

Wakefield Camera Club  
Committee Meeting  
31<sup>st</sup> July 2012  
Held at the Duke of Wellington Pub, Horbury Rd (A642)

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1. Present;- Steve Wood, Sally Sallett, Trevor Bottomley, David Jones, Vera Jones, Malcolm Dobson, Bill Mahoney, Chris New, David Hall, Lyndsay Halliday, Steve Wright and David Kershaw.
2. Apologies; - Steve Slocombe, Bob Jones and John Bickerdike.
3. Accounts;- Our current balance stands at £redacted
4. Matters arising from last committee meeting
  - a. Microphone instruction;- We now have a couple of members who are "up to speed" with the Microphone system and both Steve Wright, David Hall agreed to make sure they know how it works. It was suggested by Steve Wood that Lee Todd should also be asked to learn how it works.
  - b. Storage; - Steve Wood intends to measure the space at Brookhouse, so that we can try and arrange more on site storage.
  - c. One to One instruction before meetings; - This is still being offered, but only two members have asked to date.
5. Competitions
  - a. Hand over from Vera to Bill. Bill intends to get involve with the next competition and see just how it works. Bill also suggested that we buy an external hard drive to record the results, etc on.
6. Exhibitions;

Malcolm has provisionally booked two 3 day exhibitions in the Ridings, one in spring and one in summer. After considerable discussion it was agreed that we continue with the July Ridings exhibition only as the cost of an additional exhibition did not seem to offer much in the way of increased membership.

We also received a letter asking if we would be interested in a joint art and photography event in one of the Ridings empty shops. The exhibition would run for about 6 weeks and would need to be manned. A meeting of all interested parties will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Malcolm and David K will attend. The committee felt that it could prove difficult to man such an event, but will await feedback before making a decision.
7. Web Site
  - a. An additional print selling page. This was suggested by Lyndsay. David K to produce an outline plan for the next committee meeting.
8. Publicity; -
  - a. A general notice for notice boards. We are in need of a replacement for the black A6 sheets. Chris to produce samples for the next committee meeting.
  - b. Having been offered the chance to mount a plaque on the Brookhouse wall. We agreed that Chris should explore the options.
9. Programme over next 6 weeks
  - 6<sup>th</sup> August – Beginners Workshop  
Beginners DVD with breaks for questions/discussion after each 10 min section.
  - 13<sup>th</sup> August – Beginners Workshop  
Beginners DVD with breaks for questions/discussion after each 10 min section.
  - 20<sup>th</sup> August – Beginners Workshop  
It was agreed there wouldn't be an A4 competition on the third night, simply a display of photographs by the beginners with a critique/discussion on each print where possible and then, possibly, an expert picking out three photos as "the best" and maybe awarding prizes such as a free membership for a period. It was suggested that we should only decide how many photos per person when we know how many are turning up to the sessions (few persons/more photos each, many persons /just two photos per person).
  - 27<sup>th</sup> August – Bank Holiday – No Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> September Brains Trust – Ask the Questions? David J to contact Les, Mike and Bob Jones to see if they are willing to form the panel.

9<sup>th</sup> September Sunday Outing – Castle Howard

10<sup>th</sup> September – Lights Night and A4 Competition

10. Syllabus; -

a. Do we include Evening and Sunday outings in the 2013 syllabus? Evening outings yes, Sundays and weekend away events need more thought. We could probably collect entrance fees in advance. More discussion next month.

b. Hand over from David to Chris. They agreed to get together when a suitable date could be agreed. David J said the 2013 syllabus was nearly ready, but he asked about the possibility of booking a professional photography teacher, with the option of doing a presentation over more than one Monday. The idea gained tentative agreement.

11. Software, Hardware; -

a. Problems with both laptops. Steve asked if he could "look at" the old laptop.

b. Steve is investigating battery chargers and rechargeable batteries for use with the print display light. These are now on order.

c. Print display light. Possibly we could use our own club stand, head and light if/when storage is available, until then David K was happy to keep bringing his stand and light.

d. Loan of lighting equipment to RPS. If was agreed that the RPS could borrow the lights provided they returned them in the same condition as when they borrowed them David J to contact the RPS rep and John G.

12. Any Other Business

a. Annual dinner - dates / organization / location? The date (25<sup>th</sup> Feb) is in the syllabus. Sally will be responsible for getting members to commit to the event and collect numbers. The location can be Brookhouse as they offer catering and the possibility was raised when agreeing the use of the club for our meetings.

It was agreed that we should discuss the problems/advantages of "in house" catering at the next meeting and that Brian Holding be asked to attend if he possibly could.

b. Free Prints. After some discussion it was agreed that David K produce accurate details on re-sizing images for printing, these to be circulated to John G, Les and John B before being presented to the members.

c. Date for AGMs. We will have two AGMs in 2013, one on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and one on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> to bring things into line with our new year end.

13. Date and place of Next Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> September at The Wellington.