1. Apologies;- Trevor Bottomley, Steve Slocombe, Steve A Wood, Lyndsay Halliday and Bob Jones.

2. Present;- Sally Sallett, David Jones, Malcolm Dobson, Peter Wells, Bob Gibson, Steve Wright, Chris New, Steve Womack, Bill Mahoney and David Kershaw.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

   a. Committee name badges;- It was agreed that we should ask Bob Jones to wait until after the AGM before producing the name badges. They should only display the committee members Name in large letters and either the clubs logo, or Wakefield Camera Club in small letters.

   b. AGM;- There is a requirement to give the membership at least 2 weeks notice of any change to club or competition rules before the AGM. Steve Wright proposed an addition to the Competition Rules;-

   Prints should be accompanied by a small digital image for use by the Competition Secretary in maintaining the Competitions Database.

   It was agreed that the amendment to the rules be proposed at the AGM. The image size should ideally be a maximum of 1024px wide x 768px high, to conform to our present projection size, but larger images could be resized by the Competition Secretary.

   All committee members need to think of possible candidates for the 2014 committee, as we need to increase our numbers to cover the committee posts.

   The committee posts of 'Social/Membership Officer', 'Social/ Functions Officers' and 'Publicity Officer' will be removed from the Election of Officers list for 2014 as these functions are currently being covered by other existing members of the committee.

   The post of 'Events & Exhibitions Officer' will be replaced with 'Exhibitions and Marketing Coordinator'.

   c. Steve A Woods "Photowalk";- As Steve was unable to attend, it was agreed that this item will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

   d. Newsletter;- David K asked if the present format was acceptable? It was generally thought that the concept of restricting the newsletter to items not covered on the web site and trying to stimulate more member interaction was the best way forward. To this end, one suggestion was that we occasionally do a profile of a member.

   e. Updating software on laptop. "What about the new Cloud subscription from Adobe? You can get CS6 and LR6 for about £12 per month and that way, the club would always have the latest versions for when a visiting speaker does a demo etc. Never used Elements so not sure what it offers or what it costs. John Gardner"

   After much discussion it was felt that we seldom need Photoshop or Lightroom on the

clubs computer, as most speakers bring their own machine when doing a presentation. As a more cost effective tool, it was suggested that we purchase a copy of Photoshop Elements, this being software that is more likely to appeal to newer members. The intention is to wait for Amazons 'Black Friday' offers and the purchase Elements.

f. Support for Outwood Scouting club in an endeavor for its members to obtain their photography badges; Bob Gibson has informed the scout group that we are willing to help. We are now waiting for them to tell us what they need.

4. Accounts;- Our current balance was noted. I also have an outstanding Invoice from Brookhouse for room rent (July/August/September).

5. Publicity;- Nothing new this month.

6. Web Site;- The new web site is up and running. Steve Wright asked committee members to fault find and get back to him, so that he can correct errors or problems. There are still problems with Internet Explorer, but Steve is solving these. Two excessively large PDF files also present a problem, but Steve is working to solve this. David K offered to resize the two offending PDFs if necessary. Bill proposed that Steve look at WeTransfer.com. Steve Womack asked if adding a Site Visit Counter would help with feedback?

7. Competitions;-
   a. Settle Trophy;- Bill is working on the required entries for the Settle Trophy and also the Mersea Island competitions. He handed out 6 discs with images on and asked committee members to select their favourite 15, then email the titles to him. He would then work to the committee's preferences. With prints he intended to email various members and ask them to bring prints to the next meeting, so that he had a selection to work with.

   b. Definition of The Maurice Biglin Flora Competition;- Several committee members expressed the opinion that this should be an applied competition. David K apologised for failing to make that clear when he drafted the amended competition rules. It had been agreed at the last AGM that this was an applied competition, with a set subject of 'Flora'. David K will draft an appendix to the rule and send a copy to Steve Wright for inclusion on the web site.

   c. Amendment to competition rules, requiring print entries to be accompanied with a small Jpeg copy of the image. Ref Steve Wright;- See item 3b.

   d. There is still little take-up of the option to add 'N' for novice to entries in competitions. We produce a 'Best Novice' Certificate, for presentation at the Awards Night, for most of our competitions (including each round of the Clubman and the Clubman of the year), see competition rules for details. Sally was asked to raise this issue when reminding member of hand in dates.

8. Programme over next 6 weeks

   11th November – Bill Mahoney;- Bill is working on his presentation.

   18th November – Lights Night and A4 Comp – (Bring entries for Annual Print). Steve A Wood offered to run the A4 competition. Steve Wright and David Kershaw to organize a numbers system to organize the members waiting to take pictures.
   Steve Womack and Steve A Wood will organize and run the A4 Competition.

   25th November – Annual Digital Competition – Judge John Smith.

   2nd December – Annual Print Competition – Judge Mike Newton
   2nd December – Settle Trophy Competition at Howden Camera Club;- David K will go to Howden to represent the club on the night.

   9th December – AGM; - Steve Womack offered to supply a few AVs to fill in the remainder of the evening (if the AGM end early). The AV's to give members some idea of what is possible with sequenced still images.

   16th December – Annual Dinner (Tickets Required);- The menu has been circulated in the Newsletter. Sally will collect Names and money, the final menu choice from members needs to be in by the End of November. The Image of the year competition will be held that night. One other possible entertainment for the night, is to ask members to supply pictures of themselves as babies or children, then let the diners guess who the images are of.

9. Syllabus 2014;- Margaret Salisbury will now be speaking on April 7th. Chris New is asking Ken Fisher to fill the January 13th date, with a "how to do HDR" presentation.

10. Software, Hardware;- Peter Wells has requested that we ask Adobe to consider us as a teaching organisation and so enable us to offer members Photoshop at educational prices;- Though it was generally felt unlikely that Adobe would agree, David K will contact them and ask.

11. Any Other Business.
    a. Judge for November on-line competition;- Malcolm Dobson will judge.

    b. Judge for December on-line competition;- The December competition entries are the top 3 images from each of the 11 monthly competitions, these can go online once the November winners are known. David K to ask Will Chung to judge, once the images are on line. If he declines for any reason we will ask Ken Fisher.

12. Next Meeting ;- the date and place of the next committee meeting will be agreed after the AGM, on December 9th.