



ST IVES
PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT ST. IVES GOLF CLUB – 11 JANUARY 2023 at 19.30 hrs

Present:

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

1 **Apologies for absence:** Steve Hardy (Communications Officer)

2 **Minutes of the last meeting** (23 November 2022) were approved.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 Hinchingsbrooke Hospital display: ongoing.

LOUISA

3.2 Job Descriptions: final one (Equipment Officer) complete and ready to be e-mailed.

JONATHAN

3.3 Peter confirmed that the lower hall, as well as the Church, had been booked for Interprint

3.4 References to occasional booking via Eventbrite have now been removed from the website.

3.5 Peter confirmed that we would probably have to put a proposal to the AGM regarding the rate of subscription, due to Interprint not generating the levels of surplus seen pre-Covid.

PETER

3.6 Nicky confirmed that chocolates had been bought for Golf Club staff.

4 President's Report (Brian)

4.1 In response to Brian's query about Committee membership, Steve Laws said that he would like to step down at the AGM but everyone else present confirmed that they were prepared to commit to at least one more year (though Debbie said that 2023/24 would be her last year). Paul queried whether the Competition Assistant really needed to be a Committee member, but Brian clarified that it doubled as an "Ordinary Member" post.

4.2 It was agreed that, because of the date of the Coronation, the Annual Dinner should be brought forward from Friday 5th May to Friday 28th April, even if that meant that the last

two trophies would not have been engraved for the 2022/23 season. Peter will liaise with the Golden Lion regarding booking the back room. **PETER**

5 Finance (Peter)

5.1 We currently have £4,599 in the current account.

5.2 Online banking is operational but there are still issues over counter-signature and approvals. It may be possible to reduce single signature payment limit to £500. **PETER**

5.3 Peter will liaise with Steve Laws and Steve Eeley over the renewal of, and payment for, the Zoom licence (required for the meeting on 17th February).

PETER/STEVE LAWS/STEVE EELEY

6 Secretary (Graham)

6.1 It was agreed to renew the Insurance with Zurich: probably simplest for the Secretary to pay and be reimbursed. **GRAHAM**

7 Programme (Steve Eeley)

7.1 Current season's programme running smoothly. Although Alice is making good progress health-wise, Gary Dean will give a PDI lecture on 7th February (in addition to his print lecture on 4th April).

7.2 Steve would still like suggestions for next season; he will also need ideas and volunteers for the Summer Programme. **ALL**

7.3 It was agreed to accept the request from MAGPAS to provide photographic support to their "Dash" event at Abbots Ripton on Sunday 7th May, and to treat it as the first event of the Summer Programme. Brian will relay our decision and get more information. **BRIAN**

7.4 Louisa will create an event in PhotoEntry for the MAGPAS event, and a separate one for all the other summer events, so that members can upload images.

8 Competitions

8.1 Internal (Louisa)

8.1.1 Noted that we need an update on results to date needs to be generated from FFP, and sent to Steve Hardy for the website. Quartet results are also needed.

STEVE HARDY/LOUISA

8.2 External (Nicky)

8.2.1 Our entry for the EAF PDI Championships is in hand.

8.2.2 Nicky is not sure about entering the EAF Print Championship, in view of the small pool available for selection (even though only 15 are required). Graham pointed out that only about 20% of EAF member clubs actually enter, so even a low position on the day is not a terribly bad result. As the closing date for entry is 19th February, we don't have to make a decision just yet.

8.2.3 Committee agreed to "Pass" on pushing the EAF Exhibition to members, at least for this year, due to workload at this point in the season.

8.3 Interprint

8.3.1 Arrangements are all in hand; contact has been made with the final club who have now paid (problems at their end, due to illness).

8.3.2 Committee agreed that Nicky could claim £25/night for 2 nights for hosting the judge and his wife in her annex.

8.3.3 Steve Laws agreed to check on the location of the trophy. **STEVE LAWS**

8.3.4 Jonathan confirmed that the second laptop will be running in parallel on the evening.

8.3.5 We need to think how to show the running scores at the half-way point in the evening. **LOUISA et al**

8.3.6 Catering arrangements between afternoon and evening sessions: after discussion with Tookey's, they will provide some equipment but food will be our responsibility. This will be limited to tea/coffee plus cake – records show that, pre-Covid, we sold relatively few sandwiches.

