



Sevenoaks Camera Club

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Wednesday 4th November 2020 : 8pm on Zoom

Present : Chairman Derek Griffin:

Mike Robinson, Derek Medhurst, Paul s'Jacob

Susan Wilkinson, Rob Weighill, Paul Simons, Sandy Wyndham,

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

Apologies from: Lynda Atkinson

1. **The minutes of the meeting from 21st September were approved** with improvement in the lettering of point 4. *SuW sent out the corrected minutes for signing by DG on 5th November.*

2. **Autumn Colours workshops at North Frith with distancing :**

1st workshop on 24th October - 5 people attended.

The weather was good and there were lots of fungi.

2nd workshop on 31st October - two people cancelled and 3 plus DG did a bit of photography but then it rained so hard that photography stopped.

DM has had several appreciative e-mails about the Themes section on the website, including from the Sevenoaks District Arts Council.

3. **New Season Progress:**

Talk from Derek Medhurst - Early Sevenoaks Photographers

1st PDI Competition - Stephen Carroll - 54 entries - won by David Barker

The Way I see it from Rosemary Wilman

2nd PDI Competition - Paul Adams - 57 entries - won by David Barker

Talk from Milt Ives - a tour of two magical islands - Senja and Mull

All of these were held on Zoom with around 32-34 attending.

This corresponds to about 45 members that have attended at least one meeting.

We have had positive comments from members.

4. **Progress report from MR (Treasurer) and SaW (Programme Secretary)**

Present membership 46 who have paid.

Mike supplied the committee with a list of members who have not yet attended or have not paid. Some will not rejoin, but **SuW will contact** as many as possible.

MR will send out a message to those who have not yet paid subs for this year. The wording will be agreed between DG and MR.

SaW reported that most of the judges and speakers after Christmas will be able to do Zoom meetings. Chris Shore will not do his talk by Zoom, though he and Helen Taylor are willing to judge competitions by Zoom.

The committee approved cancelling the individual panel competition. Clive Tanner has

offered a talk on **Romney Marsh Churches** and **Rochester Cathedral**.

We will continue with all PDI competitions in the second half of the year.

A donation to Mencap will be made for the second half of the season, for the judges who do not now need travel expenses. The amount is £25 per night and DG tells the judges what we have done when he speaks to them before a meeting. The amount might be about £125.

5. The programme from 2nd November :

The Tripartite - Paul gave the committee a progress report. The images are in the system with Rob Weighill. DG will send out the Zoom codes.

Paul S was happy with the breadth of selection from the selection committee. He will ask the other clubs for names of essential members e.g. those whose pictures have been used, so we can make sure we let them into the Zoom on the night. All going well so far.

DiCentra has an Interclub setting where three separate folders can be entered and it will randomise and organise them.

It was suggested we would be wise to have a reserve DiCentra on another person's computer, so Paul s'Jacob volunteered for the role.

Ps'J reported that he has installed DiCentra and will now test it - MR supplied details - 11.11.20.

Christmas Social. Everyone can join a Zoom with their own drink and mince pie or sausage roll? Paul s'Jacob offered to do a quiz. We will ask for people's Christmas photos and set them to music for the Social. Mike can collect photos on the Themes site. The quiz will be self-marked.

MR set up the Themes site for Christmas 11.11.20

(It was mentioned that Paul Adams can do a photography quiz.)

There was also a suggestion that member's Christmas Greetings could be collected together on the Themes site.

Glyn Bareham cannot judge the competition on 8th February, but we could ask Chris Shore whether he can do it instead.

Kirsty Ralfs is happy to judge either prints or PDIs on 29th March.

Paul s'J would be happy to pick up and deal with prints if we decided to do them, (they need 3 days of quarantine before being handled.) The consensus of the meeting was to continue with all PDIs for the moment.

DG will tell members that PDIs continue.

We will do a **Zoom AGM**.

On 12th April **Derek Michalski will give a long exposure** talk - he can do a more pictorial one or a more technical one. The more technical version was decided on.

We have **two Club Nights 22nd Feb and 19th April** : MR suggests that we should set say 4 technical photographic challenges - e.g. Intentional Camera Movement, water drops, long exposure etc. Then they could be shown on the night and people talk to their images. The committee liked this suggestion

The committee also suggested a triptych competition to be judged in house. The triptych would be as a PDI, first shown as a triptych, then each image individually then

the three together again.

SaW will contact Peter Humphrey and Peter Dillon to make sure they can both do their scheduled events.

People can do **prints for the Exhibition** and we will allow members to submit individual panels of from 3 to 6 prints instead of the 4 individual prints if they would prefer to submit a panel.

11.11.20 - SaW has confirmed that Clive Tanner will talk on 4th January. Peter Humphrey will talk on Aspects of Composition. She is in contact with Chris Shore.

6. Vote of Thanks rota? We may have a person to do it, but for the moment SuW will contact four or five members to try to find volunteers up to Christmas.

7. New treasurer needed for next season - DG will contact one suggestion.

8. AOB

RW raised the fact that many people enter PDIs with incorrect sizes and other errors. DG said he had the same thing when he was PDI Secretary, but with so many PDIs to run this year he would agree with people having their entries sent back if they are not correct. Rob is being given too much work to do considering it all falls on his shoulders in the Zoom era.

Using PhotoEntry as a gateway to PDI submission was discussed as a way of dealing with PDI submission issues.

<https://photoentry.uk/information/welcome.html>

*MR has investigated and says it seems to cover sizing, naming, confirmation emails, DiCentra integration. We could have one month free trial
The software seems to be still supported - last updates were in 2020.
Cost is £1 per member per annum.*

The meeting ended at 10.10pm

Signed Chairman :

Date :