

**Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
8th January 2013
Held at 7, PORTLAND GATE
St.John's North
WF1 3QE**

1. Apologies; - Steve Wright, Lyndsay Halliday and David Hall.
2. Present;- Steve Wood, Sally Sallett, Trevor Bottomley, Chris New, Malcolm Dobson, Bill Mahoney, Steve Slocombe , Vera Jones, David Jones, John Bickerdike and David Kershaw.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a. Annual Dinner and in house catering; - Sally is collecting names.
Action Sally and Lyndsay.
 - b. Storage; - The cupboard is in place and we have 4 keys. Steve Wood, Trevor Bottomley, Malcolm Dobson and David Kershaw have one each.
 - c. A6 Information sheet; - Lyndsay has placed an order for these.
Action Lyndsay.
 - d. Free Prints; - The last print run worked well and we ordered 61 prints. Members who exceeded their 3 print allocations have paid for the extra prints. We will consider another print run in about 3 months time.
Action New Committee.
 - e. Review of competition rules
 1. Change to the Maurice Biglin comp, from applied to open; - This was agreed.
 2. Accepting entries from non-members
 - a, All competitions; - No. Entrants in all the formal competitions need to be members.
 - b, A4 and Informal projected image only; - Yes, anyone who meets the criteria of 'Novice' may enter.
 3. Novice only entries into the A4 and the Informal digital
 - a, Define 'Novice';- In an attempt to encourage more involvement from the less experienced members of our club, entries in the unmounted A4 competition and the Informal projected image competition are restricted to novices.
A novice is defined as someone who has never been placed in any formal internal or external photographic competition and/or holds no recognized photography qualification.
 4. On-line competition
 - a, Selection of themes; - Themes for the On-line competition will be pre- selected at the beginning of each year by asking members to suggest a theme. The suggested themes will then be placed in a suitable container and a random selection made.
 - b, Selection of 11 internal judges; - A judge or judges will be selected from a group of experienced members; these judges will not be entitled to enter the competition they are judging.

5. Clubman themed or open; - It was agreed that 3 for the 5 clubman competitions each year will be themed. The Three themes for 2013 will be changed to 'Landscape', 'Portraiture' and 'Black & White'. The three themes for 2014 will be 'General Record', 'Natural History' and 'Architecture'.

6. Natural History wording and general layout of the rules; - The layout of the rules will remain as at present. The wording to define Natural History will be amended to read; -

Natural History depicts untamed animals and uncultivated plants in a natural habitat and all natural phenomena. The accurate record of the subject and natural environment is the prime factor. Evidence of man, his manipulation of his environment in any part of the picture is undesirable and should be avoided, **except where a species naturally interacts with man or his environment.** After satisfying the above requirements every effort should be made to use the highest level of artistic skill in all nature photographs. Photographs of cultivated plants, floral arrangements, domestic and **captive or controlled animals**, mounted specimens, museum groups or man and his specialized environment are NOT acceptable. Entries should be accurately titled.

The Webmaster will be asked to add the date of each rule change to the on-line copy of the rules.

Action David K and David H or new Webmaster

f. Light for video projection of prints; - At present we have no suitable recommendations for lighting a print. The next committee will discuss this issue.

Action New Committee.

4. Accounts; -

a, Balance as at the year end was £redacted with one known outstanding bill for the Christmas Social still to pay. This was expected to cost £redacted.

b, Audit; - Trevor outlined some of the problems that this year's accounts had raised and anticipated being able to answer any or all pertinent questions at the AGM.

The accounts are still with the Auditor.

5. Exhibitions; - No issues at present, Malcolm has received a copy of the Ridings Exhibition documents for him to sign.

Action Malcolm

6. Web Site

a. Update of website; - The site now needs to be updated to include the 2013 syllabus (with the amendments made at this meeting) and also to correct one or two minor anomalies.

Action David H or new Webmaster.

b. Link to RPS Yorkshire; - David Kershaw will contact the RPS and ask for a link between their web site and ours.

Action David K

7. Publicity; - No problems at present.

Programme over next 6 weeks

14th January – Speaker – Martine Hamilton Knight.

Martine has been contacted and reminded.

21st January – Annual Print Competition – Judge Roger Poyser

Bill has still to deliver the prints.

28th January - Light Night & A4 Comp – **Bring entries for Annual Digital Competitions**

We will need the Wide white paper roll and the paper stand for this night. We will run the Un-mounted A4 competition as open to all for the last time. The Informal digital competition will start later in the year.

Action Steve Wood and Chris

4th February – AGM

a, Next year's committee;- Steve Wood intends to stand down from the committee after the AGM. David Hall asked Steve to say that he also would like to hand over the task of Webmaster to someone else. It was agreed that next year's committee should consist of ;- All Life Members plus a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Syllabus Secretary, Competition Secretary, Events & Exhibitions Secretary, Publicity Officer and Webmaster with at least two more elected members.

Action All Current Committee to fill vacant spaces.

b, Any amendments to rules;-

Though not discussed in detail at the committee meeting we will need to amend the following rules;-

General Rule 6 The Annual General Meeting to be **held on the first Monday in February**, or as soon after as can be arranged. There must be in attendance at least 20% of the members to form a quorum before the meeting can proceed.

This will need correcting to;-

General Rule 6 the Annual General Meeting to be held on the **Second Monday in December**, or as soon after as can be arranged. There must be in attendance at least 20% of the members to form a quorum before the meeting can proceed.

General Rule 9 Membership classifications to be as follows; -

Honorary Life Member, this to include free life membership to the member and his or her partner and also a vote on any committee they wished to attend.

Full Membership, this to include an adult and his or her partner. **Associate Membership, this to be an individual that wishes to attend club events as an observer but not take any part in such activities.**

Senior Membership, this to include an adult over the age of 60 and his or her partner.

Student Member, this to be a person in full time education.

Fees to be fixed annually at the AGM.

A prospective member shall be asked to join after three visits to club activities

We need to delete the lines in **BLUE**.

General Rule 21 the clubs financial year shall end on the **31st of December** to ensure the accounts is audited in time for submission to the membership at the AGM. The auditor to be appointed by the membership at the AGM each year.

This will need correcting to **30th of September or the first Monday in October???**

Action All Current Committee

11th February – Annual Digital Competitions – Judge Graham Gage; - The judge to be reminded.

18th February – RPS International Projected Image Exhibition 2012; - **This is in the syllabus as Speaker – Les Forrester that is now transferred to 11th of March.**
The 3rd of June event (birds of prey) will also exchange places with the Leeds visit on 8th of July.

Action David H

8. Syllabus; - The introduction of the Informal Digital Image competition and its relationship to the lights Nights is to be agreed between Chris and Bill.

Action Chris and Bill

9. Software, Hardware; - No issues other than Light for video projection, see above.

10. Any Other Business.

1. David Jones suggested that we separate the Applied section in competitions to 'Architectural Record' and 'Natural History' as judging these as one category was difficult for judges. General discussion followed about the difficulty of judging differing subjects in an open class. No final conclusion was raised and this subject should be addressed by the new committee.

Action New Committee

2. Sally was given a vote of thanks for providing the meeting place for this meeting.

3. David K asked if consideration could be given to a change of night for committee meetings as Tuesday presented problems for several people. This should be the first issue discussed by the new committee.

Action New Committee

4. David K was asked to check if our current membership of the New Brookhouse Club included access to all C.I.U. clubs.

Action David K

11. Date and place of Next Meeting – to be agreed by the new committee.