

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 10th April 2014 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies; - Lyndsay Halliday, Vera Jones, Steve Womack, Steve A Wood and Trevor Bottomley.
2. Present;- Sally Sallett, Bob Gibson, Malcolm Dobson, Jack Bunn, David Jones, Peter Wells, Steve Wright, Chris New and David Kershaw,
3. Matters arising from the minutes;-
 - a. Hosting the YPU annual assembly 2017. Present were two members of the YPU executive and they outlined the requirements needed to stage the Annual Assembly and Print Exhibition. The 2017 Assembly has already been allocated, but no club has yet offered to host the 2016 assembly. The main requirements are a hall with space to seat at least 200 people for the assembly and a separate hall or building with space to display 200 prints on the YPU exhibition stands. Malcolm will endeavour to find suitable accommodation for the May 2016 event. It is hoped that the refurbishment of Unity Hall will be completed by then and we are able to book hall. Malcolm was also asked to enquire about buying a single share in the Unity House Redevelopment group and present the options to the next committee meeting.
We will report our success or failure to be able to host the YPU Assembly to the YPU delegates meeting in November.
 - b. Evening Photography with DK around Wakefield in April. We will meet outside the Chantry Chapel between 7.00 and 7.30 on Wednesday 16th April.
 - 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. The printing and distribution of leaflets to be discussed at the next meeting. Still a work in progress.
 - d. We need 10 prints for the 4 Clubs competition. Bob and David K will start asking members for their best print.
 - e. Medals or other suitable mementos and Awards Cards. The giving of Medals to the winners of each round of the Clubman competition was questioned and may be dropped if agreed at the AGM, but will continue for this year. Bob will order small Crystal trophies for this year.
David K proffered a new design for the Awards Cards. The general feeling was that these were more in keeping with modern standards and he was asked to follow up on the idea.
 - f. Slow download of web site. This issue seems to be resolving itself, but Steve will continue to work on the problem.
 - g. Use of Committee room on Mondays. Committee members were asked to think of possible uses and discuss at next month's meeting.

h. Replacement Projector. This is on hold awaiting a recommendation from John Gardner. It was felt that we should give John more leeway on price.

i. Hospice Calendar. We need to press the members for images as we have only received a few to date.

j. Rotary Club Stamps. We need to press the members for images as we have only received a few to date.

k. Request from the Yorkshire Sculpture Park to run photography sessions. Having emailed the Sculpture Park with a recommendation, this would seem to be all we can do.

l. YPU mentoring initiative, the next meeting will be May 18th. This will take the form of an advisory workshop, members are encouraged to book a place and take images for advice.

4. Accounts; - Trevor Bottomley reported the current balance.
5. Marketing and/or Exhibitions;- nothing new other than our annual exhibition in the Ridings and the 2016 YPU assembly. Malcolm is working on both, with the help of Lyndsay.
6. Web Site;-
 - a. Judge for April on-line Competition; - Lyndsay Halliday.
Judge for May on-line competition; - Phil Gledhill will be asked if he is willing to judge this.
7. Competitions; - nothing new, other than a request from Bob for members to submit work early, rather than waiting until the last minute.
8. Programme over next 6 weeks;-
 - 14th April - Members Open Evening
We have downloaded the Composition PDF by Nick Holowka from the web site and this should give a start to the evenings' discussion. David K offered to "replace a sky" using Adobe Photoshop Elements that is now loaded to the laptop.
 - 21st April – Easter No Meeting.
 - 28th April – Colin Balls "The Royal Show"
Hand In For 3rd Clubman set subject "Fauna".
 - 3rd May (Saturday) – YPU Annual Exhibition and Assembly at Halifax. We should encourage members to try and attend.

5th May – Bank Holiday No Meeting.

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

15th May (Thursday) - 4 Clubs Competition at Pontefract. Bob and David K are asking members for their best print, we need 10 for the competition. We should encourage the members to attend.

19th May – Howard Tate - “Personal Prints With A Big Difference” David K to check with Howard if he needs anything in the way of equipment and also ask him if he intends to bring A2 prints to bring his own stands.

26th May – Bank Holiday No Meeting.

9. Syllabus 2015

a. RPS Workshop? It was agreed that we should continue to explore the possibility of hosting a workshop. David K is checking on the availability of the concert room on Saturdays from 9.00am till 4.30pm. We will contact Mary Crowther, RPS Organiser for Yorkshire once we know the room is available.

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.

We will ask John G to do just 2 lights nights and to present 2 image processing tutorials.

We will ask Andy to arrange a full studio day (about 8 hrs) with suitable models. The day will then be divided into 1.5 Hr slots each with 3 photographers.

10. Software, Hardware; - Nothing other than the need to replace the projector, though if we proceed with the RPS day we will need a stand that can display 15 prints.

11. Any Other Business;- There was no other business.

12. Date of next meeting May 8th.