

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 8th May 2014 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies; - Lyndsay Halliday, Chris New, Malcolm Dobson, Steve Wright.
2. Present;- Sally Sallett, Steve Womack, Trevor Bottomley, Bob Gibson, Jack Bunn, Peter Wells, Steve Wood, Vera Jones, David Jones, Ian Waddington and David Kershaw.
3. Matters arising from the minutes;-

a. Hosting the YPU annual assembly 2016.

Email from Malcolm – “I'm currently waiting for a call from Mark Taylor ref. **Unity Hall** so I can get an update on their programme. At the moment this really is the most suitable venue if it is available.

Other venues are being considered and Peter Wells is helping with this research- He has contacted the **Theatre as well as QEGS**. We need info from these two. Other places investigated are: **Wakefield Town Hall; also Elizabethan Gallery** which may be OK for the exhibition, but not conference. **Castleford Civic Centre** seems OK, but do we want to go there? It's not our territory! Similarly with Pontefract and Ossett Town Halls”

Peter has contacted the Theatre and QEGS, but is waiting for information from them. Other suggestions included Outwood Grange ~School for the assembly and Wakefield 1 for the exhibition. One additional possibility is Cedar Court Hotel, they have conference facilities for 500 people.

Action Malcom and Peter.

b. Evening Photography in May.

After some discussion it was agreed that we arrange an evening outing to the Pugneys for some time in May. Peter will arrange an afternoon outing to the Mining Museum on June 19th starting at 3.00pm. Sally will investigate a possible outing to Kinsley Greyhound Stadium for some time later in the year.

Action Peter, Sally and David K

c. Malcolm and Lyndsay are working on the leaflets required for the exhibition in the Ridings that will be held on July 18th to 20th.

Action Malcom and Lyndsay

d. The 4 Clubs competition.

The prints have been selected and are with Pontefract Camera Club. We need to encourage members to attend.

Action Sally and David K

e. Medals or other suitable mementos and Awards Cards.

Glass trophies have been agreed and 20 have been ordered.

f. Use of Committee room on Mondays.

Several options were discussed, but it was felt that we should only arrange alternative events in the committee room on nights when the main entertainment was “in house”. We have a lights night on July 7th and this offers us the option to arrange something to occupy members whilst they are waiting their turn to photograph the model. David K and Bob will arrange a Macro Table Top set up in the committee room.

Action Bob and David K

g. Replacement Projector. This is on hold awaiting a recommendation from John Gardner. John was given more leeway on price.

Action John G

h. Hospice Calendar.

Peter has asked for more images, but now thinks he has sufficient and hopes to finalise the selection soon. He felt we should consider not offering to provide images for 2016, we have supported the calendar for three years and are now running out of new ideas.

i. Rotary Club Stamps.

Email from Malcolm – “Rotary has selected two images to incorporate in their stamps designs - I'm waiting for their committee's final decision / design before we announce anything”

Action Malcolm

4. Accounts; - The current balance was noted.

5. Marketing and/or Exhibitions; -

Email from Malcolm – “Exhibitions - the flyers are work in progress, see 3a - I shall be requiring prints in due course, mounted as for Clubman competition. The last date for hand in will be June 30th, you may like to notify our members and to bring prints to a club evening, or hand them to any Committee member prior to that date. Needless to say we will require helpers along the way. The setting up team from last year worked well and it will be helpful if we can do the same this year too, albeit that's for them to decide!”

We now need to start collecting prints for the exhibition, one possible first step is to ask members if we can retain some/all of the prints that we currently hold following the request entries for the 4 Clubs Competition and the returns from the YPU. Sally will ask the members on Monday.

Action All Committee

6. Web Site; -

a. Judge for May on-line competition; - Phil Gledhill

b. Judge for June on-line Competition; - Ian was volunteered.

c. Images on web site front page. It was agreed that we should change these more often, at least every two weeks. Steve is working on ways to do this, but needs larger images.

David K was asked to provide copies of all the clubs entry to the YPU, on a memory stick.

Action David K, Steve Wright and Ian.

7. Competitions; -

a. **PAGB Inter-Club PDI Championships at University of Warwick**

Saturday 12th July 2014 – We need about 100 images to make a reasonable selection of 40 for the competition. Peter and Steve Womack are heading up the team to make that selection. We need to start asking members for images and chasing up our more advanced members for their best work. To start the pool off David K will provide a copy of all images submitted to the YPU this year.

