



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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## Minutes Committee Meeting Tuesday 26th October 2021 : 6pm on Zoom

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

Apologies : Paul Simons

Colleen Costick has resigned from the committee but will continue to organise the Vote of Thanks rota.

A request was received from Kentish Opera for photography at the Dress Rehearsal of Pirates of Penzance at the Stag tomorrow, 27th October at 7pm.

**Four members have volunteered.**

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on 23rd August were approved.  
The Club took part in the PAGB competition in Smethwick. Paul Simons took our prints up. Club members could attend the judging and results on Zoom, and at least 5 members attended, at least partially. We came third equal from bottom of 35 clubs, but Derek M. congratulated Paul on his image 'Skating on thin ice', which in his opinion was outstanding.
2. The meeting of the Club on Monday 18th October decided overwhelmingly not to return to the Mencap Hall immediately after Christmas, but to keep the decision under regular review. Approximately 6 were in favour of returning and 25 wanted to carry on remotely. Accordingly it has been decided to carry on meeting on Zoom.

It was decided for the committee to have a **review of this decision on the third Monday in January 2022** (24th) to give Sandy enough time to organise the rest of the programme which will depend on what is decided.

Prior to this decision the **opinions of the membership will be canvassed by e-mail** on whether to continue on Zoom or go back to the Mencap Hall. The e-mail survey will have to go out in the first week in January to give time for members to reply. This will need to be after the first meeting on 10th, with a reminder to members on 17th. If the e-mail survey gets sufficient response we will review the position in committee, but the meeting on 24th could be changed to a whole-club meeting if necessary.

3. Since we are not going back to the Mencap Hall in January we need to review the events planned for the rest of the Season.  
Before Christmas all meetings have been planned for Zoom, though speakers and judges will need to be contacted to check that they are happy with this. In January we planned an individual print panel competition with Clive Tanner as judge and this will no longer be possible.

Decisions on the programme : **Sandy will contact speakers and judges** who are on the calendar from January to the end of February:

Print competitions will have to be changed to PDI while the Hall is not being used.

- a. Christmas Social : **Paul s'Jacob volunteered to do a quiz** and **SWi will contact Mike Robinson** to check that we could use his online Themes site for Christmas Cards again. (*e-mailed 27th October - replied that he will set it up*). These could also be shown at the Christmas Social on 13th December.
  - b. 10th January : Individual panel competition cancelled. Clive Tanner as judge deferred till next season unless we end up with a judging gap for later this season. We will hold a PDI triptych viewing with commentary from the contributors if they wish and discussion or comments from members.
  - c. 17th January : Chris Shore cannot do his Large Format talk on line. Sandy will contact him to see whether he has any suggestions - otherwise we will need a new speaker.
  - d. 31st January : Gerald Kitiyakara needs to be contacted to see whether he will judge on Zoom, a PDI competition rather than prints.
  - e. 7th February : Talk by Tom Way - check that he will do it on Zoom.
  - f. 14th February and 14th March : Club Nights  
Sandy suggested a learning technique in February - followed by the results from members in March.  
A self-portrait evening where everyone has to take a portrait - not a selfie - but set up with camera on tripod and remote release or timer was also suggested.
  - g. 28th March : Helen Taylor may need to be changed or moved.
  - h. If we go back to the Hall after February we will have print competitions as advertised in the calendar. Otherwise they will continue as PDIs.
4. **It was decided to make another donation to the Mencap Hall this Christmas.**  
(SWi will be in touch with Athene to let her know what the club has decided about coming back to the Hall.)
5. Derek G. has been organising outdoor workshops at North Frith and elsewhere. He had an autumn colour and fungus workshop at North Frith on 23rd October.  
**A walk in Knole Park** is planned on 28th October.  
**Rob Weighill volunteered to organise a visit to Brands Hatch** in the New Year. Derek G is thinking about sunset at Toys Hill and/or Trosley Country Park. We could arrange a walk at Falconhurst. Reculver might also be possible.  
Ian Howard who talked to us on 11th October would be prepared to do a street photography and architecture walk in London for 6 members (members would have to pay). **Sandy Wyndham will see if there is sufficient interest in this** and coordinate with Ian. Places like Eagle Heights may also do photographic sessions, though not for free, similarly there are wildlife sanctuaries or zoos which may do wildlife photography, such as the Wildwood Trust.
6. Sandy will need to start organising next season's programme (2022-23) after Christmas. We should probably expect to be back in the Hall, at least partially.

It was pointed out that the laptop may not work well after being unused for over two years.

We now have two committee members who have the ability to do online banking.

**Derek Griffin will be in touch with SVAF** (Ros and Sue) to make sure that our Exhibition is booked in for this season.

Colleen has sent a tally of members from 1st October. These are around 38-40  
The committee concluded that we should try to find new members. Facebook and Instagram are going well, but we should try to advertise more, especially after Christmas when people may have been given new cameras.

Susan Wilkinson  
SCC General Secretary