8.3.7 Tickets for the evening session (£5) can be sold during the afternoon, then downstairs between sessions to minimise queuing upstairs for the evening session. Steve Eeley can provide a Square card reader to take card payments. We will not use Eventbrite, due to cost.

8.3.8 A query from an entrant revealed that images from previous years are no longer on the website. Committee agreed that these need to be reinstated. **STEVE HARDY**

8.4 Possible revised criteria for the George Dellar Trophy – any change would require approval at the AGM, but it was thought that a simple area limit such as “Anywhere in Cambridgeshire” might work. Steve Laws offered to draft a proposal. **STEVE LAWS**

8.5 Possible future participation at national/international level – deferred until next meeting, for time reasons. **ALL**

9 Events

9.1 Christmas Social (13th December)

9.1.1 This had gone well, and Nicky's Quiz Bingo was appreciated; but Committee felt that, in the end, we were tight for time. Lesson learned for next year.

9.2 Interprint (25th February 2023) – covered above

9.3 Print Evening (7th March 2023)

9.3.1 Louisa has this in hand, awaiting to see how many entries we receive in PhotoEntry. She will try to obtain some sample papers.

9.3.2 The purpose of this evening is to increase participation in Club print competitions. It was therefore agreed that the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Internal Competitions Secretary should talk informally to long-standing members who no longer enter prints, to see whether they can be persuaded to reconsider (recognising, of course, that any suggested rule changes will need to be agreed at the AGM). **BRIAN, STEVE LAWS, GRAHAM, NICKY**

10 **Communications** (Steve Hardy)

10.1 Nothing to report.

11 **Membership** (Debbie)

11.1 Nothing to report.

12 **Equipment** (Jonathan)

12.1 The asset register is in hand, but will need a visit to the Church on a non-clubnight to check serial numbers of equipment in the store: this could be combined with tidying of the store, and potentially some clearance. **JONATHAN ET AL**

12.2 Peter will contact the Church to find out when we could do this without impinging on their other activities and lettings. **PETER**

13 **Tookey's Prints**

13.1 Debbie undertook to speak to the Manager to reach a clear understanding on the arrangements for display and sale of the prints. **DEBBIE**

14 **Any other business**

14.1 **None**

15 **Date of next meeting(s)**

15.1 8th March 2023. AGM: 25th April 2023

Detailed reports in the agenda and attached.

APPENDICES – Committee Members' Reports

PRESIDENT

May I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year - I hope you all enjoyed the extended break over the Christmas and New Year holidays and were able to spend time with family and friends.

As we enter what is always a challenging time of year I'd like to thank you all for the work you continue to do for the club, it is highly appreciated not only by me but also the membership.

Our first "in-person" Interprint Exhibition and Competition for three years will be our primary focus for the next month - please help where you can with the preparation and running of this event to ensure this is something we can be proud of.

Committee Roles

With the end of the winter season and the AGM in sight, as always we will have some committee positions to fill - please could you consider and let me know who in the club may be suitable (and willing) to fill the vacant roles

I'd like to thank the current role holders for all their work during their tenure of these roles.

End of season Dinner & Awards (Friday 5th May)

We need to get something booked soon. Can we use the room at the Golden Lion again, it seemed to work well last year? (*Secretary's note – this is the day before the Coronation – availability?*)

TREASURER

To follow

SECRETARY

Routine emails – nothing of significance.

Club Insurance

The Club's current policy with Zurich (as previously recommended by PAGB) expires on 4th February.

Since late 2022, PAGB have been working with Hive Insurance Services who offer cover provided by AXA. However the Zurich cover is still available.

The key requirement is Public Liability cover to a minimum of £5,000,000 – this is stipulated by PAGB and in turn by EAF. Cover for anything else is at Clubs' discretion.

Both policies are broadly similar, though in some ways the AXA documentation is easier to follow. The biggest difference between them (both in construct of cover and cost) appears to be damage to property. We should discuss this in committee before making a final decision, given the nature of our assets (though we don't appear to have an asset register and assets could be held at the Church or at people's homes).

