



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 6TH December 2023 at 19.30 hrs

Venue: Hemingford Village Hall

Present:

Brian Sibley	President
Graham Shirra	Vice President
Peter Wills	Treasurer
Louisa Christie	Internal Competition Secretary
Nicky Cope	External Competition Secretary
Steve Eeley	Programme Secretary
Debbie Hall	Membership Secretary

1 Apologies for absence: Steve Laws, Angela Lucas, Jonathan Sayer, Paul Dobson

2 Minutes of the last meeting (4th October 2023) were approved.

3 Matters arising

3.1 Hinchbrooke Hospital display: after discussion it was agreed this should now be written off and put down to experience.

3.2 Replace Steve Laws with Graham on bank and savings accounts. Still ongoing.
Peter to contact bank again. **Peter**

3.3 Updating Programme details on website: ongoing, still some event details missing.
Steve E

3.4 Print labels all ordered and delivered.

3.5 The Knockout competition was deemed to have been a great success and good fun.
Date for this to be included in next year's programme **Steve E**

3.6 The Member's Gallery on the website needs updating with member's new/updated images now in PhotoEntry **Angela**

4 Christmas Social

4.1 Food

- 4.1.1 After discussion of options it was decided that members of the committee would provide jacket potatoes, cheese, beans, butter, chilli and maybe sausages. The following was agreed:

Jacket Potatoes	Nicky & Debbie
Baked Beans, butter and sausages	Louisa
Gammon Joint & a dessert	Brian
Cheese & a dessert	Graham
Chilli	Steve E

- 4.1.2 Steve E to check chilli recipe is gluten free. **Steve E**
- 4.1.3 Need to let Mark Hudson know we would like to take up his offer of providing sausage rolls and to ask if they can be gluten free. **Brian**
- 4.1.4 Christmas napkins needed. **Debbie**
- 4.1.5 Nicky to provide serving platters and tongs. **Nicky**
- 4.1.6 Reminder in newsletter that members need to bring their own cutlery, crockery, glasses, drinks of their choice and a pen. **Angela**
- 4.1.7 Ask Paul if Wendy could make a GF dessert **Brian**

4.2 Entertainment

- 4.2.1 Announcement needed in Newsletter requesting members who are attending the Christmas Social to upload a photo of themselves as a child onto photo entry, for Guess The Member Quiz. **Angela**
- 4.2.2 'Better Known As' Quiz provided by Steve E. **Steve E**
- 4.2.3 Brian to create print out for tables of above two quizzes. **Brian**
- 4.2.4 Agreed to take up Lynne Cole's offer of doing a quiz. Need to confirm this with her. **Brian**
- 4.2.5 Social to start at 7.30pm. Brian to unlock at 7pm and committee members to arrive at 7pm also. **All**
- 4.2.6 Check tables are available for the evening. **Peter**
- 4.2.7 Purchase of Tablecloths required from Poundland **Louisa**

4.2.8 Repeat request for raffle prizes in Newsletter.

Angela

5 Interprint

5.1 Progress and things to do

5.1.1 See Graham's report.

5.1.2 Graham reported 23 clubs have signed up, and there's unlikely to be any more despite emailing over 60 clubs.

5.1.3 Milton Keynes only new entrant.

5.1.4 The issues of showing scoring at half time on the night were discussed at length and it was agreed that if necessary the scores could just be announced. Graham will check Dropbox for the spreadsheets used last year.

Graham

5.1.5 Louisa suggested doing a dummy run with FFPX.

Louisa

5.1.6 The medals have been purchased, but need to source vouchers. These were done through sponsorship in the past and Brian suggested approaching Campkins to see if they would be willing to do this.

Graham

5.1.7 Keepsake trophies need to be organised. **Graham to check with Steve L**

5.1.8 The closing date for uploading dpi entries is 27th January 2024. Nicky and Louisa volunteered to upload the images to FFPX asap after this date.

Nicky & Louisa

5.1.9 Publicity and a sub committee to be organised in January.

Graham

6 Annual Exhibition Review

6.1 See Debbie's report.

7 President's Report

7.1 See report in Appendix.

7.2 Brian thanked everyone for their hard work and reported that he was really happy with the number of prints being entered in competitions this year, making all last year's efforts by the committee worthwhile.

7.3 Committee Roles. Brian, Steve L, Debbie and Peter have all declared they will be stepping down at the end of the 2024 Summer season. Brian asked that we consider

who might be suitable to step into these roles and to begin conversations to this effect. It's possible that some roles could be changed around if required **All**

8 Vice President's Report

8.1 Graham reported that the Rotary Club appreciated having a display at the Annual Exhibition.

9 Finance

9.1 Currently there is £3858.36 in bank, £13,838.29 in savings and £215.50 in cash.

9.2 EAF membership for 55 members (£139.50) needs to be paid by 20th January. **Peter**

10 Secretary

10.1 We have agreed to rent the club's boards to Swavesey for their Exhibition in March (27th) at an increased price of £75. Need to let Mark Hudson know **Steve L**

10.2 Steve is stepping down from the committee after 8 years. The committee members expressed their gratitude for all he has done and gave him a round of applause.

10.3 Jennifer Horn has provisionally agreed to take on the Secretary Role next season.

11 Programme

11.1 The theme for the practical evening for 6th February 2023 has been confirmed as MACRO. **Jonathan**

11.1.1 Website event to be updated **Steve E**

11.2 Winter Programme 2024-2025

11.2.1 Ongoing. Some judges have been finalised. Brian noted that Ben Pike said he was happy to return again next year to judge/Talk **Steve E**

11.2.2 Steve has started to contact people about talks. **Steve E**

12 Competitions

12.1 Internal (Louisa)

12.1.1 See attached report.

12.1.2 Everything going well. It's been useful having Alice's help on competition nights.

12.2 External (Nicky)

12.2.1 See attached report.

12.2.2 Proposed date for 4-Way – Wednesday 16th October at Ely. Query though on whether it should actually be St Neots hosting? **Nicky**

12.2.3 No date has been forthcoming for Brotherhoods. Agreed we are not worried about taking part in this.

13 Communications

13.1 Competition information for the November monthly and the cumulative scores have not been updated on the website. **Angela**

13.2 The link to the Exhibition results is now live on the website.

14 Membership

14.1 See attached report.

15 Tookeys

15.1 See attached report.

15.2 Repeat information in ongoing newsletters. **Angela**

16 Equipment

16.1 Jonathan has researched getting a new projector and is waiting for pricing. Looking to be around £2500. Will need to discuss funding. **All**

16.2 Recommendation that we go with 4K for resolution.

17 Any other business

17.1 A member has requested zoom links for zoom talks, but the committee felt that members would then not turn up at the church and it would make more work, especially for Jonathan. We are also aiming to move away from zoom talks, so it was agreed we would not send out links.

17.2 Peter requested that we look for an alternative venue for committee meetings. Members to consider potential options. **All**

17.3 Louisa noted that Ethan will be 18 in January and suggested buying him a card – all agreed. **Louisa**

18 Date of next meeting

18.1 Wednesday 3rd January, 7.30pm, Hemingford Village Hall. Focus – Interprint.

