



ST IVES
PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT ST. IVES GOLF CLUB– 18 MAY 2022 at 19.30 hrs

Present:

Brian Sibley	President
Steve Laws	Vice President
Graham Shirra	Secretary
Peter Wills	Treasurer
Steve Eeley	Programme Secretary
Debbie Hall	Membership Secretary
Louisa Christie	Internal Competition Secretary
Nicky Cope	External Competition Secretary
Steve Hardy	Communications Officer
Jonathan Sayer	Equipment Officer

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Paul Dobson (Competition Assistant)
- 2 **Minutes of the last meeting** (23 March 2022) were approved.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
 - 3.1 Display boards/advertising flags: deferred to next meeting for time reasons
 - 3.2 Hinchbrooke Hospital: understood to be returning to normal post Covid. Louisa to follow up with the contact there re the display. **LOUISA**
 - 3.3 Job Descriptions: all complete except for that of Equipment Officer. **JONATHAN**
- 4 **AGM Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 George Deller: location of capture in PhotoEntry. This still needs some thought on exactly how the "Entry Reference" field should be used. Louisa will follow up. **LOUISA**
 - 4.2 Use of Print images in 2 competitions. There was some discussion on the revised wording of Rule 5.1.8 and the possible contradiction with Rule 2.6. It was agreed that a print which has been used once as allowed in the Quartet, Annual, George Dellar Trophy or President's Challenge Trophy competitions may be used only once in subsequent Monthly Competitions; however a print which has not been used in any of those prior competitions, and which scores fewer than 18 points on its appearance in a Monthly competition, may be re-entered in a subsequent Monthly competition. Rules to be amended accordingly. **LOUISA/BRIAN**
 - 4.2.1 In wider discussion, it was agreed that we needed to encourage newer members to participate in internal competitions, particularly prints. Ideas included the Club bulk sourcing mounts with a pre-cut A4 window, and a buddy system to pair less experienced with more experienced members. Carried forward.
 - 4.3 Constitution to reflect that Competition rôle has been split in 2: this has been done. NFA.

4.4 Change of membership renewal cut-off date from 31 October to 30 September: the Constitution has been updated accordingly.

5 President's Report (Brian)

5.1 Amateur Photographer: while it might be possible to order a number of copies of the forthcoming edition (probably 28 June) containing the article about the Club, it was felt that it would generally be simpler for members to obtain their own copies. An alert can go in the Newsletter nearer the time. **STEVE HARDY**

5.2 Graham pointed out that since GDPR had been enacted into English Law, signature blocks etc should now refer instead to the Data Protection Act 2018. The Data Protection Policy wording is fine, but membership forms and other documents need to be checked. **ALL**

6 Finance (Peter)

6.1 Peter reported that the interest rate on the Cambridge Building Society account had gone up to 0.5%, subject to keeping a minimum of £10,000 in the account – not particularly high, but as it is considered to be a business account we are unlikely to do better elsewhere. It was agreed to transfer £3,000 to this account from the Lloyds current account. **PETER**

6.2 Brian will complete the Lloyds Bank form to setup Online Banking & pass for required signatures to Steve Laws & Peter Wills. **BRIAN/STEVE LAWS/PETER**

7 Programme (Steve Eeley/Steve Laws)

7.1 Summer programme – ongoing, numbers still slightly light for the visit to the Raptor Centre but this should still go ahead.

7.2 2022/23 winter programme complete: Steve Laws to show Steve Eeley how to load to website. There was some discussion about the merits of producing a printed programme, which could be a nice touch particularly for new members and would also highlight competition entry dates, but we know from experience that things can change during the season. However, it may be possible to have an easily-printable version of the programme on the website, for those who like to keep a hard copy for reference.

STEVE LAWS/STEVE EELEY

7.3 Peter will confirm our booking with St Ives Free Church for the new season. **PETER**

7.4 Nicky reported that the judge for the friendly competition with Swavesey (to be hosted by them on 17 November) will be Sarah Kelman. We will need to host at a similar time in 2023.

