



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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

## Minutes Committee Meeting Monday 13th November 2023 : 7.45pm for 8pm on Zoom

Attendance : Derek Griffin (DG), Tom Briody (TB), Susan Wilkinson (SuW), Sandy Wyndham (SaW), Jean-Pierre Darque (J-P), Rob Weighill (RB), Anne Roberts (AR), Peter Dillon (PD), Ann White (AW)

Apologies : Derek Medhurst (DM)

1. Review of activities :

There have been two walks led by DG.

Wed 18th October : Expedition to Oldbury Woods

Trip to Broadwater Warren : re-scheduled for Wednesday 15th November

The Club is sad to announce that the following previous and present members have died recently :

Muriel Gray died 5th September 2023

George Jones died on 29th September 2023

Ron Harding died 2nd October 2023

All three have been important members of the Club who have contributed greatly. The Club has made small charitable donations in each of their memories.

Tripartite Competition between Tandridge, Old Coulsdon and Sevenoaks is due to happen at the Mencap Hall on 20th November.

A new laptop was bought for the PDI Secretary's work in October.

2. J-P and TB reported on the number of members who have joined so far this season. TB reported that even after paying for the Mencap Hall for the season there is a substantial amount in the bank.

J-P has received 30 completed renewal forms but was informed by our Treasurer TB that we have had 45 paid contributions. We are hoping for more soon as we chase those who have not responded. Six previous members have not sent in forms or payment. A couple are not expected to come back but some will be approached by committee members to see whether they intend to re-join. There are six new members.

The subject of having friends of the Club who do not want to come regularly but might come to the occasional event paying a reduced subscription e.g.£25 was raised, but it was pointed out that if 'Country Members' still enter competitions then they are expected to pay the full subscription. They can attend the zoom meetings as well. There might be other people who stay on the e-mail list even though they are no longer members. This was done over Covid to great advantage in retaining members and these people have not been charged.

3. Arrangements for the Tripartite evening at the Mencap Hall.

The 20th November is the yearly competition between Tandridge, Old Coulsdon and Sevenoaks Clubs, this year with Chris Shore as judge.

The competition will have 8 PDI images from each club in the first half, and 8 prints

from each in the second half.

AR has received almost all the PDI images and print names for the night, **She will produce plenty of scoring sheets** for anyone who wants one.

All the clubs will bring their prints on the night by about 7.30.

**SW will make cake.**

4. From SaW - Content of the Club Nights on 26th Feb and 15th April.

SaW proposed that some members might demonstrate skills and give other members a chance to have a go, then the members could bring their attempts to the second meeting.

PD then volunteered to have a black and white evening which he could introduce.

On discussion it was decided that the **26th Feb club night would be a monochrome evening led by PD**. He would include monochrome taken direct, infra red, conversion of colour images to monochrome and a small section on film.

There are several members who have cameras converted to infra red and DG offered to join a walk from Otford to Bat and Ball and give members a chance to use his IR camera, then produce their images when they arrive at the Bat and Ball cafe.

DG also offered a Zoom meeting to show members how to avoid blown highlights if they take RAW files.

It was suggested that many members may need individual help. The suggestion to offer members a buddy system was brought up, and though this has been done before, it was felt that with the big change in membership it might be time to do this again.

**It was decided that SW would devise a questionnaire** for members. **SaW will send SW a copy of the previous questionnaire.**

This will be discussed by the committee before it is sent out.

5. Arrangements for the refreshments at half time in meetings :

It has been noticed that refreshments have been being produced by lady members and it was suggested that the task should be spread more evenly by having a Rota again.

AW said she likes doing the refreshments as a way of meeting people, so it was agreed that AW, SuW and Catherine Furnish will talk over how to come to a better arrangement at the next two meetings and come up with a proposal for a system that is more sustainable in the long run. **AW was appointed** the senior hot beverage operative - or refreshments manager.

6. Possible new committee members:

J-P is about to produce the new membership list for this season, so the committee will have the information about who might be available. RW in particular needs an understudy as he has to be away frequently. He is able to set up the competitions on DiCentra, but would like to have someone able to run the equipment on Competition nights.

SW would like to step down or step back as Secretary and we also need someone as vice-Chairman.

7. From RW : What to do with two old laptops?

It was decided that the content of any old competitions would be retained, for example on a memory stick, and then the old computers would be taken to the tip for recycling.

**RW will download any useful images** on the computers over the Christmas break and then re-format or clear the computers.

8. Date for cleaning out the Mencap Hall cupboard.

**SW will contact Athene Fenn** to ask her whether we can come in to clear out the cupboard on the 28th, 29th or 30th November. *(Done on 14th - the afternoon of 29th is*

*not available because the Hall is being cleaned - otherwise any time is possible.)*

9. AOB.

SaW reminded members that she will have to book speakers and judges starting early in the new year. She was assured that even if competitions were changed, the present Programme format would be retained for next season.

Meeting concluded at 10.15pm

Signed :

13th November 2023