



Minutes – Committee Meeting

29 September 7.30pm

Online

Present:- Brian Sibley - President, Marc Human – Vice president, Steve Laws- Programme Secretary, Nicky Cope – Secretary, Louisa Christie, Peter Willis, Jonathan Sayer

1 Apologies:-

Debbie Hall, Steve Hardy, Paul Dobson, Alice Kendrick

2 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

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Matters Arising

- a. Completion of re-wording of competition rules have been completed. Just one adjustment to be done as agreed by Debbie and Alice regarding the submission of print entries. **Debbie**
- b. Equipment Report. Not completed yet – This will be ready for next meeting **Jonathan**
- c. Outstanding sponsorship Interprint money. All completed.
- d. Outstanding Job description. This has been written and will be sent asap. **Jonathan**
- e. Collection and engraving of Interprint Trophy. Alice will pick up the trophy on Friday and a photo going to Chelmsford after organising engraving. **Alice**
- f. Critique Evenings and inclusion on PhotoEntry now set up.
- g. Young People involvement
 - i. Scouts update. No further communication from scouts, so decision taken to leave this for now.
 - ii. School Progress. No reply from schools. Exhibition committee to send a poster to school / colleges about the exhibition. The hope is that they will become more involved next year.

4 President's Report as attached.

New logo received and peter has now paid the bill. This will be used from the first day of the exhibition. Committee to ensure logo is changed on all correspondence. **All**

Some discussion took place as to whether to record meetings for people to watch at home. It was decided that members can still log in to see the meetings live but we will not record for later use as this is not necessary and incurs cost. Disadvantage of streaming live is the red line around the pictures, but Jonathan and Brian will investigate if this can be addressed. **Brian and Jonathan**

Replacing trophies. Peter West left money for trophies when he passed away. The Committee would like to do a trophy for him – no decision was made as to whether to

replace an old trophy or to do a new one, perhaps for “Member of the Year”. This trophy was discontinued a few years ago but could be reinstated. All to consider. All

- 5 Finances looking very good. A small amount of money has been spent on upgrading equipment.

Jonathan looked into options for display boards but, as found previously, the choices are limited. It was agreed that as the current boards are very heavy, replacing with a lightweight alternative is a good idea but might take some sourcing before the right boards are found. Everyone to keep an eye out.

Steve to let peter know in advance how much speakers are charging etc. Steve has a spreadsheet of the costs of talks etc. which could be put on Dropbox or committee section of website. Shared contact details of speakers etc. would also be useful. As local speakers usually base their charges on mileage, the costs are often not known until day so not all costs can be included.

Now we are meeting up Peter feels it is easier to get dual signatories for payments so online banking is not so necessary. Online payments have the downside of only one signatory.

- 6 Programme Report. As attached.

Michaelmass Fair. It was agreed to meet at church first. Although 7pm is better to catch some of the “blue hour”, it was decided to meet at 7.30pm outside church as many can't manage an earlier start. Steve to let Steve H know to put this in newsletter. It was decided not to invite visitors as people do not tend to stay in a large group on this evening.

Eventbrite tickets are going well for events at Church. Only one ticket sold so far but the process worked very well.

Steve thanked Louisa for arranging a 2nd Botanical Gardens visit and asked for other events that we could offer.

- a. Ideas. Steve felt that a group trip to London was not a good idea as photographers are often moved on in London especially if they have tripods etc. A 60 min photo night challenge was suggested in St Ives. It was also decided that if anyone is planning to travel to take photos they could invite others to join in. An outing at this time of year to photograph Funghi was suggested – particularly good for this is the Sandy RSPB reserve. Astro photography was another suggestion but this is more difficult as it is weather dependant needing a night with clear skies. Louisa suggested Wandlebury woods in Cambridge for an autumn walk. If these or other events are planned informally, the committee can assess the level of interest.
- b. Questions for discussion
 - i. Swavesey competition will be a DPI event only.
 - ii. Eventbrite tickets would be made available for speakers not competitions
- c. Next Winter programme. The Committee discussed whether to keep to local speakers or to widen the appeal with online projected talks. It was agreed that a wider appeal is preferable as a presentation at the church. Jonathan to look at

Jonathan will look into options for a microphone for the sound. We have one on-line presentation coming up, so that will be our first test of the system. **Jonathan**

d. WhatsApp Committee Group. All agreed this is a good idea. **Steve L** to set up.

