

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
4th September 2012
Held at the Duke of Wellington Pub, Horbury Rd (A642)

1. Present;- Steve Wood, Trevor Bottomley, David Jones, Vera Jones, Malcolm Dobson,
Chris New, Bob Jones, Lyndsay Halliday, Steve Wright and David Kershaw.
2. Apologies;- Sally Sallett, Steve Slocombe, David Hall and Bill Mahoney.
3. Accounts;- Our current balance stands at £redacted
4. Matters arising from last committee meeting

a. Joint art and photography event in one of the Ridings empty shops. This concept was discussed at great length and it was unanimously agreed that we should not proceed with the idea. The general feeling was that the nature of club photography is based on competition, not sales and without actual dates we could not guarantee to provide the required manning. Malcolm and David K will attend the next meeting of the 'Celebration of Art Group' to offer our apologies for not joining in and also to offer the loan of our stands if needed.

Action Malcolm and David K

b. Annual Dinner and in house catering. It was agreed that we should use Brookhouse catering to cover the buffet for the winter social on December 17th and also the Annual Dinner /Awards night on February 25th. Sally's outline pricing and arrangements looked reasonable at 30 covers for the Buffet and at £20 per head for the dinner.

Action Sally And Lyndsay

c. Microphone instruction;- Both Steve Wright, David Hall know how it works, Steve Wood to ask Lee Todd if he would also like to learn how it works. After some discussion on the failure of our present system to provide reasonable levels of sound on some occasions, Steve Wright offered to loan a stand mounted radio mic with an adjustable arm. Steve will bring the equipment to the next club meeting for a trial.

Action Steve Wright and Steve Wood

d. Storage;- Steve Wood intends to measure the space at Brookhouse, so that we can try and arrange more on site storage.

Action Steve Wood

e. A6 Information sheet design. Lyndsay agreed to produce a draft leaflet for the next committee meeting.

Action Lyndsay

f. A plaque for the Brookhouse wall. Chris was given permission to purchase an A4 sized acrylic wall plaque in Green and White, with the wording;-

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Action Chris

g. Free Prints. As the intention was to get more of the members to become involved in submitting prints to our competitions, we need to find out if this is working. David K was instructed to email the members and ask who has used any of their free prints in competition and who would be interested in doing so if we have another print run.

Action David K

5. Competitions

a. Hand over from Vera to Bill. Vera and Bill have arranged a meeting so that Bill will see what is involved.

Action Vera and Bill

b. Settle Trophy is to be held in Doncaster this year, Vera still needs more prints and digital images to make a selection.

Action Vera and Membership

c. The hand in date for the Maurice Biglin Trophy is October 8th, this information is on the web site but not in the printed syllabus. Chris was asked to include the hand in date in one of his newsletters nearer the date.

Action Chris

6. Exhibitions. Malcolm has nothing new to report at present.

7. Web Site.

a. An additional print selling page. It was felt that there were too many potential pitfalls involved in the club taking on the responsibility, of selling images from our web site.

Though if there is sufficient interest, it would be possible to have a page with members pictures, a guide price and a direct link to the members email address. This page would need a disclaimer stating that Wakefield CC in no way accepts any responsibility for the information displayed or any resulting sales.

Action David H

8. Publicity. Chris was thanked once again for the outstanding weekly articles he produces. His only issue was that he got little or no feedback from the membership.

9. Programme over next 6 weeks

9th September – Sunday Outing – Castle Howard

We meeting in the car park at Castle Howard at or before 10am.

10th September Lights Night and A4 Comp

17th September - 5th Clubman Comp – Mike Palmer

24th September – Speaker – Colin Sutton.
(Bring entries for Annual AV Comp)

1st October – Speaker – Christine Widdall.

8th October – Audio Visual Comp – Keith Brown
(Bring entries for the Maurice Biglin Comp)

15th October – Speaker – Dave Butcher

10. Syllabus;- David J and Chris have held a meeting to outline the work involved in producing a syllabus. David J said that the 2013 syllabus was almost complete and he got approval for one or two ideas he hoped to include. He briefly outlined one concept of using a 'professional' speaker to run the summer school classes.

David K asked for the completed syllabus as soon as is practical so that we can proceed with getting it printed.

Action David J and Chris

11. Software, Hardware;-

a. Problems with both laptops. Steve has examined both of our laptops and is happy that the new one seems to be working OK. The old laptop shows signs of a major drive failure and this has been given to Bill, who has software that can confirm this. We really don't need a second laptop other than as a backup, so no further action is needed at this time. It was agreed that we should purchase a portable hard drive to back up important club information and competition records.

Action Bill and Steve Wood

b. Loan of lighting equipment to RPS. It 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.

The lights were returned unused. One benefit from us offering to loan out the lights is a promise to provide a link from the Local RPS web site to our own.

12. Any Other Business

a. Review of Beginners Workshops. It was felt that the first two nights were successful, though the third night was a little disorganised. Malcolm was given a vote of thanks for hosting the workshops and it was generally agreed that they probably are one of our main ways of gaining new members.

Thanks again Malcolm

b. Steve announced that he would miss all meetings from October 8th to October 29th, as he would be on holiday.

Action Sally

13. Date and place of Next Meeting – 2nd October at The Wellington.