Members need to be reminded to buy a ticket – details on the PAGB web site.

Action All Committee

8. Programme over next 7 weeks;-

12th May – 3rd Clubman - Set Subject “Fauna” – Judge John Brady.

15th May (Thursday) - 4 Clubs Competition at Pontefract.

We should encourage the members to attend.

Action Bob, Jack and Sally

18th May – Advanced photography at Carlton, Pontefract.

Several members will be attending.

19th May – Howard Tate - “Personal Prints with A Big Difference”

These may be an issue displaying Howards A2 prints. Howard has been informed and David K will bring an extra easel. The wire stands should support an A2 print provided it is in landscape format.

Action David K

26th May – Bank Holiday No Meeting.

2nd June – Malcolm Dobson’s Art presentation.

Email from Malcolm –“Yes it's pretty well OK, just needs some "fine tuning"

Action Malcolm

9th June – Summer Social – Buffet and Trevor’s quiz.

Email from Chris – “I think Committee should consider something new if possible, David, to keep the interest up. I personally like Trevor’s quiz but we’d need something else to fill the evening. I could bring some Vampire piccies from the most recent light night but, again, that wouldn’t be enough for the evening.

Did you see the May PAGB newsletter? There is a RPS Nature Group Annual Exhibition CD that could be ordered for £10. Would you like to get it for that evening or as a standby should we need it in future? I wonder if the new committee members may have some ideas for the Summer Social to be discussed at the committee?”

The general feeling was that we could possibly look at a different venue for the evening.

In house events need more structure and planning earlier. Sally will investigate the possibility of an evening outing to Stanley Ferry.

Action Sally, Note Chris.

16th June- Gil Pasternak Ph.D. – “Lomography”

Email from Chris - “requires our laptop, screen and projector for 16th June. He asks for the laptop to have PowerPoint.”

The laptop only has a 2007 PowerPoint reader. Steve Womack will inform Gil. David K will produce a 2013 PowerPoint and try running it on a MC with 2007 PowerPoint to confirm that they are compatible.

Action Steve Womack and David K

9. Syllabus 2015

a. RPS Workshop? It was agreed that we should continue to explore the possibility of

hosting a workshop. David K has checked that that the concert room can be available on Saturdays from 9.00am till 5.00pm. He will contact Mary Crowther, RPS Organiser for Yorkshire and try to arrange an assessment day. If an assessment day is not possible, then he will try for a workshop.

Action David K

b. Suggestions for 2015;-

The spread of competitions has been agreed by Chris and Bob for 2015.

We need to plan further ahead with general discussion nights, so that organiser and subjects can be set.

We will try to provide more for the advance photographer – advanced Photoshop or after capture processing is one possibility.

John G has been asked to do just 2 lights nights and to present 2 image processing tutorials.

An outing to Thwaites Mill may provide good photo opportunities.

Andy Davies is willing to arrange a full studio day (about 8 hrs.) for £100 but suitable models would be an extra cost. The day could then be divided into 1.5 Hr. slots each with 3 photographers. Models normally cost between £25 and £45 per hour. Alternatively we could find our own models. Committee members to consider this option.

Action All Committee.

10. Software, Hardware; - A stand that can display 15 prints.

David K requested permission to investigate the purchase or manufacture a print stand, or stands that would display a panel of 15 prints. This would need to be very portable and lightweight. It was agreed that he should explore the options. One suggestion was to contact Pat Reed who has such a stand and ask for advice.

Action David K

11. Any Other Business;-

a. Sally asked that we request more YPU raffle tickets and have something of a sales push on them next year. This year we only sold 30 tickets.

b. Trevor was having problems changing the list of cheques signatories at the bank. David K offered to provide a letter explaining the reasoning and a copy of the pertinent minute. The committee would like the following committee members to be able to sign cheques;-

Trevor Bottomley (Treasurer)

Sally Sallett (President)

Steve Womack (Vice President)

David Kershaw (General Secretary)

The committee would like the following members to be removed from the signatory list as they are no longer active committee members;-

John Gardner (Life Member)

David Lockton (Life Member)

Brian Holding .

This is an attempt to have available signatories at meetings, whilst restricting the list to a limited number.

Action David K and Trevor.

12. Date of next meeting June 5th

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