



# Sevenoaks Camera Club

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## Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 19th March 2024 : 7.30pm for 8pm on Zoom

Attendance : Derek Griffin (DG), Susan Wilkinson (SuW), Sandy Wyndham (SaW), Anne Roberts (AR), Tom Briody (TB), Rob Weighill (RW)

Apologies : Derek Medhurst (DM), Jean-Pierre Darque (J-P) , Ann White (AW)

1. Derek Medhurst attended the Community Rail Awards in Swansea on 18th March. The photographic project by Club Members which led to an exhibition on the Darent Valley at Bat and Ball Station was a Community Rail project and achieved the position of shortlisted finalist. Congratulations to all the photographers involved.

### 2. **Proposals for discussion at the AGM**

There will be two proposals to send to the members at the end of April for discussion at the AGM

One on non-scoring competitions / one on reducing the numbers of competitions.

- a. It was decided to put the non-scoring proposal first, followed by a proposal to reduce the number of competitions.
- b. It was decided to include 'Imagination' in the wording of the non-scoring proposal.
- c. Thoughts on the discussion to accompany the proposals. It was decided that the exact detail of the discussion points for and against the proposals would be better to be decided by a small sub-group. **DG, DM and SuW are going to meet** on the morning of 9th April to do this.
- d. It was agreed to leave out the mention in the non-scoring proposal that the judge might discuss the reasons for their decisions as if there was time they could be asked about this anyway.

(The proposals decided are included at the end of the minutes.)

DG emphasised that in introducing the proposals at the AGM he must remain unbiased as to his own preferences. If the mood of the meeting seemed undecided he could suggest that non-scoring could be adopted as a trial to start with.

### 3. **April 15th Club Night**

SaW reminded the meeting of the urgency of deciding the content of the evening.

It was decided to ask members to send in "My favourite picture of the year" and they could be asked to talk about it. These could be sent to DG and wouldn't need to be a power point, just individual images.

### 4. **Themes for next year** - for the Theme and the Team Challenge competitions.

It was decided that SuW would send out a message to the committee asking for suggestions or votes from the previous list of titles. She would also send out the list of topics used in previous years.

It was decided that SaW, DM and SuW would meet and arrive at two very short lists for the Theme and the Challenge for the 2024-2025 Season. Members could vote on

these, either by e-mail or at the next meeting on 8th April. The committee added some titles to the previous list, and then these were whittled down to the titles for voting which are :

for the Theme : Pattern(s), Watching, Food and Drink, Superstition(s)

for the Team Challenge : Uniform(ity), Pairs, Tell a Story

#### 5. **The Annual Exhibition :**

We have dates for the exhibition in the library which are **set-up on 13th followed by the exhibition from 14th to 24th August** . (Saturday 24th is a half day).

SaW has set up a working group for the exhibition and has arranged **Pat Couder** as the judge. There is a list of actions needed. In particular the date for submitting entries needs to be decided, as well as the possible use of the mezzanine and the practicalities of having central display boards to allow a possible wall for display of panels, also the use of command strips for hanging rather than our usual frames.

The exhibition committee is SaW, AR, AW, DM, Pat Jones and Graham Usher

#### 6. **Committee Roles** - SuW needs to send out a list to members and ask if any want to stand for a position on the committee

SaW, DM and J-P have told SuW that they are willing to remain in post

SuW is willing.

DM has suggested a change in the committee structure which would need a change in the constitution, and this would need a vote at the AGM. SuW sent out the present committee list previously.

#### 7. **AOB**

##### a. Rob Weighill would like help in setting up a new e-mail to receive competition images. It was suggested that a Microsoft outlook account might be appropriate and Mick Dudley would also need access to the account.

(A Microsoft Outlook account has been set up for receiving PDIs by Rob Weighill and Mick Dudley. This must be communicated to members at the beginning of next season.)

##### b. We have contact with Guylar Magyar's Club in Hungary and might have a competition where we discuss images submitted by their Club, as a reciprocal event to one we held previously.

#### **The meeting finished at 9.20**

#### **Signed. :**

The proposals to be put to the AGM :

#### 1. The four Print and four PDI competitions in the 2024-2025 season should be judged not by the allocation of a numerical mark to each submitted image. Judges will instead be asked to :

- comment on each submitted image
- identify first, second and third-placed images
- identify the most imaginative image which can be any entry
- commend any other images deserving of mention

#### 2. The number of Print and PDI competitions each season is reduced.