7.5 Steve Eeley's outline programme for 2023/24 is sound, but April 2024 dates will need some thought: it is essential to leave a long enough gap between the final competitions of the season and the Annual Dinner to allow for all winners to be identified and the trophies engraved accordingly, and the early May Bank Holiday may limit our options. Other key dates for the season will be the Annual Exhibition (10/11 November 2023) and Interprint (24 February 2024). **STEVE EELEY**

8 Competitions

8.1 Internal (Louisa)

8.1.1 It was agreed that PhotoEntry for 2022/23 competitions could go live this week.

LOUISA

8.1.2 After discussion on procedure on competition nights, it was agreed to retain the current policy of allowing 50 PDIs before thinking of reducing from 3 (max) to 2 images per person, and to encourage judges to focus a little more on their time management. It was suggested that bringing back numbered surtitles for a few seconds per image would help the judge to keep track, and would also reduce the risk of titles being mis-heard when they are read out.

8.1.3 The website has been updated with the categories for both the President's Challenge and the Annual Competitions.

8.1.4 Regarding the reported colour management problem with FFPX, Brian has been unable to replicate the problem and suspects that the issue may be with the member's own monitor/laptop not being calibrated.

8.1.5 It was agreed that the Committee would identify worthy images uploaded from the Summer outings and that Certificates would be awarded at the first meeting of the new season, as this is a review of the summer.

8.2 External (Nicky)

8.2.1 Results from the Brotherhood and A45 Competitions in April 2022, not circulated with the Agenda, are attached.

9 Events (TBC)

9.1 Annual Exhibition (11/12 November 2022)

9.1.1 Debbie volunteered to co-ordinate a list of volunteers for the event.

DEBBIE

9.2 Interprint (25 February 2023)

9.2.1 This will require a dedicated sub-committee. Nicky and Debbie volunteered to take the lead at this stage.

9.2.2 Steve Laws agreed to track down data from previous years and add to DropBox.

9.2.3 Sponsorship/advertising revenue – it was noted that some promised sponsorship for the 2022 online event had not yet materialised. Committee wondered whether the income generated was really worth the effort in drumming up sponsorship in the first place, noting that companies are likely to be very conscious of their budgets in times of increasing inflation. Brian thought that it could be more productive to concentrate on local companies who might be prepared to support community events.

9.2.4 Although (pre-Covid) Interprint generated an annual surplus for the Club, the key requirement is that it should at least be cost neutral. Committee thought that it might be reasonable to raise the entry fee from £20 to (say) £25.

10 Communications (Steve Hardy)

10.1 Steve asked for a regular supply of material for the Newsletter, including write-ups and pictures from Summer outings.

ALL

11 Membership (Debbie)

11.1 No new members at this point in the year, though we may see some new faces through the Summer programme.

11.2 It was agreed that the main email regarding payment of subscriptions for the forthcoming season should be sent to members around the end of July. **DEBBIE/BRIAN**

12 Equipment (Jonathan)

12.1 No specific equipment issues.

12.2 PhotoEntry still shows the old logo, they need to be contacted for advice on how to update. **LOUISA**

12.3 Agreed that as from September, all meetings will be in person in the Church and will not be relayed to members at home; this includes the occasional meeting where it has been agreed that the speaker will present remotely via Zoom.

13 Any other business

13.1 Brian will circulate the template for Club badges; Debbie thinks she still has some holders and lanyards. **BRIAN/DEBBIE**

14 Date of next meeting(s)

14.1 Agreed as 3 August 2022, 31 September 2022, 23 November 2022, 11 January 2023, 8 March 2023

Detailed reports on the following pages.

APPENDICES – Committee Members' Reports

PRESIDENT

I'd like to start by welcoming the new members to the committee and to thank you all for giving up your valuable time for the club.

Those of you who were on the committee last year will know that I will try to keep things informal where possible - we all have busy lives outside SIPC, but please can I ask that if you agree to carry out a task, please do as soon as possible - none of us want to waste our time chasing/being chased - please let me know if you have an issue getting something done, as soon as possible, so that we can make alternative arrangements before we run out of time.

Please use your SIPC email account - NOT personal accounts, when communicating externally (in previous years a number of personal addresses have been used, losing important club information and contacts, making the transition to new post holders very difficult).

