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PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 4th October 2023 at 19.30 hrs

Venue: Hemingford Village Hall

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
Jonathan Sayer	Equipment Officer
Angela Luca	Communications Officer

1 **Apologies for absence:** Paul Dobson

2 **Minutes of the last meeting** (2nd August 2023) were approved.

3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 Hinchingsbrooke Hospital display: ongoing, delayed due to covid/visiting restrictions, Interprint commitments etc. **LOUISA**

3.2 Replace Steve Laws with Graham on the bank and savings accounts. Suggest adding Debbie as read only to check membership payments. Peter proceeding with applications. **PETER**

3.3 Agreed that removing the sacrificial images is working well.

3.4 Agreed that doing print competitions first is working well.

3.5 External competitions are now on Website except for Brotherhoods.

3.6 Inventory to be stored in Dropbox when complete. Progressing. **JONATHAN**

3.7 Jonathan will produce a list of equipment that members can borrow. Angela will upload this onto the members area of the Website. Progressing. **JONATHAN**

3.8 Jonathan has found a laptop suitable for Zoom.

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

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

5 **Vice President's Report** (Graham)

5.1 Nothing to report.

- 6 **Finance** (Peter)
- 6.1 £2,833.36 in bank, £13,838.29 in savings, £341.63 in cash.
- 7 **Secretary** (Steve)
- 7.1 Agreed to continue with committee member reports to save time in the meeting.
- 7.2 Sent members details of opportunity to sell work at ArtsFest. So far there has been no interest. Advertise on the group Facebook Page. **STEVE L**
- 7.3 Steve is away for next committee meeting on 6th December. Debbie kindly agreed to take minutes. Steve will handle the agenda as usual. **DEBBIE**
- 8 **Programme** (Steve Eeley)
- 8.1 Winter Programme 2023-2024
- 8.1.1 Further details for each talk to be added to the Website **STEVE E**
- 8.1.2 Suggest practical session this season is Macro. **JONATHAN**
- 8.2 Winter Programme 2024-2025
- 8.2.1 Winter programme provisional dates in Appendix B.
- 8.2.2 Need to add Annual Exhibition, Interprint and Annual Dinner dates. **STEVE E**
- 8.2.3 Move the Quartet to 10th December to not have competitions back-to-back, & Presidents/George Dellar to 14th January so not to be the first meeting of new year. **STEVE E**
- 8.2.4 Add more practical/demo sessions. **STEVE E**
- 8.2.5 Consider more outdoor practical sessions in the winter season. Could be half the meeting outside followed by image reviews in the church. **STEVE E**
- 9 **Competitions**
- 9.1 Internal (Louisa)
- 9.1.1 All going well so far this season.
- 9.1.2 Order more print labels. **LOUISA**
- 9.1.3 Review knockout competition options on FFPx for the knockout competition on 7th November. **LOUISA**
- 9.1.4 Agreed to remove titles from DPI projection and read them out. This makes the DPI competition the same format as the print competition. **LOUISA**
- 9.2 External (Nicky)
- 9.2.1 Selection of prints and DPI images for Swavesey and 4-Way is this Thursday. Agreed to judge prints first again at the Swavesey competition. **NICKY**
- 10 **Interprint** (Graham)
- 10.1 Progress

10.1.1 See Graham's report.

10.1.2 Rules updated with a section on AI images.

10.2 Sponsorship

10.2.1 Won't be happening this financial year from Brian's employer; he will try again later in the year. Any other ideas on Sponsorship or fundraising? Last year we bought the vouchers from Campkins, suggest asking if Campkins would provide the vouchers foc. Try Wex or the big supermarkets? **GRAHAM**

10.3 Catering

10.3.1 Interval drink and a biscuit included in the ticket price.

10.3.2 Agreed we don't need to provide downstairs room or catering before the judging starts. Peter to update the room bookings for Interprint. **PETER**

10.3.3 Close exhibition at 4:30 to allow time to prepare room before visitor arrive. This will avoid visitors having to wait outside before the judging starts at 6pm. Will need to update the advertised exhibition close time. **GRAHAM**

10.4 Ticket Prices

10.4.1 Agreed £7.50 per ticket to include drink and biscuit.

10.5 Interprint sub-committee

10.5.1 Louisa may not be here to run FFPx so need to find someone to run FFPX on the night. **GRAHAM**

11 **Communications** (Angela Lucas)

11.1 246 followers on X, 616 followers on Instagram, 39 member in the Facebook group, 236 Facebook followers.

