



Sevenoaks Camera Club

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Monday 21st September 2020 : 8pm on Zoom

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

(Names abbreviated to DG, MR, DM, SuW, RW, Ps'J, SaW,)

**Apologies for absence : Lynda Atkinson, Paul Simons
Claire Thomas has left the Club**

1. The minutes of the meeting from 6th July were approved and signed.

(retained by DG)

2. Events since 6th July

- a. **Jack Wheeler** died on 7th September : DG is collecting tributes from Club Members. *(A leaflet of contributions was printed on 25th and will be delivered to the Wheeler family before the funeral on Tuesday 29th.) Club members have been given a code for remote participation in the funeral.*
- b. **The 9th September outing to Ashdown Forest to take Milky Way pictures** took place with 3 members present.
- c. **DM and Roger Lee's exhibition** at Kaleidoscope was postponed till next year. **Sevenoaks in a Time of Change** is on at the Kaleidoscope Gallery from 7th September to 17th October - Rogen Lee took the photos.

3. Club activities over the summer:

MR continued to run the Themes website which was a tremendous success and kept the Club going over the whole lockdown period. The last Theme was 'Abstract' which finished when the new season started so that it wouldn't clash with the official programme.

SuW rang members to ensure that Zoom was a viable option - most were happy to use it, others were given encouragement and support.

10th August:

Trial Zoom for the committee - All committee present except Paul s'Jacob

DG suggested two outings. 9th Sept - Milky Way photography at Ashdown Forest
24th October Autumn Colours
These were approved by committee.

24th August:

Club trial Zoom - over 30 members attended - some members had problems joining. SuW phoned some members to improve Zoom access.

Activity :

Looked through winners from exhibition with comments from photographers.

26th August:

Trial Zoom for three - DG, DM, SuW

Agreed to use Themes choice for the first meeting on 7th.

Derek M (and Mike R) will select and the 2 Dereks will introduce.
All 32 contributors to Themes were included and most gave comments on their pictures.

Other activities agreed :

Mike R will send round audited accounts for the year up to the end of March 2020.
Audited accounts received by SuW 30th August.

SaW has decided with DG that Zoom sessions will start 15min early just to talk to the speaker or judge and make sure that the procedure for the evening is agreed. RW will be included for PDI competitions.

DM has put up to date minutes onto the website.

4. New Season progress and matters arising :

- a. **MR is taking the lead with membership details** for the moment.
14 single and 3 joint members have paid to re-join so far this season
2 non-members were present at the second meeting as extras.
- b. **First meeting on 7th September** - Looked at 32 pictures from the Themes over lockdown. About 35 members were present.
The pictures chosen were one from each of the contributors to the Themes, each one a picture that was in the top ten of the popular vote.
Most people were happy to comment on their pictures over Zoom.
- c. **Second meeting 14th September** - We had a good talk from Roger Hance on 'Why I switched' from Canon to a much smaller non-full frame Olympus system. He showed very varied pictures - wildlife, sports, landscape, long exposure etc. 34 participants registered on Zoom, but some were couples and so we probably had around 38 participants.

PDI entries were requested for the 28th September. (*Only 4 in so far by 21st.*)
People were reminded that the 3rd PDI is on the Theme of neighbourhood.
(*RW sent a reminder for the first PDI to Club members*)
- d. So far Derek G is sending out Zoom details to all club members on the Club Google group. SuW is contacting a few extras who are not on the Google group.
- e. **Evaluation** : The general verdict was that the meetings have been well received by members and are going well. There was some doubt about the best way of managing the break - It was suggested that we should just unmute all microphones for a chat - The alternative is to show a short photographic video. We should try both and then decide.

The other problem is how to admit late comers or people who have been cut off and want re-admission into the session, when the new host, the speaker, is screen sharing. This was not decided but it was suggested that we should try 'webinar mode' (*More research has shown that webinar mode is not available to DG so we will continue with what we have for the moment.*)

We will try to use screen shot to get a list of members participating in a meeting.
SuW will ring members who were expected to attend but did not.

f. A date for the exhibition next year :

We have been offered 6th to 17th July at Kaleidoscope Gallery and all agreed **DG**

should accept. (*This was done by DG on Wed 23rd September.*)

- g. Vote of Thanks rota** - No one has agreed to do this. **SuW will telephone possibles** and let DM know whether she has found someone before Monday 28th.
- h. New treasurer needed for next season** : no suggestions so far.

5. AOB

- a. RW said he couldn't get names to come up for winners on Di Centra - DG reassured him that he had never been able to get this to happen - names will have to be read out.
- b. DM apologised because he had recommended live talks from the photography show and they froze and were badly designed.
- c. MR pointed out that he needs to know about the fees for speakers and how they need to be paid beforehand - **SaW will let him know after she has contacted them.**
- d. RW said that Roger Hance's suggestion of setting pre-focus in burst mode for moving subjects worked well.
- e. We need to know whether the tripartite is going ahead. **SuW will ring Paul Simons** to find out what the position is.

SuW spoke to Paul on Wednesday 23rd :

He confirmed that the meeting in Blackburn has been cancelled for this season and our entry will be carried forward to next year. Also the KCPA has cancelled all events.

The Tripartite is going ahead and Paul will send out PDIs to the selection committee in the next few days. We are hosting it.

The other Clubs are participating but have not agreed the rules.

Paul will send out score sheets at the beginning of November when he has the lists of entries.

We decided that the other two Clubs would be offered 30 places each and be expected to give the Zoom codes to only that number since we only have the licence for 100 participants.

The meeting ended at 9:31 pm

Signed :

Chairman

Date :