Please make sure your Name when setting up mail clients for SIPC mail is e.g. "SIPC President", "SIPC Secretary", "SIPC Programme"

- Make sure you have the Club Signature - the easy way is to copy and modify mine + the Disclaimer for GDPR*.

This year I'm looking forward to working with you all to build on the successes of last year and taking our club forward.

Amateur Photographer

Some of you will be aware that I have been in contact with Amateur Photographer magazine to feature the club in the Join the Club section - currently this is estimated to be in the 28th June edition.

Riverport Bar Exhibition

Ron (the manager) hasn't responded to my messages around the club exhibiting this month, so I have given up on this opportunity for now.

* Secretary's note – this should now refer to the Data Protection Act 2018

TREASURER

From the end of year accounts of £17,640.90 we have outstanding cheques of £732.69 comprising of Rent, Web site, Mailchimp, Judges, Trophies and Wine at annual dinner. Some yet to be claimed.

With nearly £17,000. in hand and over 60 members going into the summer we are looking good thanks to the hard work of the team. Thank you.

I suggest we hold a larger cash balance, to allow me to pay judges etc. on the evening. I have been doing this, some times from Members paying their subs. with cash, but this is reducing thankfully due to bank transfers.

We are in the process of exploring the possibility of setting up a two person bank transfer system. We need to change the signatories on the Cambridge B.S. Account and decide the amount to transfer from the Lloyds account

PROGRAMME SECRETARY

All I have to report thus far is that I have met with Steve L and had a "handover" presentation.

I will start by creating a template for the 22-23 season with all the fixed events in place and then attempt to fill all the spaces.

COMPETITIONS (INTERNAL)

1. Photo Entry

Season 2022/2023 is set up (currently inactive). Just need to decide on a date to go live, then perhaps tie in with next news letter. Possibly also need to mention then closing dates for competitions will be going back to a week before?

1a. Have already flagged with Brian that Subscription for Photo Entry is due to be renewed in September.

2. Annual Categories

Can we get these published on the website ASAP

3. FFPX

Comment made by a member that detail & colour on a recent annual competition image was quite different, is there anyway of comparing the two. Original image already sent to Brian.

4. Sacrificial Images

Have already started a folder for these, will probably have enough variety to use all of mine this year without asking members, will shout if position changes

5. Summer Outings

Did anyone like the idea of having a Gold/Silver/Bronze award for winning images uploaded across all the Summer outings?

6. Gary Dean - Article from magazine

I have asked Gary for a scan of the article he read out regarding prints at the AGM as thought it might make for a good article in newsletter & make members think about prints a bit more. To date I've not had a reply.

7. Cambridge Botanical Gardens

This was in their latest newsletter, perhaps an article for ours.

COMPETITIONS (EXTERNAL)

April 2022 competition Results:

Brotherhood Cup

1	Deepings CC	145
2	PICO	144

3=	Swavesey	138
3=	Ely	138
4	KLDCC	136
5	PPS	135
6=	St Ives	133
6=	Biggleswade	133
7	Wisbech	131
8=	Spalding	130
8=	Pinchbeck	130

A45

1	Cambridge	129
2	BSEPS	128
3=	Bottisham & Burwell	122
3=	St Ives	122
4	Ely	121
5	Glemsford	119
6	East Ipswich	118
7	Felixstowe	115
8=	Stowmarket	114
8=	Bunwell	110

Having only just taken over the role, I am still getting to grips with what is involved. However, I have had a hand-over meeting with Alice and have made a file of images which scored 18 – 20 in the March competition, as a starting point for a base to draw from.

I intend to ensure that the following happen:

- 1 Members are made aware of upcoming External competitions and that everyone is given a chance to attend if that is possible.
- 2 Members who have an image selected for an external competition will be notified and also advised of the score received in that competition.
- 3 Individual scores will be recorded and made available to members
- 4 A record of all images entered into each competition will be kept

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

Daily posts continue

#sipchallenge

- into week 14, one or two entries per week, so limited - extended two weeks entry time to give people more time.

- Need more content

- To continue

Any other ideas for social media to increase interaction? Summer campaign?

Website

- Up to date (hopefully)
- Members Gallery to be uploaded - we now have about 11/12 members images.