



Sevenoaks Camera Club

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting Monday 23rd August 2021 : 8pm on Zoom

Present : Derek Griffin, Tom Briody, Susan Wilkinson, Rob Weighill, Paul Simons, Sandy Wyndham, Paul s'Jacob, Colleen Costick and Derek Medhurst

1. Events since the AGM :
 - a. The Exhibition was held successfully in the Kaleidoscope Gallery from 7th to 17th July, with 76 prints. Derek Medhurst set up an online exhibition on the website showing PDIs and also PDIs of most of the prints.
Both prints and PDIs were judged by Cherry Larcombe.
Colleen Costick won the People's Vote with 'Christmas in Ljubljana'.
 - b. The trophies for the Exhibition and the Starter Cup were engraved and given to the recipients (Pat Jones for best print and Derek Medhurst for print imagination, Milt Ives for best PDI and Derek Medhurst for PDI imagination, Lynton Jones for the Starter Cup.)
 - c. There was a Zoom meeting on 2nd August to which all members were invited to discuss whether to go back to meetings in the Hall. Opinion was divided around 50:50 so it was decided to remain on Zoom at least until the middle of October. There will be another meeting on 18th October to discuss policy until Christmas.
 - d. Outings :
 - 1st and 8th May - Bluebell days at North Frith
 - 6th May - Long exposure at Salt Lane, Cliffe Woods
 - 1st July - Lullingstone Country Park
 - 22nd July - Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve
 - 26th August - Toys Hill 9.30am
 - 28th August - Astrophotography at St Thomas Becket Church, Fairfield
 - e. Athene Fenn was contacted about use of the Mencap Hall.
She assures us that we will not lose our slot on Monday evenings.
The Hall has a QR code plus wipes and hand sanitiser in the lobby.
A cleaner comes in regularly and the kitchen equipment is back.
 - f. Bryan Lockey died recently and his funeral was held at St Mary's Church, Sundridge on 19th August. Two members of the Club attended.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 15th March 2021 were approved unanimously.
3. Our Treasurer, Tom Briody suggested that he should set up a 'small payments' account at Barclays, to be set up with £500 initially. This account could be operated by one of the signatories to the Club's main account, without the need for a second signature. It could be operated online using a phone app. and would simplify small transactions. Getting a second signature on a cheque has become more difficult over lockdown. Tom also proposed that the deposit account should be closed as technically this should require us to enter a tax return, even though we hardly receive any interest on this account.

The committee was happy that Tom should run the Club's accounts in the way he proposed. Tom's proposal was accepted unanimously and is attached in full at the end of the minutes.

4. Membership form discussion:

Colleen felt that the present membership form is very old-fashioned. She suggested not asking for titles or for photographic distinctions which was agreed. It was also decided that the form should give bank transfer details but not say that cash or cheque were acceptable. We still have three members who have not used bank transfer, so to accommodate those who do not have an on-line account we will include a suggestion that anyone who has a problem with bank transfer should contact Tom Briody. The meeting supported these changes and also an interactive membership form which had been designed by Derek Griffin.

Colleen Costick and Derek Medhurst will organise the new form and Derek will put it on the Club website.

All members will be e-mailed a copy of the new form with the newest version of the programme. (Colleen)

Members will be told to return the form to Colleen and she will forward it to Tom. Membership forms can be kept on computer (with a backup) and need not be kept on paper.

5. Review of the Exhibition

The exhibition was less attended than usual, but some classes from Lady Boswell's school came as did Cherry Larcombe. The visitor's book was mainly signed by members of the Club.

There were 160 viewings of the main exhibition page on the SCC website.

23 members entered PDIs, and many of the entries were not correct and needed modification by Derek M. Before they could go on the website. The committee thanked Derek M for all his work in setting up the online exhibitions, both print and PDI images.

5. Requirements for going back to the Mencap Hall

We are having a Zoom meeting for all members on 18th October to decide whether we will go back to 'in person' meetings in the Mencap Hall.

We will need a risk assessment to decide on the requirements for going back which can't be decided until nearer the time. **We will have a brief committee meeting before 18th** to decide on what our requirements would be for going back. For example, should we require lateral flow tests, what cleaning requirements will we have and how should we organise refreshments? It will depend on the prevalence of virus in October. Sandy Wyndham has been in touch with the speakers and judges and all are happy to do Zoom meetings until 18th October.

6. AOB.

- a. Returning prints from the exhibition : Paul s'Jacob has all the prints and will send out an **e-mail telling members to contact him about retrieving them.**
- b. The PAGB entries are almost all selected, and the titles have to be submitted to the PAGB by the beginning of September. Paul Simons has not been told any more details of how the competition will be run.

The meeting was closed at 9.33pm

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