



ST IVES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

MINUTES OF 2017/18 AGM

Time and Date: 8.00 pm; 1st May 2018

Attendees:

Office and Committee Members:

Ray Houghton	President
Mike Smith	Vice-President
Peter Wills	Treasurer
Steve Laws	Secretary
Ian Montgomery	Programme Secretary
Steve Eeley	Competition Secretary
Naomi Peel	Asst. Comp. Secretary, Prints
Alice Kendrick	Asst. Comp. Secretary, DPI
Jonathan Sayer	Equipment Office
Hayley Howatt	Without Portfolio

Together with 28 Club Members

Apologies for absence from: Malcolm Clements, Leigh Clements, David King, Tony Cole, Tom Lane, Brian Gilmour, Paul Knight, Chris Coakley and Judy King

1 Minutes of last AGM of 25th April 2017

Minutes produced by Stephen Laws last year were formally approved by the members.

2 Matters Arising

None

3 President's Report

Ray presented his report (see [SIPC AGM Final Report 2017-2018](#)) and highlighted our success at growing membership to 81 members (up from 50, 2 years ago). He also mentioned our disappointment in external competitions and the problems faced this year with the definition of 'near-similar' images in competitions.

Ray thanked the committee, the Interprint team, Tony Barraclough for his work on the news and to Ann for endless commitment to the club. In recognition of Ann's work for the club, Ray announced that Ann would receive the Member of the Year trophy to keep.

Ray asked Karen to present her membership secretary report which highlighted the increased membership and her work to make the club GPDR compliant.

Ray then announced Karen Laws as new club member of the Year for all her work as membership secretary.

Richard Coles recommended that the committee check if we can get insurance against a GPDR breach. **Action for the committee to look into this.**

Gary Dean thanked Ray for his 3 years as President on behalf of the members.

4 Treasurer's Report

Peter presented his report (see [SIPC AGM Final Report 2017-2018](#)) and highlighted the small profit of £98.51 after the additional costs of £1094.23 on equipment and a £500 donation to the church.

Gary Dean asked in light of the increased membership, if the committee had considered an increase in budget for external speakers to improve the quality of the talks. Ian explained that the programme for this year was already in place but should be looked at for the 2019/2020 season. Ian also highlighted that it is difficult to get speakers to travel very far especially during the winter months. **Action for the committee to review budgets for 2019/2020.**

Gary Dean asked what equipment had been purchased and Jonathan explained that this was on the light weight display boards, LED lamps for the prints and a year's subscription to Photoshop.

The accounts were unanimously accepted by the members and proposed by Alice Kendrick and Seconded by Richard Berridge.

5 Competition Secretary's Report

Steve presented his report (see [SIPC AGM Final Report 2017-2018](#)) and highlighted a good season of internal competitions and mixed results for the externals.

Richard Coles asked if we had tried to find out why we are getting low scores in the external competitions. Steve Eeley argued it was down to poor judging. Gary said that the standard expected at external competitions is much higher than club competitions and we need to do better as a club to improve the quality of images and participate in more external competitions. **Action for committee to explore how we can add more external competitions to the programme.**

6 Election of Club Officers

Nomination of Stephen Laws for the position of President.

Nomination of Brian Sibley for the position of Vice President.

Nomination of Alice Kendrick for the position of Competition Secretary.

Nomination of Anthony Hans for the position of Programme Secretary.

Nomination of Karen Laws for the position of Secretary.

All nominations were accepted by a majority of the members.

7 Re-Election of Club Officers

None this year.

8 Re-election of Committee Members

Nomination of Jonathan Sayer for the position of Equipment Officer.

Nomination of Naomi Peel for the position of Assistant Competition Secretary Externals

Nomination of Hayley Howatt for the position of Assistant Competition Secretary Prints

Nomination of Tim Norman for the position of Committee Member without Portfolio

All nominations were accepted by a majority of the members.

9 Any other business as may be properly transacted at an Annual General Meeting

1. Proposal C.1 Proposal to change Rule 2.9
2. Proposal C.1 Amendment by Gary Dean
3. Proposal C.2 Proposal to Clarify Rule 2.7
4. Proposal C.3 Proposal to make refreshments included in membership

Proposal C.1 and Amendment

Vaughan Clark argued that the competition secretary must not be a member of the appeals panel.

Ray said that the appeals panel must be an odd number of people to reach a majority vote.

There was a lot of discussion about who should sit on the panel to make the appeal as fair as possible.

After much debate it was agreed by the majority of members that the C.1 amendment be accepted with the **Competition Sub-Committee** consisting of two committee members and three club members selected from a panel of volunteers by the Competition Secretary. The Competition Secretary will not be a member of the **Competition Sub-Committee**.

Proposal C.2

Gary Dean argued that no rule change was required as the rule has stood the test of time and hadn't changed for 20 years. People specialise and so often they only enter similar images and he argued that this is how they improve their photography.

Tony Barraclough argued that many members are not attending or entering competitions because other members are winning competitions with repeat images.

Richard Coles argued that the rule encourages a variety of work instead of supporting the members to produce their best work. He explained that he specialises on the subject of birds in flight and takes many pictures over many years of puffins, ospreys and other birds in flight. He claims to have had images rejected which were taken one year apart or in different countries.

Vaughan said that you cannot have a statement in a club rule that says "look and feel" because it is so subjective.

A number of members proposed using the metadata as a measurable method to determine if an image is a repeat. Richard then offered a solution to say that e) could be made into an exception based on the metadata timestamp such that if the timestamps are more than 2 seconds then the rule doesn't apply.

A majority vote was reached by the members to accept C.2 with the amendment to replace e) with "Except when the Metadata of the two images is more than 2 seconds apart."

Proposal C.3

This proposal to include refreshments in the membership fee was unanimously agreed by the members.

10 AOB

At the end of the AGM Ray thanked everyone for attending and handed over the key to the new president, Steve Laws.

Steve Laws thanked Ray for his excellent leadership and his commitment to the club seeing it rise to 81 members during his term.

Steve thanked the members for their support in voting him President. He explained that he never planned to stand for the position of club president but Ray had persuaded him to stand for the Role. Steve reassured members that he will continue to work hard to make the club a success.

He looks forward to working with the new committee but said that he also needs the support of the members to help with all our events and competitions.

Steve said that Anthony has put together an interesting and varied winter programme for us when we return in September and in the meantime we have Ian's summer programme to enjoy.

Steve announced that the theme for this years "President Challenge Trophy" is RED.

Unfortunately Steve will miss the first three meetings in September due to a planned holiday but Brian and Ray will chair these meetings in his absence.

The meeting closed at 22:10.

Stephen Laws
Secretary St Ives Photographic Club
1st May 2018