

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
7th February 2013
Held at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies; - David Jones, Vera Jones, Steve Slocombe, David Hall.
2. Present;- Sally Sallett, Trevor Bottomley, Chris New, Bill Mahoney, Malcolm Dobson, Steve Wright, Lyndsay Halliday, Bob Jones, Steve Womack, Bob Gibson, John Bickerdike and David Kershaw.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a. Annual Dinner; - 32 people have booked a place. The intention is to eat first and then run the 'image of the Year' competition. We will need the print stands, the screen, projector, extension cables and projector stand. Everyone present will be invited to vote to choose a print of the year, a digital image of the year and also the overall image of the year. This will be followed by the presentation of the trophies, medals and certificates. Bill to email Trevor with a list of Certificates needed. David K to email the members and remind them to return any trophy they currently hold.
 - b. A6 Information sheet; - These are still with the printers, but expected soon.
 - c. Free Prints; - Bill will take on the task of organizing the print run. Any member who is uncertain of how to prepare a file may contact David K, who will resize the image if needs be.
 - d. Light for video projection of prints; - We will trial ideas on February 8th to see if the concept is viable.
 - e. Link to RPS Yorkshire; - David Kershaw will contact the RPS and ask for a link between their web site and ours.
 - f. A suggestion that we separate the Applied section in competitions to 'Architectural Record' and 'Natural History' as judging these as one category was difficult for judges was discussed, but it was agreed that we keep the rules of applied competitions as they are at the moment.
 - g. Current membership of the New Brookhouse Club does not include access to all C.I.U. clubs. If a member wishes to upgrade there is an additional fee of approximately £3. David K to email this information to all the members.
4. Accounts;- Our current balance was noted.
5. Exhibitions;- We now have the licence for the exhibition in the Ridings this summer. Malcolm asked what other avenues to display our work we should follow? It was agreed that we should explore the possibility of using the free art shop in the Ridings, as directed by the membership at the AGM. Other possible venues were discussed, but limited footfall tended to rule out most. The concept of permanent displays in public or charitable venues needs further exploration.
6. Web Site;- Steve Wright was thanked for taking over the web site from David H. He was advised to develop it in his own style and he expressed an intention to explore 'word

press' as software that would enable him to include rolling images. Other future possibilities may include an on line blog and the ability to let individuals amend their own pages. David K asked that Steve look at the club info page, the membership rules page and the committee member's page, as all three needed updating following the AGM.

The inclusion of the Mission Statement produced by Malcolm caused some concern, as this had not been agreed by the committee and it was agreed that it should be removed. This was followed by a heated discussion as to the direction the club should take and it became apparent that the views of the General Secretary were significantly at odds with the rest of the committee. There is potential for this to prove a stumbling block to future progress.

7. Publicity;- We are still in need of a Publicity officer. At present Malcolm is writing the newspaper reports, David H is producing the newsletter and Sally has contacted local radio, but publicity needs a controlling hand if we are to present an organised approach to advertising the club.
8. Programme over next 6 weeks
 - 11th February – Annual Digital Competition – Judge – Graham Gage.
The images are with the judge.
 - 18th February – RPS International Projected Image Exhibition 2012.
David K has the RPS discs, we will also trial lighting and projecting a print on that night.
 - 25th February - Annual Dinner and Presentation, plus Image of the Year.
See notes under 3a.
 - 04th March – Lights Night + A4 Comp.
Bill and Steve Womack will run the A4 unmounted and the Informal Digital competitions.
Any member wishing to enter a digital image must email it to Bill before the event, so that he can download them to his laptop.
 - 11th March – Les Forester – Introduction to HDR.
We need to check what equipment Les needs.
 - 18th Mersea Island Photo Competition – Judge – David Ireland.
No problems at this time.
9. Syllabus 2014;- This is progressing, though Chris is always open to suggestions and ideas for speakers. He will let Bill have a list of Competition dates, so that judges can be booked.
10. Software, Hardware;- Nothing new at present. Several of the committee are attending Focus on Imaging to see what new products are available.
11. Any Other Business.
 - a. New Members Survey Form. The idea of a questionnaire being produced and given to all members, not just new ones, has merit. Each member of the committee to put forward ideas at the next committee meeting.
 - b. Bill asked if we intended to plan any club outings this year? Some discussion followed as to why these outings attracted so few participants and Chris suggested that traveling in separate vehicles could be part of the problem. If we could organise a minibus, we may attract more members to join in.
 - c. Bob G asked if there was some way we could organise a system of mentors for new

members. His feeling was that we tended to lose members because they felt unable to join in through a failure on our part to interact with them.

d. Following agreement at the AGM that committee members should wear name badges Lyndsay and Bob J will produce some.

- 12.** Date and place of Next Meeting – 7th March at Brookhouse. Because of a prior engagement, David K will not be able to attend. Chris undertook to take the minutes at that meeting.

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