

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 8th January 2015 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies;- None
2. Present;- Sally Sallett, Steve Womack, Trevor Bottomley, Malcolm Dobson, Steve Wright, Chris New, Jack Bunn, Bob Gibson, Steve A Wood, Peter Wells, Michelle Howell, Steve Ininns, Les Forrester and David Kershaw.
3. Matters arising from the minutes;-
 - a. Hosting the YPU annual assembly 2016.
 - a1. Organising team – It was agreed that a small team, headed by Malcom and Peter, be formed to organise the event. They will call in extra help as needed.
 - a2. An opening speaker – The Bishop of Pontefract will be our guest at the assembly. It was felt that we should explore the option of inviting a photographer of merit to run a half hour presentation as part of the proceedings.
 - a3. Display Stands – Much depends upon what the YPU can organise, though we hopefully have a backup plan to use the metal stands used by local arts groups.
 - a4. Evening Event – This option was discussed and rejected.
 - a5. Involvement with Doncaster 2015 – We are hoping that at least 3 of our members will be able to work alongside Doncaster, so that they can gain an insight to the problems that may arise.
 - b. Sally is investigating a possible outing to Kinsley Greyhound Stadium for some time later in the year. Peter Wells offered to explore group prices and possible dates, as he is attending a meeting in the near future.
 - c. Portable multi-print stand – This is still a work in progress. Steve Womack is following up options.
 - d. Brookhouse Password for the WIFI link – We still do not have the password, though Sally has asked several times.
4. Accounts; - The current balance was noted
We have paid the last invoice for use of the rooms and have no major outstanding depts.
5. Marketing and/or Exhibitions; - Nothing new at present. The Annual Exhibition will be on the 24th, 25th and 26th of July.
6. Web Site; -
 - a. Judge for January on-line Competition;- Jack Bunn – set subject ‘Smart Phones’.
 - b. Judge for February on-line Competition;- Malcolm Dobson – ‘Texture’
 - c. It was agreed that the themes for the 2015 on-line competitions would be selected from the ideas put forward by the members present at the AGM. These are the subjects selected by the committee;-

January – Smart Phone Images

February – Texture

March – Patterns and Shapes

April – Urban

May – Movement

June – The Colour Red

July – Macro

August – Old

September – Food

October – Chimneys

November – Panoramas.

December – will be judged by an external judge and all images placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the previous 11 rounds will be eligible.

d. Web site Blog. It was agreed that there is no advantage in having a web site blog at this time.

e. Asking members to sign up to web site updates;- Members will be invited to 'opt in'. Sally will announce the option at the next meeting and Steve Wright will email all of the membership offering them the option.

f. The web site is substantially up to date, though one or two minor changes need making. It was agreed that we should remove individual web pages belonging to ex-members.

7. Competitions; - Bob and Jack are working on booking judges and asked for recommendations from the committee. Suggestions included Marilyn Roberts, Richard Egan and Erica Oram. Les offered to supply a few more names.

The following is a list of competitions we are involved in this year;-

a. Settle Trophy. 26th October at home

b. Four Clubs Competition. 11th May at home.

c. Mersee Island. 23rd February at home.

d. Matching Competition with Normanton. 8th June at home.

e. The Great British Cup – we have entered the small clubs section and the Natural History section.

f. Photography News – Club of the year. 5 rounds.

g. Sheffield Knock out. At Sheffield. 15th March.

h. Clubman 5 rounds – set subjects – Long Exposure, Open, Street Photography, Open, Monochrome.

i. Maurice Biglin Flora – 5th October.

j. Audio visual – 12th October.

k. Annual Projected Image – 2 sections Open and Applied – 8th November.

l. Annual Print – 2 sections Open and Applied – 30th November.

m. YPU Annual Exhibition – Hand in – 28th February.

n. Yorkshire Salon - ?

o. Wath Salon - ?

Bob, Jack and David K will try and sort the list into some kind of order and set selection dates and entry dates so that we have time to submit reasonable entries.

p. Publishing the Clubman Scores. The ten top placed member's scores should be published at the end of the year. These were announced in reverse order at the Annual Dinner. It was agreed that these should be published on the web site.

q. Print Boxes. David K asked that Jack and Bob look at the condition of our print boxes and if necessary we can buy replacements or additional ones. It was agreed that we should purchase 2 more 4inch deep boxes. Steve Womack will try and tag these onto the end of an order being placed by Doncaster C C.

r. Silverware. Les was presented with a trophy for the Annual Open Print competition. We still have one trophy to present to John Gardner. All trophies are now accounted for, with the exception of a small silver platter.

s. Glass Trophies 2015? It was agreed that Jack, Bob and David purchase 21 glass Trophies for the 2015 competitions.

8. Programme over next 6 weeks;-

12th January – Les Forrester – Retrospective – Long exposure and Where did that come from?

19th January – Sally Sallett and Malcolm Dobson.

26th January – Lights Night and Image Appraisal.

We need to remind members to bring images for appraisal, the actual appraisal to take place in the small room. Committee members will need to take turn offering comments.

2nd February - Novice A4 , Novice DPI and members discussion night,
(Bring entries for 1st Clubman)

9th February – Eddie Spence – An Audio Visual Experience.

16th February – 1st Clubman – Long Exposure – Judge?

9. Syllabus 2015

a. RPS Workshop – this is still a work in progress and possibly will take place on Saturday 14th November 2015. – Subject to final confirmation from the RPS this will take place. It will be a ticket event and a buffet lunch will probably be needed.

10. Syllabus 2016

Suggestions from the AGM;-

A speaker to talk about using filters on camera (such as Lee or Cokin).

Time Lapse Photography.

Another visit from Gil Pasternak.

A Table Top work night.

A talk on Drone Photography.

Steve Womack suggested that we should try holding a competition based upon three

related images. It was agreed that this idea had merit and the committee will try and include this competition in our syllabus.

Chris asked committee members to suggest events and speakers for the 2016 syllabus. It was also agreed that 'Presidents Night' should always be before the AGM, starting in 2016.

11. Software, Hardware; - ***Bob and Jack to re-calibrate the laptop.***

12. Any Other Business;-

The issue of mentoring both the more advanced club members wishing to gain a distinction and the newer member who just needed help to improve was discussed at some length. It is very clear that there is a demand for tuition, but the way forward is not all that clear. Offering feedback on images should help and re-starting the image critique group is also a viable option, but we need to ask members for other options.

David K will resurrect the critique group and also ask for ideas in the newsletter.

13. Date of next meeting February 5th?