cover purchases for the year.

There was a suggestion that everyone should bring their own refreshments next season. However, that would leave out any new members or visitors - perhaps an enquiry about what members would prefer at the AGM would be a way forward.

9. A.O.B

An outing to take Night Photos in London was suggested, before the Theme competition on Night Time on January 27th. **DG will remind Club members of the Theme at the next**

meeting.

We need another meeting and 16th of December is the next third Monday available.

SuW will ask committee members when they have had time to consult their calendars.

(Done 20th Nov)

The meeting finished at 10.10pm

Signed :

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