

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 9th January 2014 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies;- Steve Slocombe, Jack Bunn, Lyndsay Halliday, Vera Jones and David Jones.
2. Present;- Sally Sallett, Steve Womack, Peter Wells, Trevor Bottomley, Chris New, Bob Gibson, Steve Wright, Malcolm Dobson, Steve A Wood and David Kershaw.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a. Committee name badges;- It was agreed that we should ask Bob Jones to produce name badges with the committee members Name in large letters and either the clubs logo, or Wakefield Camera Club in small letters, the important part being the members name.

If Bob is unable to produce these at present, then David K to find an alternative supply.

Action – Bob Jones and David K
 - b. Steve A Woods “Photowalk. The idea is to try and get members to go out in small, informal groups and take pictures. David Kershaw offered to arrange a dusk outing in Wakefield to photograph the city. The target date being mid-March. We also hope to arrange one following Ken Fishers Workshops in August. This would be a great opportunity to try and encourage new members/visitors to get comfortable with their camera. Dates and group leaders to be arranged.

Action – David K and All committee
4. Accounts;- The current balance was noted.
5. Marketing and/or Exhibitions;- Malcolm is sending a news report to the Wakefield Express each week. He suggested that we use the leaflets we have, as a promotional tool. Some to be put in the Ridings leaflet rack, information centre, library, etc. The balance of the leaflets to be stored in the club cupboard at Brookhouse. Leaflets will also be distributed at various outlets on the Art Walk route.

Action – Malcolm and Chris N
6. Web Site;-
 - a. Bouncing front page. Steve has been working on this, and we hope we have finally solved the problem. A background template, of repeated Wakefield Camera Club wording, in landscape format will be used and portrait images will be reduced in size to fit.

Steve intends to set up the web site so that news items automatically display on our Facebook page. He will also offer the membership the option to sign up for direct emails of interesting news.

Action – Steve Wright
 - b. Judge for January on-line competition. John Bickerdike ARPS DPAGB will be asked to

judge this competition.

Action – John B, David K and Steve Wright

c. Judge for February on-line competition. David Lockton will be asked to judge this competition.

Action - David Lockton, David K and Steve Wright

d. Expansion of our Facebook page to include external non-member competitions. This was felt not to be appropriate at present. Though Sally continues to explore more options especially the 'boost post' option may be used to promote certain events (e.g high profile guest speakers, the ridings exhibition etc) for a small cost. This which would target facebook users who like photography and who are in the wakefield district.

Action - Sally

7. Competitions;-

a. Trophies and Certificates. It was agreed that we will produce certificates after each competition, or round of each competition. These will then be filed ready for handing out on awards night. We also need to sort out and chase up trophies well before the awards night, to ensure we know which trophy is which and that all have been handed in.

Action - Bob G, David K, Trevor and Sally.

Peter Wells suggested that we look at replacing the 'outdated' trophies with something that members are more willing to display, possibly in glass or crystal. These in part, could be paid for by trading in the silver trophies. We would also continue to present winners with a medal, or other suitable memento to keep. Further discussion on this idea at next meeting.

Action – All Committee

b. Mersea Island Competition – 24th February – Judge? Bob G, Steve Womack and David K will sort a judge and compile an entry.

Action – Bob G, Steve Womack and David K

8. Programme over next 6 weeks

13th January – Ken Fisher – How to do HDR.

20th January – Members Workshop and hand in date for 1st Clubman. David K will ask members to email images accepted by the YPU in the past to Steve Wright, so that these can be pre-loaded to the laptop. Members will also be asked to bring previously accepted prints.

Any member wishing to seek advice on entries to the YPU exhibition may also email images to Steve (marked possible entry) and/or bring prints on the night for critique. The intention is to try and encourage more members to enter the YPU exhibition.

Action – David K, Steve Wright and All Membership

27th January – Lights Night. No A4 competition, but members will be encouraged to bring prints for constructive criticism from some of our more advanced photographers.

Action – Sally, Steve Womack and David K

3rd February – 1st Clubman – General Record – Judge David Halstead. Bob was asked to try and ensure that the judge mark the images before the evening. We also need to ensure that all speakers are miked up.

Action – Bob G and Sound Team

10th February – Paul Holmes – Scenes of Crime – The Photographic Element.

17th February – A4 Competition + Informal Digital Competition and Members discussion night. Steve A Wood and Steve Womack will take on the task of running the two competitions.

Action – Steve A Wood and Steve Womack.

9. Syllabus;-

a. Annual Dinner and Summer Buffet. In future the Annual Dinner will only be accompanied by the presentation of awards and trophies.

A Summer Social and Buffet will be held on June 9th, when Trevor will run his usual quiz and other light hearted events will take place. The matching competition already scheduled for that night will be moved to November 10th.

Action – Chris N, Steve Wright and Sally

b. Set Subjects for Clubman competitions. It was generally agreed that in future all Clubman set subject competitions should be general competition subjects, not applied. Ideas to replace the 3rd and 5th Clubman set subjects this year will be discussed at the next meeting. Ideally they should be suitably vague to encourage originality.

Action – All Committee

10. Software, Hardware;-

a. Photoshop Elements. We now have a copy of Photoshop Elements 12, this needs loading to the machine and activating on-line. Steve Wright to be asked if he would like to load it to the laptop and keep it up to date. Steve would be able to load the software to his own machine provided the email addresses were the same.

Action – Steve Wright

b. Keys to Cupboard. We have four key holders, Trevor Bottomley, Malcolm Dobson, Steve Womack and Bob Gibson.

11. Any Other Business.

a. Meeting and greeting. Trevor was asked to direct any first time visitors to any committee member who was free to welcome them to the club and make them feel involved. It is important that we make people welcome and ensure they are informed of our events.

Action – Trevor and All Committee

b. Peter Wells has been in touch with the organisers of The Photography Show, which will be held at the NEC on March 1st to 4th. As Members of Wakefield C C you can now purchase full price tickets at the reduced rate of £10 if you use code WAK142014. Unfortunately this cannot be applied to concession tickets as these are already discounted.

Any members who have qualifications from the RPS, or indeed been awarded distinctions by the RPS qualify for free admission. In order to be able to make the process smoother for them, if they could register as trade and drop an email to this address (thephotographyshow@futurenet.com) with proof of their qualifications/distinctions (if possible) then Louise will be able to approve them straight away.

Action – Sally and David K

c. Peter Wells has agreed with Wakefield Hospice that Wakefield C C will once again provide images for their 2015 calendar. The Subject this year is “Iconic Wakefield”.

Action – Peter and All Membership.

e. Sally asked who could sign the club cheques? Presently it is Trevor, David K, Brian Holding and David Lockton, two signatures are required on any cheque. Trevor was then asked to make arrangements for current committee members, Sally and Steve Womack to replace Brian and David Lockton as signatories.

Action - Trevor

12. Next Meeting – February 6th at Brookhouse. The March meeting will be on March 13th.