

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 2nd July 2015 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies; - Sally Sallett, Trevor Bottomley, Steve Innins, Steve Womack, Chris New.
2. Present;- Les Forrester, Malcolm Dobson, Steve Wright, Peter Wells, Steve A Wood, Jack Bunn, Bob Gibson and David Kershaw.
3. Matters arising from the minutes;-
 - a. Portable multi-print stands. This is now a WIP, our first stand has been returned to the manufacturer and will be used as a template to ensure that both stands are the same.
 - b. Projecting a copy of the prints when a judge was discussing the image. This seems to have worked well and we will continue with the trial.
 - c. Year Book. Les is holding off getting the membership involved until September.
 - d. wakefieldcamera.club. It was agreed that we should purchase the web address and point it at our web site. Steve Wright confirmed after the meeting that we have now purchased the domain name.
 - e. Enamel Badges for 2016. This is still a WIP.
 - f. The possibility of purchasing 'stitch on' badges. This is still a WIP.
4. Accounts; - The current balance was noted.

Malcolm asked that we thank Sara Cremer for helping with collecting entry fees and handing out tickets for a chance to take pictures. The committee all agreed that Sara had been very helpful and endorsed the vote of thanks.
5. Marketing and/or Exhibitions.

Ridings Exhibition; -

 - a. Prints. We have about 50 and expect a few more. Malcolm will compile a list of titles and authors so that David K can produce the labels.

Peter asked if displaying a print from any member who submitted work, regardless of the quality, gave the best impression of the club? Possibly we should have a beginners section on the display stand? A vote was taken and it was agreed that we continue to mix the prints.
 - b. Print frames. The intention is to frame the prints at Brookhouse, in the committee room, on Monday 20th July.
 - c. Stand. Malcolm has contacted Sally Robinson and arranged collection of the stands and frames. David K suggested we give Sally a year's free membership for storing the

equipment. This was agreed.

d. Banner. Malcolm and Lyndsay have this in hand.

e. Schedule. Malcolm will produce a schedule outlining the steps needed to produce the display and who is helping when. Once this is in place the membership will be asked to get involved and help ensure the display is manned at all times.

YPU Assembly 2016. Malcolm is organising this event, it is still a WIP. Howard Tate is exploring options for print display stands.

6. Web Site; -

a. Judge for the July on-line Competition – Steve Innins – ‘Macro’

b. Judge for the August on-line Competition – Bob Gibson – ‘Old’

c. Judge for the September on-line Competition – Les Forrester – ‘Food’

d. Steve is working on an ‘interactive calendar’ for the web site, this will allow members to download a calendar app to their iPhones and blend the calendar of club events with their own calendar.

7. Competitions; -

a. Rules and Definitions for Set Subject competitions. Peter suggested that judges be told ‘all images entered in a competition’ fell within the criteria of that competition subject, so that the judge could not reject the picture as not fitting the set subject. This presented problems for the competition secretaries, who would then need to reject work that did not meet the criteria. The possibility of publishing a definition of what was acceptable for each set subject was raised. This was discussed at length with some members suggesting that this would kill creativity. It was agreed that we discuss this at the next committee meeting, once we have had time to think the issue through.

8. Programme over next 8 weeks;

6th July – A4 Unmounted, Novice DPI and Members Discussion;- David K will comment on all the prints before members are asked to vote. We will show the Noosa DVD in second half of the evening. David K asked that someone else take on the comments on prints, if family problems prevented him from attending. Les was volunteered.

13th July – Tony Collinson – President Leeds AV Group.

20th July – Ian Newton – Hummingbird Addiction & Practical Flash Demonstration.

27th July – Summer Social, Buffet & Quiz. Sally is organising the food and Trevor the Quiz. Sally has made arrangement with Brookhouse to provide food.

3rd August – Beginners Workshop 1 – Ken Fisher

10th August – Beginners Workshop 2 – Ken Fisher

17th August – Beginners Workshop 3 – Ken Fisher

24th August – Beginners Workshop 4 – Ken Fisher. It was suggested that we ask Ken to organise a print competition based upon the first three weeks workshops. Ken could then

critique the work submitted and the club would arrange to have the first three placed images mounted.

9. 2016 Syllabus. David K handed round a draft copy and asked for comments or amendments. Everyone seemed happy with the content, but pointed out one or two typing errors. Malcolm will provide the dates for the 2016 Ridings exhibition. David K will check that the advertising panels are up to date and hopefully will be able to arrange printing in August.
10. Software, Hardware.
 - a. Relocation of the Cupboard. Brookhouse asked that our store cupboard be relocated, so that no one needs to go behind the bar to access it. This has been done but the new location is not as secure. David K to write to the Brookhouse committee confirming that any theft or damage is covered on Brookhouse insurance. The location of our screen is also an issue, if we need to store it with the cupboard. Moving it to and from the concert room could become a major task.
 - b. Portable hard drive for use of club secretary to ensure continuity and archival records. David K asked for permission to purchase a portable hard drive, so that he could store historical club records and current information on a device that could easily be passed onto the next secretary. This was agreed.
11. Any Other Business; -
 - a. Members only Forum on web site. Following recent emails from members this issue was discussed again. The committee still felt that we did not need an online forum.
 - b. Newsletter. David K asked members of the committee to supply a few articles for the newsletter. The next newsletter will be the 80th and to date only one member has ever submitted an article. David is running out of things to say.
 - c. Data Protection. Following the unfortunate release of member's emails, the subject of data protection was discussed. David K apologised for his error and offered to resign so that the club would not be held responsible. This was felt to be unnecessary.
 - d. The Secretaries position. Les suggested that we reduce the number of committee meetings, possibly only holding them every 2 months. Steve Wright also felt that we could shorten the meetings.
This prompted David K to suggest that it really was about time for him to consider stepping down. This year's committee has been one of the best he has worked with, but he needed the people who he worked with to be keen to do more not less. If only to bolster his own flagging energy levels.
12. Date of next meeting August 6th.