Zurich are quoting a renewal premium of £96.00 (same as last year) which is not broken down by various elements of cover. Hive operate a menu pricing system depending on Club membership and extent of cover. The following table gives a comparison.

	Zurich level of cover	Hive level of cover	Hive cost	
Public Liability	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£60.96	Based on 50-75 members
Material (property)	£25,000	£10,000	£412.75	
Cash	£250	?		
Management liability	£100,000	£100,000	£55.03	Based on 50-75 members
Personal accident	Depends on degree of injury	?		

Subject to anything that comes out of discussion, I recommend that we renew with Zurich.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY

To follow.

COMPETITIONS (INTERNAL)

Hinchingsbrooke: I'm sorry this is still outstanding from me.

Internal Comps

All seems to be running smoothly. Busy time coming up as will be helping Nicky with prep for Interprint, followed by closing date for 'print evening'.

Also can the cumulative monthly table be reinstated on web site.

COMPETITIONS (EXTERNAL)

Entries have been submitted for the Cambridge Digital Competition on 21st January. This will be held at Whittlesford Memorial Hall. Tickets for the competition itself are £8.00 each. Our entries are:-

Monochrome	Tom Lane "Patrolling the Capital"
People	Lynne Cole "Reflecting"
Landscape	Steve Laws "Southwold Pier"
Nature	Gary Dean "Razorbill with Sand Eels"
Open	Louisa Christie "Skeletal Leaves"
Reserve Entry in case of a tie	Nicky Cope "Kiss Me"

Alice and I are getting together on 11 Jan to select the entries for the EAF PDI Championship, so by the time of the committee meeting these will have been selected. 25 images are required so we have waited until after the George Dellar and President's Challenge to allow more images for selection. This takes place on 12th February after the EAF AGM at Fulbourne. 2 tickets have been reserved.

Two tickets have also been reserved for the Cambridge Digital at Whittlesford on 21st January – payment is now due for those at £8 each.

Entry to the EAF print competition largely depends on having enough images to submit. The competition takes place on 12th March and the closing date for print entry is 19th February. In view of our performance in the print section at Swavesey I am inclined not to enter this year, but this needs to be discussed. We would just about have time to enter some of the images submitted for

the print evening as these are required digitally by 14th Feb - these will be mounted on 7th just in time. 15 prints are required for the EAF Print competition.

The EAF Exhibition runs from 29th April to 11 May at Wingfield Barns, Eye, Suffolk. Entries are from individuals but must be submitted via the member's club. A maximum of 3 monochrome prints, 3 colour prints and 4 projected images per member are allowed for consideration at the Exhibition. The entry fee is 60p per image and there is no limit to the number of members allowed to enter per club. Entries are submitted via CD or DVD, and print entries must be on a separate disc.

Does the club pay for entry or is this done by the individual?

Interprint

Debbie and I have had a meeting and have consulted Karen regarding catering in previous years. It would seem that not many sandwiches have been purchased, with most people opting for cake and coffee or tea. With that in mind we have decided to go to the cash and carry before the event to buy large cakes and sausage rolls and snacks, along with any paper plates etc. that might be needed, and to not serve sandwiches this year. We can also ask members to donate cakes if they would like to and we will need someone to volunteer to run the service of the refreshments.

Three clubs have uploaded entries so far –I have sent out a reminder to all the clubs to submit their entries.

Deepings Camera Club has still not paid, an apparently the reason I have been unable to contact them is that the External competition secretary who entered them into the competition has been very ill. I have now made contact with a previous External Competition Secretary who contacted us via Graham. I have set them up on the system with the new contact and hopefully they are on course to make payment and enter their images. All other clubs have paid.

The hall has been booked for the refreshments and we have use of urns, milk jugs etc.

We will need volunteer to set up the exhibition the previous evening and take it down before the judging.

The judge Chris Palmer will be staying at my Annex B&B for two nights – 24th and 25th Feb, with his wife Heather. Could I please ask for a token £25 per night to cover expenses?

I have booked them in for dinner at the Golden Lion while the hall is being set up for judging. As his wife is coming too, I don't think there is any need for us to accompany him to dinner – this will allow more hands on deck for setting up / refreshments etc.

I have started a volunteer sheet for the help needed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing specific to report

MEMBERSHIP

Nothing specific to report