

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting Minutes
3rd April 2012
Held at The Old Convent, Horbury

1. Present;- Steve Wood, Sally Sallett, Trevor Bottomley, David Jones, Vera Jones, Malcolm Dobson, Bill Mahoney, Chris New, David Hall, Lyndsay Halliday, Steve Wright, Steve Slocombe and David Kershaw.
2. Apologies;- John Bickerdike, Robert Jones
3. Accounts; - We currently have a balance of £redacted with about half the existing membership having re-joined. We have paid £250 to the City club in membership fees; this is probably lost money as we will have to pay membership fees again if we use another Working Man's Club for our meetings.
4. New Meeting Place; - Several possible locations had been suggested by the members and all we considered by the committee.

After much discussion it was agreed that we follow up an offer from Brookhouse WMC. The price per night for use of the concert room was £20 with no other financial commitments other than members of Wakefield CC becoming members of the WMC. One possible problem was the availability of the room for every Monday Meeting, but it was hoped that we could work round any existing bookings. One possible suggestion was to book a room at The Old Convent for nights that clashed, as the Convent promised to meet all our requirements other than location (its one major drawback). Representative of Wakefield CC to meet with the Secretary of Brookhouse on Wednesday morning and ask about Storage of equipment, Microphone facilities, what dates are not available, other rooms available for Committee meetings, etc. If all looks favorable to agree terms.

Action – Steve Wood, Trevor, David J and David K.

David J proposed a vote of thanks to David K, Lindsey and Steve Wood for making arrangement to extract our equipment from the City Club and organizing alternative meeting places, especially Lindsay for arranging the free use of The Old Convent for this committee meeting.

5. Access to our equipment; – All that remains at the City Club are the two cupboards, the print display boards and unwanted items of equipment. It was hoped that we would be able to retrieve the Grey Metal Cupboard at some time, failing that it was possible that Bill would donate a four draw filing cabinet to store small items at the new location.

Potential Action All Committee.

Trevor brought our insurance details and it was agreed that we probably needed to increase the amount of the cover. We need to perform a stock take of assets and agree a figure at the next committee meeting as the insurance will be up for renewal at the end of May 2012.

Action- All Committee Member who are housing club equipment.

6. Short term equipment replacement; - As most things had been retrieved from The City Club, this is now not a problem. However the print display boards would prove something of a storage problem, so it was suggested and agreed that David K endeavour to find a wholesale price for wire print stands, with the intention of buying 40+.

Action David K

7. Matters arising from last committee meeting

a Flash Triggers; - David J has bought three triggers that claim to work with Canon, Nikon and some other makes of camera. Chris suggested that we mark these in some way so that we could easily identify them.

a Microphone ; - Steve Wood is now sure that our mic is working correctly, but until we have a new venue and know what sound system is available, we are unable to be sure as to what we may need to do.

b Calibrator; - The old SpiderPro 2 is now with David K. Several members had experienced problems with Windows 7 machines and this calibrator, though Steve Wright had solved the problem by downloading new drivers and recording these to a disc that should be in the box with the calibrator. The one problem remaining was calibration of our projector(s). David J proposed that he buy a Spider Pro 4 as this device was able to calibrate projectors. It was agreed that he should do so.

Action David J

c Wakefield Hospice Calendar; - The deadline for image selection by the organisers is early May, so we need a selection of pictures emailed to David H. The subject for the calendar is Natural Wakefield (I don't think that is all five towns, just Wakefield). David H to ask for images in Newsletter and on Web Page. Steve Wood to ask members at our next meeting.

Action Steve Wood and David H

d A3 prints for members; - The deadline for the first print run is the end of April. We should be able to increase the number of prints as Vera and David J are selecting some of the winning digital images for printing, once the authors have been asked. These prints may then be used in external competitions. David H to ask for images in Newsletter and on Web Page. Steve Wood to ask members at our next meeting.

Action Steve Wood, David H, Vera and David J

e Printing winning digital entries; - See above item.

f One to One instruction before meetings; - This will be started once we have solved our accommodation problems, Bill is heading up this service to the members.

Action- Bill

g 'Online' question and answer service; - Though we have offered, to date no one as asked a question.

Action – all club members ;o).

8. Competitions

a Sheffield – We failed to impress the Judge, though the same prints continue to score well in other competitions.

9. Exhibitions

a The Arts Walk; - We will be exhibiting in the Chantry from the 30th of May for 4 days. Malcolm is organising this exhibition and we will finalise arrangements at the next committee meeting.

Action - Malcolm

b Ridings – Malcolm is waiting for a response from the Ridings Shopping Centre, if necessary he will ring again later this week to try and confirm a July date.

Action - Malcolm

10. Web Site; - Running smoothly at the moment, though David H would like more members to submit images.

Action – all club members ;o).

11. Publicity

a Change of venue; - Once a new venue is found we will need to ensure that all relevant information points, both physical and on the web are informed. Old 'out of date' leaflets will need to be retrieved and destroyed.

Action – All Committee

12. Programme over next 6 weeks

9th April – No Meeting

16th April – 1st Clubman Comp "Construction" – Martin Litchfield

Information about the How to & Club Challenge will be given to the membership after the judging of the 1st Clubman Competition.

23rd April – Speaker – Brian Beaney

27th – 29th April – Outing to Chester

30th April – Mersea Island Final – Erica Oram

7th May – No Meeting

14th May – Hooton Pagnell – Evening Outing

13. Syllabus; - There will probably have to be changes to the current 2012-3 syllabus to meet one or two problems raised by the change of venue. Robert Bilton will be asked to try and arrange a re-print one everything is finalised.

Action David J, David K, David H and Robert

14. Software, Hardware; - No additional problems other than those already covered earlier in the meeting. There may possibly be issues of storage, depending on our new venue.

15. Any Other Business;-

a David J asked if it was possible to give advance warning of 'Presidents Pals' events, so that more of the members would feel able to attend. Steve Wood felt that organising events in advance cut across the spontaneity of the whole concept. Steve intended that members should invite him to join them on a day out, rather than he having to plan events. This enabled members to set all or any restraints they wished on their idea.

Some members of the committee felt that this could (however wrongly) produce the impression of an 'us and them' splinter group and David K feared that some of the newer members may feel reluctant to get involved. Possibly removing the title 'Presidents Pals' would help and that Steve could still make the offer, but any reference to the outing event afterwards could just refer to people involved, rather than as a specific group.

No agreement was reached on this issue and rather than change the format Steve decided he would no longer be offering the service.

b David J asked for and received nine cheques of £5.50 to cover the cost of processing and postage for each of the nine cameras to be used in the How To & Club Challenge.

c David K asked if he could order 1000 Business Cards with the club details on. These could then be used as 'hand outs' to interested potential members. These to replace the present black A6 leaflets in shops and information centres.

Action David K

16. Date of Next Meeting – 1st May? This date could be changed once a committee meeting place has been agreed and to respond to any urgent issues.