

Committee Meeting

Tuesday 24th March 2020 at 8.00pm

Venue: Online

Attendees: Steve Laws, Brian Sibley, Peter Wills, Alice Kendrick, Jonathan Sayer, Naomi Peel, Tim Norman, Mark Hudson, Steve Eeley

1) **Apologies:** Hayley Howatt

2) **Minutes:** for regular meeting held on 30th January 2020 the minutes were reviewed and agreed

3) **Status of cancellations**

Mark confirmed that all speakers for the remainder of this season have been cancelled.

Peter confirmed that the church has been informed that there will be no further meetings this season.

Assuming, for the time being, that club meeting can re-start on 2nd September and bookings for 2020/21 winter season will be retained.

Action: Peter will discuss with church about when bookings for next season need to be confirmed.

4) **Remaining competitions**

Discussed whether these can be done online, as some clubs have been doing and the technology required to do this. Brian and Jonathan confirmed that they can both make company webcast/online meeting facilities available if needed.

It was considered that there is no feasible way to undertake print competitions, including the remaining monthly print competition and this should be cancelled. For fairness it was also considered that the remaining monthly DPI competition should also be cancelled. However, it should be possible to run the annual competition as DPI only. This would need to be run as an online competition and there was discussion about how best to do this. Agreed that we should find a judge who can work with an online competition and then we can confirm to members the date and method. The annual monochrome print involves both prints and DPIs and it was considered that print entries could be potentially disadvantaged, so it would be better to cancel or postpone this competition.

Decision:

Monthly competition – cancel the remaining (March) competition and award the prizes for both prints and DPIs on the basis of scores up to and including the February competition.

Annual competition – cancel the print competition and run the DPI competition online, judge, date and method to be confirmed.

Monochrome competition – postpone until September (or earliest that a physical meeting can be convened).

Action:

Mark to speak to Dave Steele about availability to judge online annual DPI competition. Alice (and Jonathan) to provide technical briefing.

Alice to confirm revised competition dates once judge secured.

Steve to confirm cancellations and changed dates to all members.

5) Fees

Option to refund fees was discussed, but it was considered that this would be impractical, particularly considering the small sums involved.

Decision: offer discounted membership fee for those renewing membership for the 2020/21 season (at £35)

Action: Steve to confirm new membership costs with members.

6) Summer programme

It was agreed that there is not much that can be done with the summer programme until restrictions and risk of infection is lifted and there is no predictable timeframe for this at the present.

7) AGM

a) Date of meeting

It was discussed that this needs to be a physical meeting and that it will not be possible to hold this for several months yet.

Decision: postpone until September (or earliest that a physical meeting can be convened) and combine with the Awards.

Action: Steve to communicate AGM postponement to members

b) Election of officers

Peter has offered to continue as Treasurer through to the AGM when, unless there are no other candidates, it will be proposed that he continues in the role for a further year.

There are no other committee posts up for re-election.

Naomi and Hayley are stepping down and Louisa Christie and Paul Dobson will join the committee and assist the Competition Secretary.

Steve confirmed that he will continue as President for the remainder of his term. He will also see if anyone is interested in the Programme Secretary role for 2021/2022

and if there is invite them to understudy Mark for next season to book the programme for 2021/2022. If no one comes forward Steve will do this.

c) Accounts

Club accounts will be prepared by Peter for end of March 2020. Sign off will happen when we return in September before the AGM. There are some outstanding payments to be completed and details of these should be forwarded to Peter.

Documents to change signatories of bank accounts await completion, but this will have to wait until the current restrictions are lifted.

8) Engagement of members

Agreed that it would be useful to set members challenges and Alice volunteered to issue these. Entries can be submitted via PhotoEntry.

Jonathan offered to provide online technical talks around camera usage.

Members should also be asked for ideas.

Activities will be promoted via newsletter and Facebook Group.

Action:

Alice to organize challenges

Steve to communicate with members via newsletter and Facebook.

9) Any other Business

No matters raised

10) Date of next meeting

TBC