11.2 Members area password to be changed and communicated to members. **ANGELA**

11.3 Remove non-members from Facebook group **BRIAN**

11.4 Refresh members image gallery and remove any non-members images. Agreed to use PhotoEntry for members to upload their images. **ANGELA**

12 **Membership** (Debbie)

12.1 See report.

13 **Annual Exhibition** (Debbie)

13.1 See report.

13.2 Reinstate voting for top 3 images with 1st scoring 3 points, 2nd scoring 2 points and 3rd scoring 1 point. **DEBBIE**

13.3 DPI images on TV as usual. Need to explain to members that these are separate images from the prints. PhotoEntry to be used to upload images. **DEBBIE**

13.4 Need volunteers to put up and take down lighting as Tom and Peter have done this for a very long time. **DEBBIE**

14 Tookey's Prints

14.1 When Graham & Brian were taking down the pop-up exhibition, they were asked if we could re-hang the existing prints, by the people running the café. They rehung a handful of prints by current members and will now need to look to refresh these on an ongoing basis. Debbie volunteered to help refresh images after the annual exhibition is completed. **DEBBIE**

15 Equipment (Jonathan)

15.1 Projector needs calibration with the laptop and the screen. It takes 25 minutes with our current calibrator and there is not enough time either before or after our meetings to do this. A new one can do it in 5 minutes but will cost about £250. Louisa to check if she can get it cheaper through her company. **JONATHAN/LOUISA**

15.2 Projector is getting old so we will need think about investing around £3500 in a new projector soon. Might need to explore Lottery funding. Jonathan to explore options. **JONATHAN**

16 Any other business

16.1 None

17 Date of next meeting(s)

17.1 Dates for committee meeting: 6th of December; 3rd of January and the 6th of March. Starting time at 7:30pm in the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall.

APPENDIX A – Committee Members' Reports

PRESIDENT

What a great start to a new season!

So good to see all our hard work rewarded with a good number of new members joining and getting involved, and especially all the prints entered in our first monthly of the season (historically not a well-attended competition due to its close proximity to the start of the season!).

Nicholas Bowman commented on what a well-run, friendly club we had, with some excellent images in the monthly that he very much enjoyed judging.

Our "Pop-Up" exhibition in the shop was very successful in generating interest in the club over the summer but has now been taken down as the space has been rented by local artists as a workshop.

If you have any ideas for something similar, please let me know.

Thank you to all of you for the hard work that is making our club so friendly, welcoming, and thriving - please keep it up!

VICE PRESIDENT

Nothing to report.

SECRETARY

Sent members details of opportunity to sell work at ArtsFest. So far there has been no interest.

TREASURER

Covered in the meeting.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY

Covered in the meeting.

COMPETITIONS (INTERNAL)

Covered in the meeting.

COMPETITIONS (EXTERNAL)

Covered in the meeting.

INTERPRINT

Progress so far

1. Judge booked – Erica Oram CPAGP AFIAP BPE3*. Sheffield area. For family reasons may well do it as a day trip (thus saving accommodation costs) – this will be finalized later.
2. PAGB Patronage granted; medals and ribbons ordered and received.
3. Notifications were sent to 29 clubs on 18th September, and a further 6 more recently. As of 1st October we have 14 acceptances (plus ourselves). I plan further emails in the next 7/10 days unless we get a lot of acceptances soon. 30 entrants max.
4. Dave Norman is starting work on the Catalogue.

Things requiring Committee agreement

1. Catering: needs to be kept simple as it can tie up members who could be otherwise occupied.

- 1.1. Between 5 pm and 6 pm we could make the lower hall available to anyone who wants to bring their own sandwiches etc. Should we provide tea/coffee, and maybe biscuits, at modest cost? Anything more brings food safety certificate implications and does not necessarily make much profit. 2 people should be enough to cover this.
- 1.2. At the interval, shall we provide tea/coffee and biscuits included in the ticket price, again in the lower hall?
2. Ticket price: last year was £5, which I think included interval refreshments as above. Same this year?

Other things to consider

1. Make-up of Interprint sub-committee.
2. Church lighting, both for the exhibition element and the evening session. Will the Church's new lighting system cause problems? Our own Exhibition in November will be a test.

COMMUNICATIONS

Covered in the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

As of 30th September 2023, we have 52 members (of these, one is a student and one is an E member)

Everyone has paid their fees and completed membership forms.

Big thanks to Nicky for covering for me very efficiently while I was away.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Carlos is booked to move the boards on the Thursday and Saturday, but I will remind him again shortly - it will cost £140 this year.

So far, we only have a promised 152 prints, out of a possible 232, so this needs a bit of a push. As does getting people to sign up to volunteer.

Last year, the feedback from the public was that they would prefer to vote for their top 3 images rather than just 1 favourite, so we need to discuss this and potentially revert to voting slips.

Do we want to run dpi images as well again? If so, Photo Entry will need to be set up for this.

EQUIPMENT

Covered in the meeting.

APPENDIX B – Winter Programme 2024-2025 Template

2024-25		Programme Fixtures	
Club Events	Zoom Bookings	Live Bookings	Competitions
2024			
Date	Event	By	Likely Cost
<u>September</u>			
03	Welcome & Review of Summer Programme		£00.00
10			
17			
24	Monthly 1		
<u>October</u>			
01	Ten Minute Talks -	Members	£00.00
08	Michaelmas Fair - No meeting in Free Church????		£00.00
15			
22			
29	Monthly 2		
<u>November</u>			
05			
12			
19			
26	Monthly 3		
<u>December</u>			
03	Quartet Competition		
10			
17	Social Evening		£00.00
2025			
<u>January</u>			
07	President's/George Dellar		
14			
21			
28	Monthly 4		
<u>February</u>			
04			
11			
18			
25	Monthly 5		
<u>March</u>			
04			
11			
18			
25	Monthly 6		
<u>April</u>			
01			
08			
15	Annual DPI		
22	Annual Print + Monochrome		
29	AGM		£00.00