



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting 6th July 2020

The meeting was held at 8pm on Zoom

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

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

**Apologies for absence : Lynda Atkinson**

- 1. The minutes of the meeting on 27th May were approved unanimously and signed.**
- 2. Events :** DM reported to the Club that former member John Clark had died on 8th June. John was on the committee from 2001 to 2006.

Mike Robinson's **Themes** have been very successful and will continue until 14th September. They will then finish after our new season will have started.

SuW has been contacting members to find out whether members are happy to use Zoom and relayed the warm appreciation to Mike from many members who have been enjoying the Themes.

### **3. Treasurer Queries**

a. It was agreed to discount the fees by £3 for next season because of savings from cancelled speakers at the end of the season.

b. It was also agreed that we should communicate to members that costs would be regularly reviewed during next season and if there are any savings we would pass them on in due course. **Mike Robinson will communicate with members after circulating his message to the committee for comment.** (*circulated to the committee 8th July*).

c. It was agreed that speakers and judges would not be offered any extra payment for contributing on Zoom. Speakers are paid for their appearances in person or by Zoom, but judges only charge travelling expenses which will not be applicable online. The Club will make a **donation to Mencap of £25 for each judged event**, approximately equivalent to what would have been the judge's travelling expenses. This will be a **total of £150** for events up to Christmas, in recognition of Mencap's help during the lockdown period. We will tell the judges that we are making the charity donation when we convey our thanks for their contribution.

### **4. Arrangements for next Season**

a. The committee agreed that the subject for the Themed third PDI would be **'Neighbourhood'** as this would be available even to those confined to their homes.

b. The opening night of the season needs to present some images so we decided on a **selection from Mike's Themes** with some comments. (no decision was taken about how to do the comments).

c. We cannot go ahead with the Team Challenge - even with only two in a team - with too many members shielding. Any missing meetings will be filled with a new speaker.

d. It was agreed to have a **trial meeting** by the beginning of August just amongst the committee members to try out the structure of a PDI competition evening. Rob will need to transfer Di Centra to his laptop and then we can see how it can be incorporated into a Zoom meeting. All meetings will be run from DG's Zoom subscription. DG as host will be able to mute other participants and un-mute the speaker or judge.

e. It was agreed to have a **whole-club trial Zoom meeting in the middle of August**. This will be used to show members the Winners and other PDIs from the Exhibition.

f. Peter Humphrey will talk on 23rd November.

22nd February which would have been the Team Challenge will go down as a Club Night on the programme.

g. **The Tripartite** has changed to a fully PDI competition on 16th November with 16 images from each Club. This change is for the 2020-2021 season only.

Paul Simons has discussed with the other Clubs the maximum number of PDIs that could be submitted by one photographer. It was unanimously agreed in the meeting that a maximum of two images per photographer would encourage a wide entry, and Paul thought that this was agreeable to the other Clubs.

The maximum of two images per photographer is a permanent change to the rules, and applies to the print and PDI sections together. That is any photographer can only supply two images - two prints, two PDIs or one of each.

## 5. A.O.B.

a. **The Exhibition** : DM had no more news from the library, except that it is not open when we would have had our Exhibition.

DM also reported that he has had 80 pictures from 20 entrants to the Exhibition so far.

Sandy will liaise with DG and DM about the marketing.

No decision was taken about whether we could have a People's Vote. Mike is going to investigate whether the old Themes site could be used for this. We could have a vote just within the Club members.

b. **From the Treasurer** : Roger will audit the accounts.

We will need someone to fill the post of Treasurer at the end of the season. There were no suggestions about possible candidates.

MR will continue with paying from his own account and then refunding himself from the Club's account with cheque signatures from SuW. He can do this online.

c. **Ex Members** : There was unanimous agreement that ex-members of the Club who have moved away could be invited back into Zoom sessions.

The meeting ended at 10.08pm

Signed :

Chairman

Date :