



ST IVES
PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 24th May 2023 at 19.30 hrs

Venue: St Ives Golf Club

Present:

Brian Sibley	President
Graham Shirra	Vice President
Peter Wills	Treasurer
Steve Laws	Secretary
Steve Eeley	Programme Secretary
Louisa Christie	Internal Competition Secretary
Nicky Cope	External Competition Secretary
Angela Lucas	Communications Officer

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Paul Dobson and Jonathan Sayer
- 2 **Minutes of the last meeting** (8 March 2023) were approved.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
 - 3.1 Hinchingsbrooke Hospital display: ongoing, delayed due to covid/visiting restrictions, Interprint commitments etc. To be revisited after the end of the season. **LOUISA**
 - 3.2 Job Descriptions: final one (Equipment Officer) still to be e-mailed. **JONATHAN**
 - 3.3 Membership fees are £38 for next season.
 - 3.4 Still need to tidy church cupboard. **JONATHAN**
 - 3.5 Pop up exhibition in church is live and looks good. Need to refresh prints about every month. Nicky and Louisa offered to refresh prints. **NICKY and LOUISA**
- 4 **Review of AGM Actions**
 - 4.1 Club rules updated with agreed actions but need to add a note regarding dissimilar images now that we are allowed to enter images twice. **BRIAN**
 - 4.2 Angela to put updated rules on the Website plus the AGM minutes. **ANGELA**
 - 4.3 Graham has put the AGM documents in Dropbox.
 - 4.4 Awards section of the AGM minutes needs completing. **GRAHAM**
 - 4.5 Need to update members regarding the correction to the financial report at the first meeting in September. Requires input from Peter/Steve as covered in 7.1. **BRAIN**
- 5 **Review of Annual Dinner**
 - 5.1 Only 24 people attended but food and venue were excellent.

6 **President's Report** (Brian)

6.1 Covered in other agenda topics and see appendix for full report.

7 **Finance** (Peter)

7.1 Amended accounts to include missing rent payments to be presented to members and included in amended AGM minutes. Update need to agreed by Marc Human as he signed off the accounts. **PETER and STEVE**

7.2 Discussed what to do about this year's loss. No change to advertised membership fees for this season but this needs to be reviewed at the end of this season. Costs for programme this year should be lower and Brian suggested we look at costs like Mailchimp and we look at sponsorship again with his company and other St Ives businesses. **BRIAN**

8 **Secretary** (Steve)

8.1 EAF Informed of change of secretary.

8.2 Graham to ask Magpas to download images so we can remove them from Dropbox to save storage. Steve has cleaned up old material in Dropbox to save storage space. **GRAHAM**

9 **Programme** (Steve Eeley)

9.1 Summer Programme (Debbie)

9.1.1 Lynn Cole has volunteered to run a village challenge one Friday. Debbie to follow up with Lynn. **DEBBIE**

9.1.2 Need details for London Street Photography for Website. **LOUISA**

9.1.3 Houghton Walk is 3 miles. Needs to be added to programme. **BRIAN**

9.1.4 For the BBQ at Mark Hudson's farm. Everyone to bring own rolls and salads this year. Steve Eeley agreed to provide additional BBQ for non-meat eaters. **STEVE EELEY**

9.1.5 Use newsletter to encourage members to book in advance on Eventbrite. **ANGELA**

9.2 Winter Programme (Steve Eeley)

9.2.1 Annual Exhibition 3rd and 4th November with setup on the 2nd.

9.2.2 Interprint 24th February with setup on the 23rd.

9.2.3 Annual Dinner 3rd May.

9.2.4 Agreed that the James Bunn lecture is no longer relevant, so agreed to remove this from the programme. **STEVE EELEY**

9.2.5 Need to book missing Judges. **STEVE EELEY**

9.2.6 Ideas for empty slots: **STEVE EELEY**

9.2.6.1. We suggested filling missing slots with members evenings like the 10-minute slots, talk from Gary, bring and buy equipment evening.

9.2.6.2. Louisa suggested a speed dating session which is an evening of gathering critique from other club members.

9.2.6.3. Louisa suggested an editing session and then present the improvements to the members. Might need a week for people to edit at home before presenting to the members.

9.2.6.4. Steve Eeley suggested a knockout competition with the members voting for the best image.

9.2.7 Update winter programme on Website. **STEVE EELEY**

9.2.8 Graham to present EAF workings during the 10-minute members slots. **GRAHAM**

9.2.9 Brian and Graham agreed to host first evening. **BRIAN/GRAHAM**

10 Competitions

10.1 Internal (Louisa)

10.1.1 Louisa has learned a lot about how to use FFPX over the last season which will make it easier this season.

10.1.2 We agreed one week closing for all competitions apart from the annual print and annual DPI which will be two weeks.