Steve will contact speakers for images to promote their talks. **Steve L**

Members' Survey. It was agreed that this needs to go out soon as Steve will soon be planning the next winter programme. Steve to come up with programme questions for the questionnaire and everyone else to think of other relevant questions they would like to see included- **Steve L, All**

7 Competition Report. As attached.

Collection of the EAF prints. Naomi had spoken about using a courier. She lives in Hitchin, but she did say she would be coming close to St Ives. Louisa will chase her again to arrange for their collection. Peter offered to collect anything if necessary. **Louisa**

8 Interprint Report **Alice**

We have 20 clubs' worth of boards. 10 are registered already.

Brian talked to Tim who has been looking at the sponsorship to bring it up to date. Tim has an idea of offering a package for levels of sponsorship - Bronze Silver or Gold package. He will let us know his progress.

Refreshments. Nicky had emailed the church office to ask about Tookeys' involvement in refreshments. No reply had been received so she will chase again. Stan had arranged the food before so if needs be, Nicky and Stan can liaise.

9 Communications Report attached.

Steve H needs regular help with the content of the newsletter from the committee to ensure that interesting content is regularly posted. Suggested topics are invites for anyone to join in outings, or anything that is useful for photography.

Steve H is organising and tidying up the members section of the website including rationalising competition results etc. He has access to results and winning photos so that competition results can be displayed in a more interesting way.

Debbie is sending Steve H the membership lists so everyone gets communications. This task becomes simpler when less members are joining as the season progresses.

Peter has had payment from Mr and Mrs Williams but they have not filled in a form as they do not use the internet.

Steve has removed old discount codes that are not valid. Brian stated that the only valid discount code currently is for Lee filters.

Social Media Team. The team have now met and on one day a week they take it in turns to log in and “like” posts by members, other clubs, sponsors etc. This improves our social media presence and gets us known, helping to establish relationships. Stats from Facebook, Twitter and Instagram show that more people are seeing our posts across the board so initial feedback is positive.

- 10 Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Project Report attached. Hinchingsbrooke chose two local photos both by Steve Laws – Steve has sent high resolution images. The cost of printing is £15 for the two for these two images. They now would like 3 more images A3 size – the club to provide mounts and images. About £50-60 total. It was decided to run another entry for local images so that new members could join in. Louisa to draft wording for newsletter and then entry to be set up on PhotoEntry. **Louisa Alice**

- 11 Membership Report
- a. Changes to membership form to include social media – this has been done.
 - b. New member “buddy” – no action on this as yet. **Debbie**

Annual Exhibition Report. 160 prints. 20 boards, 19 filled. The display will be more around the edges of the church to allow more space in view of Covid.
Past competition prints will be allowed but not items previously exhibited

The Exhibition committee are looking for a long wheelbase van with two men for hire to move the boards as they are so heavy - probably in excess of 40 kilo.

We can get into church at 5pm. It has been decided to have only one winning image. Prints will be numbered so people can vote as they leave the church without needing to fill in slips. The winning image from the previous year will be displayed on its own board near the entrance. Parking at the park and ride is advised as this is free and not too far to walk.

Tom and Ivan to do lights. Lighting needs to be in set places so board positions are dependant on lighting but the layout this year is different from the previous years.

People are needed to man the exhibition in 2 hour blocks. More people needed to set up and pack up. Tom and **Peter** to look next Tuesday to ensure the boards fit, allowing more space needed for social distancing.

Jonathan and Brian offered to set up and most of the committee are available. Brian will make sure a plan is followed on Thursday night for the setting up. Steve and Karen are away but Karen is doing a great job of helping Marc prior to the event.

Alice to set up a non-competition entry on PhotoEntry so people can upload DPI's for the show.

- 12 Tookeys' Prints. It is understood that they still have some of our prints. Peter to go to ask them. **Peter**
- 13 Any other business. Di Ritas want to display photos or art from local artists. They are opening in October. It was suggested that they are invited to the exhibition. Louisa to drop them an email. **Louisa**

Alice is not going to be Comp Sec next year although she is still happy to help with social media etc. Perhaps the Competition Secretary should be a shared role? Brian has arranged a training session so Paul and Louisa are fully trained up. It was suggested that Alice prepares a manual or procedure for others to follow. **Alice**

Marc questioned the Happy birthday posts on social media. There is no process to check people's birthdays - posts are just generated when someone becomes aware of a birthday.

Date of next meeting 15.11.21 7.30pm. Subsequently changed to 22.11.21 7.30pm