



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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## Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 5th April 2022 : 6.30pm on Zoom

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

The minutes from 24th January were approved unanimously.

1. No events have been organised at the moment, but Susan W has been receiving images from members to contribute to a Platinum Jubilee photo book. The Club was formed in 1952, so we are celebrating 70 years of the Club with a book of members' photos. We also produced books in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Images from 39 members have been received so far. Only nine of our members had not contributed up to 5th April.

*Susan W will get together with Derek G soon to finalise the book with the aim of uploading and printing at the beginning of May. (DG warns about a large rise in price of printing expected.)*

2. The AGM is happening on 9th May.

*Susan W will send out notification of the AGM and invite people to put themselves forward for election to the committee. She will also send last year's AGM minutes and a deadline for introducing topics for discussion at the AGM..*

We need: A new External Competition Secretary.

A vice-chairman - our Chairman, Derek Griffin, will continue for one more year.

A new Secretary or Membership Secretary.

So far there have been no responses to requests for a new External Competition Secretary. **It was decided** that a request would be sent out to all members, but the backup position would be to make the Selection committee a self-managed team who would decide between themselves how to submit entries for particular competitions. If no one could do it then there would be no entry.

*Susan W will ring a couple of new members to sound out how they would feel about joining the committee, even as member without portfolio.*

Reports from all members of the committee should be sent in to Susan W by 20th April if possible. This does not include the audited accounts which cannot be produced by this time.

We have voted to conduct all meetings by Zoom this season so printed programmes will not be needed until September.

3. Financial matters : Tom Briody

We have lost members over Covid, and would like to increase numbers.  
At the same time our bank account has become more healthy due to reduced outgoings.

We need to **buy a new laptop**. Rob queried whether Windows 11 can handle the Di Centra programme. *Rob will e-mail 'Wilbur Imaging' to enquire.*

The suggestion was made that in this difficult financial climate, perhaps we could attract more members by a reduction in subscriptions from the present £52 for single membership.

Another possibility was to give all members a free copy of the Jubilee Photo Book. After discussion **it was decided** that the subscriptions proposed to the AGM would be reduced slightly to £50 for single membership, £80 for double, £25 for student membership and £10 for Junior membership.

**It was also decided** that members would be given a free photo book.

This was decided because it is often difficult to raise subscriptions by a large amount after reducing them. Giving free membership for the first year would be a bit unfair to our faithful long term members. The committee would like to be able to offer a free year's membership to people who are on benefits or are in financial difficulty, but will think further about how this can best be offered.

4. The programme for next season : Sandy Wyndham

a. It was decided that we would have a triptych event on 9th January and not re-introduce the team challenge for next season. We could have both print and PDI triptychs.

b. The **theme** for the **Third PDI will be "Normal Life"**.

The topic "My Other Hobby", was also suggested and saved for another occasion.

Rob needs 2 weeks to prepare a PDI competition so last dates for submission will allow for this.

c. We need another member speaker for the Club Night on 3rd October. D Barker agreed to do the first or second half. *Susan W will sound out a couple of members to see whether they could do half an evening. (done 6th April.)*

*Sandy and Derek M will get together to put a proposal to members that they could do a "Desert Island pics" session.*

d. We need volunteers or suggestions for Club Nights in the second half of the programme.

g. We will have printed programmes ready for the beginning of the Season on 5th September and for the exhibition.

h. Sandy brought to the committee's attention that many KCPA judges are retiring. This also applies to judges from other areas. The increase in fuel costs may also prove a problem for judges, when the amount of travelling expenses they can claim is limited by government (via the KCPA) rules. We now have a very limited pool of judges to choose from.

5. Exhibition in October – the opening day is Wednesday 19th October. Whoever agrees to Judge *will be asked by Sandy whether they could attend a preview evening on Wednesday 19th if this can be arranged.*

6. The programme for next season has been designed as a hybrid, with some speakers on Zoom but many of the meetings expected to be back in the Hall. We will stand ready to revert to Zoom if circumstances change, and will ask for members' inputs, though without a vote, at the AGM. *Susan W will keep Athene informed.*

7. AOB.

a. There was a suggestion that we could have a zoom session after competitions which were held in the Hall, so that members who do not feel able to return could be shown the competition entries. No decisions can be taken at the moment.

b. The Darent Valley Landscape Partnership is planning some photographic events in the summer, and as the Camera Club has been closely involved in the Bat and Ball restoration project Derek M will enquire about our possible involvement.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Susan Wilkinson

SCC General Secretary

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