10.1.3 Louisa to setup all this year's competitions on PhotoEntry with all competitions open. **LOUISA**

10.2 External (Nicky)

10.2.1 Nicky received an enquiry from one of the 4-way delegates and asked if it would be zoom and whether there was any change to the rules. Nicky to confirm that it isn't Zoom and the rules are unchanged. We are hosting this year. **NICKY**

11 Communications (Angela Lucas)

11.1 There will be a Newsletter this weekend. **ANGELA**

11.2 Review if we need Mailchimp for social media as it is expensive. **BRIAN and ANGELA**

12 Membership (Debbie)

12.1 Nicky to cover membership when Debbie is away. **NICKY**

12.2 Debbie to document membership secretary procedures. **DEBBIE**

12.3 Angela to update membership form on Website. **ANGELA**

12.4 Brian to prepare membership information sheet like last years. **BRIAN**

13 Tookey's Prints

13.1 Received message from Gail asking what we want to do with the prints. Debbie to follow up and refresh the prints. **DEBBIE**

13.2 Need a PhotoEntry for members to send candidate images. **LOUISA**

13.3 Debbie to speak to Gail about pricing and agree percentage cut to Tookey's. **DEBBIE**

14 **Equipment** (Jonathan)

14.1 Nothing to report as Jonathan absent.

15 **Any other business**

15.1 Committee meeting location. Agreed on Hemingford Abbots village hall. **NICKY**

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

16.1 Dates for committee meeting: 2nd Aug, 4th Oct, 6th Dec, 3rd Jan, 6th Mar. Starting time at 7:30pm.

16.2 Re-introduce competition certificates which are pre-prepared with signatures from Brian and Louisa. **LOUISA**

16.3 Need to agree who runs Interprint this year and who forms the Interprint committee. **BRIAN**

Detailed reports in the agenda and attached.

APPENDICES – Committee Members' Reports

PRESIDENT

Welcome to another season.

I'd like to start by welcoming Angela 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 know that I will try to keep things informal where possible, we all have busy lives outside SIPC, but please can I just ask that if you agree to carry out a task, please do so as soon as possible and let me know if you have any issue getting something done ASAP.

Towards the end of the Winter Season, we had a number of unfinished tasks that impacted other committee members and the running of the club, it isn't fair on other members of the committee if they have to pick up additional tasks that haven't been completed in time.

As a reminder, please use your SIPC email account - not personal accounts, when communicating externally

- Please make sure your Display Name when setting up mail clients for SIPC mail is e.g. "SIPC President", "SIPC Communications", "SIPC Programme", etc
- Make sure you have the Club Signature and Logo on your emails - the easy way is to copy and modify mine, including the disclaimer.

I'm looking forward to working with you all again to build on the successes of last year and making our club the best it can be!

Annual Awards Dinner

Thanks to Peter, Steve Laws and Graham for their help and assistance with the Awards Dinner, I've had nothing but positive comments about the night and how much everyone enjoyed the event.

Pop-Up exhibition

I hope some of you have taken the opportunity to take a look at our Pop-Up Exhibition in the windows of the old Just Sharing shop on Free Church Passage? We have already had some positive feedback from the public, hopefully this will lead to some membership enquiries. Thanks to Graham and Nicky for their assistance on Saturday afternoon to set this up.

Depending on how long the shop is empty, we will need to refresh the prints on display to keep the exhibition fresh and interesting - can I have a volunteer to co-ordinate this please?

TREASURER

To follow.

SECRETARY

To follow.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY

To follow.

COMPETITIONS (INTERNAL)

To follow.

COMPETITIONS (EXTERNAL)

Results for the 2022-2023 Season

Swavesey Friendly	St Ives DPI 197, Print 188 - Total 385
	Swavesey DPI 195, Print 216 - Total 415
Cambridge Independent	Cambridge 1 st , St Ives 2 nd
Cambridge Digital	St Ives 93 Points, joint 12 th – 27 clubs entered. The winner was PICO with 99 points.
EAF Digital	St Ives 146 points. The winner was Beyond Group with 185 points.
EAF Print	St Ives 153 points. The winner was PICO with 184.
Interprint	St Ives came 3 rd and 1 st Place went to PICO, and 2 nd to Ipswich. Louisa Christie received a PAGB Bronze medal for her Firework Image, which came 3 rd in the individual scoring.
Brotherhoods	St Ives came joint 8 th with 139 points. The winner was PICO with 157.
A45	St Ives came 5 th with 120 points. The winner was Ely with 128.

COMMUNICATIONS

Not much to report from your Communications Officer other than I have taken over the role from Steve Hardy. A meeting is planned with Brian Sibley to give me the President's perspective on my responsibilities.

I am looking forward to continuing Steve's good work and hope that I can count in the support of the committee as I get to grips with the role.

MEMBERSHIP

To follow.

EQUIPMENT

To follow.