

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 5th February 2015 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies; - Peter Wells, Les Forrester, Steve Innins, Michelle Howell, Chris New.
2. Present;- Sally Sallett, Steve Womack, Trevor Bottomley, Malcolm Dobson, Steve A Wood, Jack Bunn, Steve Wright, Bob Gibson and David Kershaw.
3. Matters arising from the minutes;-
 - a. Portable multi-print stand – This is still a work in progress. Steve Womack is following up options. Steve showed pictures of a wooden stand to accept 10 prints and costing £115. He was asked to consult the maker and see if an additional rail could be added to enable it to hold 15 prints.
 - b. Brookhouse Password for the WIFI link – We still do not have the password, though Sally has asked several times. Still a W.I.P. Trevor was asked to try and find out what the password is.
 - c. Print Boxes. These have been purchased and cost £50 for two 4” deep boxes.
 - d. Glass Trophies 2015. After considerable discussion it was agreed that we order 21 with the star (as last year), ‘Wakefield Camera Club Award’ and ‘2015’. David K was asked to find out what it would cost to use our own logo.
 - e. Critique Group (4); - Only four people have expressed an interest so far. This is too few to run the group effectively.
 - f. Mentoring - Support for members of a technical nature or for basic help with images. Very few members are asking for help. It is not clear how we should proceed, but one possibility is to target members who show promise and are likely to be able to work towards a LRPS, or a CPAGB.
4. Accounts; - The current balance was noted
This looks a reasonable balance, but we expect several major expenses this year.
5. Marketing and/or Exhibitions; - Malcolm confirmed that he had finally got a printed copy of the Contract with Unity House to host the YPU Assembly in 2016.
The details of the Annual Exhibition in the Ridings Shopping Centre on the 24th, 25th and 26th of July are progressing and Malcolm is designing a poster for distribution.
6. Web Site; -
 - a. Judge for February on-line Competition;- Malcolm Dobson – ‘Texture’
 - b. Judge for the March on-line Competition;- Sally Sallett - ‘Patterns & Shapes’

c. Asking members to sign up to web site updates;- So far over 40 members have signed up.

f. The web site. It was agreed that we should remove individual web pages belonging to ex-members. This is still a W.I.P.

g. Publishing the Clubman Scores. The ten top placed member's scores should be published at the end of the year; - Steve Wright will add the 2014 top ten Clubman results.

h. 'functional' email addresses; - It was agreed that this and 'Twitter' may have merit, but possibly not yet. The options may be considered later. We should concentrate on refining and improving the existing web site at present. Both Steve and Ian's work on the web site is greatly appreciated by the committee members.

7. Competitions; -

a. Mersea Island. 23rd February at home; - This is organised and a judge arranged.

b. Photography News – Club of the year. 5 rounds; - Jack could use more 'Close Up' images for the third round. Steve Womack pointed out that Rule 6 of this competition granted "perpetual free use' of all images submitted, though copyright remains with the author.

c. Sheffield Knock out. At Sheffield. 15th March; - We have to hand in our 6 images on March 4th. Jack and Bob will arrange a selection session.

d. YPU Annual Exhibition – Hand in – 28th February; - The actual hand in is February 16th, this give Bob and David K time to complete the paperwork and correct errors.

e. Country Digital Battle with Noosa Camera Club, Australia; - Steve Womack is taking on the responsibility for organising our half of the competition. He suggested that we agree to 40 images from each club, with a maximum of two (2) images from any one member (if possible).

8. Programme over next 6 weeks;-

9th February – Eddie Spence – An Audio Visual Experience;- Jack intends to ask Eddie if he will judge our own AV competition later in the year.

16th February – 1st Clubman – Long Exposure – Judge - Bob Free.

23rd February – Mersea Island Photo Competition – Judge – John Brady.

2nd March- Yorkshire Monochrome Group; - We believe Chris is having difficulty in

contacting the group. Steve Womack has sent Chris contact details.

9th March – Leigh Preston.

16th March – The Novice A4 Un-Mounted Print comp.

Informal DPI Comp and Members Discussion Night.

(Bring entries for 2nd Clubman Competition – open)

These evenings are only attracting a limited number of members. It was agreed that we should try and introduce additional events on these evenings. Sally and Steve Wright offered to set up two table top photography events on this evening. The two competitions to be completed by the break time and the table top targets to be offered for the rest of the evening.

9. Syllabus; - No information in Chris's absence.

10. Software, Hardware; -

a. New Laptop v New Software; - It was agreed that we retain our present software (Dicentra) and try out a laptop with a native resolution of 1920 x 1080. Sally will bring her new laptop and see if that works with our projector. If that is successful we will consider purchasing a new one.

11. Any Other Business; -

a, Bob informed the committee that PCWorld were offering the latest version of Photoshop Elements for £39.

b. Sally said that there is a lot of interest in visiting the dog track, she will see if a discount is available.

12. Date of next meeting March 5th