St Ives Photographic Club

Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19th May 2020 at 8.00pm

Venue: Online

Attendees: Steve Laws, Brian Sibley, Alice Kendrick, Jonathan Sayer, Tim Norman, Mark Hudson, Steve Eeley, Paul Dobson, Louisa Christie

Steve Laws opened the meeting and welcomed Louisa Christie and Paul Dobson to the Committee

1) **Apologies:** Peter Wills

2) **Minutes:** for regular meeting held on 24th March 2020 the minutes were reviewed and agreed

3) **Matters arising**

All actions from the previous meeting have been addressed, although need confirmation that Peter has contacted the church about bookings for next season.

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

4) **AGM**

a) **Format of meeting**

The options for organising the AGM were discussed, but it was concluded, based on current outlook, it cannot be envisaged for the foreseeable future that this could take place as a physical meeting.

Decision: maintain plan to convene meeting in September. Expected that this will be a virtual meeting, but keep under review.

b) **Status of accounts**

Accounts have been finalised and are ready for auditing. The club made a profit of approximately £1,500, largely due to increased income from Interprint.

Action: Peter to organise audit of accounts.

c) **Trophies**

Options for awarding trophies for this year's internal competitions were discussed.

Decision: organise virtual awards ceremony and forward keep-sake trophies to winners. Hold over award of main trophies until a later stage when they can be presented physically.

5) Finance

The club is in a healthy financial position. Options for membership fees were discussed, particularly in light of the current limitations on Club activity. It was agreed that fees should be reduced, but it was also noted that members should still feel engaged with the Club and that there should be some organised activity that members pay for. It was also noted that whilst the Club would save some money on church fees, it was also likely that income from membership fees and events such as Interprint could more than offset these savings. It would be sensible to review the likely budget for the 2020/21 season.

Decision: subject to a review of the budget, offer reduced £20 membership fee for full membership but reflecting reduced physical offering

Action: Steve to talk to Peter about impact of reducing membership fees

Action: Peter to analyse and forecast budget for 2020/2021 in light of expected reduced income and outgoings

6) Programme

a) Summer programme

It was agreed that it was unlikely that a normal summer programme can be undertaken this year. So other options for keeping members engaged were discussed and many ideas were tabled. Tim has prepared a list of these ideas for further consideration.

It was agreed that these would be discussed and considered further at the next Committee meeting.

Action: Tim to prepare list of ideas for activities for consideration by the Committee

b) Winter programme

It was noted that Coronavirus restrictions could impact the winter programme and a contingency plan is required if physical meetings cannot be held. It was agreed that we should find out from speakers that have already been booked whether they can provide online sessions for a virtual meeting. From this we can review whether there will be any gaps in the programme that need filling.

Action: Mark to contact confirmed speakers for the 2020/21 winter programme to confirm whether they can deliver online sessions.

Action: Steve to obtain programme from Mark and share with the committee.

Action: Tim to share PAGB handbook with Steve and Mark.

7) Competitions

a) Internal

It was agreed that the aim should be to continue with internal DPI competitions using online judging. This worked well for the annual DPI competition. We need, though, to understand if booked judges are able/willing to do this.

Action: Mark to contact judges about digital judging.

It was noted that David Steele had yet to be paid his judging fee for the annual DPI.

Action: Peter to contact David Steele to confirm his payment.

b) External

Alice noted that we have yet to be contacted by the organisers of any of the external competitions in the programme. The key next events are the inter-club competition with Swavesey, FourWay (organised this year by St Neots) and Cambridge digital. Of these the Swavesey competition is the earliest.

Action: Alice to contact Swavesey club to understand their plans.

The practicality of holding Interprint in its current form was discussed and it was agreed that it could not be assumed that this would be possible. It was agreed though that we should commit to holding this event in some form, the nature of which can be decided later, once restrictions are clearer.

Decision: The Club will aim to hold Interprint in February as planned, format to be discussed later.

8) Annual Exhibition

It is highly unlikely that this event can be held in its normal form in November. It was discussed that whilst we should keep the option of a normal exhibition open, but consider alternatives. The idea of producing a ‘zine, book, photoalbum to show-case members work could be an option.

Decision: Book the church just in case, but explore alternative activities, including production of a ‘zine or photo-album. To be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.

Action: Peter to book church in case a physical exhibition can be held.

9) Website

Website is working well and there are no actions at this stage.

10) Membership

Debbie confirmed that she is happy to keep the role of membership secretary.

It was discussed that we should continue to promote the Club through social media and other means.

11) Any other business

No other business was raised.

12) Date of next meeting

Online meeting to be held at 8om on Tuesday 7th July, 2020.