

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 1st October 2015 at Brookhouse.

Because of the low number of committee members attending,
it was agreed that the meeting would only represent the views of those present and not be
binding on the normal committee.

1. Apologies; - Steve Womack, Les Forrester, Sally Sallett, Bob Gibson, Chris New, Malcolm Dobson, Peter Wells.
2. Present;- Jack Bunn, Trevor Bottomley, Steve Wright, Steve Innins, Michelle Howell, Steve A Wood, Ian Waddington and David Kershaw.
3. Software, Hardware;- New version of Dicentra;- This is now installed on the club laptop and should now be working correctly with the projector. Ian has corrected the screen resolution to fully display 1400px x 1050px images. We may need to check the projected colours on Monday evening.
4. Matters arising from the minutes;-
 - a. Use of Committee room on Mondays. David k has written to the Brookhouse committee, reminding them that we pay for the committee room on Monday evenings and also on the first Thursday in each month. It is understood that Brookhouse committee now hold their meetings on Tuesday evenings.
 - b. On-Line Forum. Ian and Steve Wright will open up the website forum to all the club members once they have completed the design. The forum will be by invitation only and restricted to paid up members.
 - c. Enamel Badges for 2016. These are still a work in progress, but should be available by Late October, or early November.
 - d. RPS Advisory Day. Mary Walker, the RPS Yorkshire Group organiser, intends to visit us on Monday 5th to check out our facilities and available equipment. It is not known at this time how many people have booked a place.
 - e. Year Book. Les Forrester has requested a 10 minute slot at the beginning of the club meeting on October 12th to discuss the idea with the membership.
 - f. Taking over the Secretary's role;- Ways to reduce the workload on the secretary. This discussion was shelved because so few members of the committee were present. However Les's proposal that we take this opportunity to restructure the committee was discussed briefly. This is one possible list of functions and could help reduce the secretary's workload;-
 - President** ✓
 - Vice President** ✓
 - General Secretary** – possibly David K

Minutes Secretary – possibly Steve Innins

Treasurer ✓

Internal Competition Secretary (s) – possibly Jack Bunn + one other.

External Competition Secretary (s) – possibly Les + one other.

Awards, Trophy Co-coordinator – basically tracking existing trophies, purchasing annually the glass trophies and producing the competition prize certificates. - ?

Interclub Delegate – if needed - possibly Steve Womack.

External Print Selection – The committee, or sub-committee, would select 30 or 40 prints at the beginning of each year and these would be available to the external competition secretary(s) to use in external competitions.

External Digital Image Selection – As above.

~~Programme Co-coordinator~~ – **Syllabus Secretary** – possibly Peter Wells.

Image Technician(s) – (the title needs re-thinking) – possibly Steve A Wood and Ian Waddington.

YPU Delegates – possibly Jack Bunn, Malcolm Dobson and the David K.

Webmaster – possibly Steve Wright.

Press Officer – Whilst there is a need to get news items to the membership quickly, one possible route would be to use the proposed website forum.

For newspaper and other publicity outlets – possibly Malcolm (though this role could be expanded and need extra help – possibly David K)

Exhibitions and Marketing – this role already includes some of the Press Officer functions, but the greater task at present is Exhibitions. – possibly Malcolm.

Social Secretary – There is a need for someone to make newcomers welcome and keep the membership involved with club events. It needs someone with good people skills – possibly Chris New.

Newsletter editor – There is a need to pass information to the membership sometimes on a weekly basis, however the Newsletter could be rendered obsolete if the website forum works.

Committee Members – additional committee members may result in longer discussions, but there is a need to introduce ‘fresh blood’ each year, so that they have an understanding of our committee structure and can step into vacant posts at a later date.

Whilst this list may not suit the full committee, it gives a starting point.

5. Accounts; - The current balance was noted

6. Web Site; -

a. Judge for the October on-line Competition – Steve Womack – ‘Chimneys’

b. Judge for the November on-line Competition – Steve A Wood – ‘Panoramas’

c. Judge for the December on-line Winners Competition – Christine Widdall

7. Marketing and/or Exhibitions;-

YPU Assembly;- following somewhat protracted discussions, the YPU Treasurer has agreed to fill in the appropriate paperwork and send it to Wakefield Council with a deposit of £250 to cover the hire of the restaurant room in the town hall. We now have the Unity Hall booked for the assembly and the Town Hall booked for the exhibition.

The YPU executive have requested that we take some of our stands to the delegates meeting on the 31st of October and erect a sample display stand.

Ridings Exhibition. The dates for the exhibition have been changed to the 15th, 16th and

17th of July 2016 because the Ridings have a double booking for the space.

8. Competitions; -

Settle Trophy Competition 26th October 2015;- We need to arrange selection of our own entry. Jack is requesting prints and will ask selected members to act as a selection panel.

A4 and Projected Novice Competitions. In its present format this event is no longer viable. One proposal is to open it up to all members and change it into a critique evening. Any member would be able to bring a couple of prints, or DPIs and selected members would offer constructive critique, the audience would also be asked to propose ways of improving the image.

9. Programme over next 6 weeks;-

5th October – Maurice Biglin Trophy – Flora Competition – Judge – Steven Dean.
(Membership Renewal)

Ian or Steve A Wood to run Dicentra in bobs absence.

12th October – Audio Visual Competition – Judge – Tony Collinson.

With only 4 entries this may be the last time this event is run. Peter will need to plan a replacement evening on the 2016 syllabus.

19th October – Steve Race – Life on the Ledge – Wildlife Photography – What it takes.
(Bring entries for the 5th Clubman Competition – Monochrome)

26th October – Settle Trophy Competition – Judge – David Halstead.

(Bring entries for the Annual Projected Image Competitions – Open and Applied)

2nd November – 5th Clubman competition – Set Subject – Monochrome – Judge – Allan Ogilvie.

9th November – Annual Projected Image Competition – Judge – Helen Smith.

10. 2016 Syllabus;- The syllabus has been printed, but several of the dates/events have changed.

Ridings Exhibition Dates

Mersea Island Competition Date

Audio visual Competition will probably not run.

11. 2017 Syllabus;- Ideas to Peter please.

The Maurice Biglin Flora competition only attracted 9 entries this year, this was boosted by both Jack and Bob entering 3 prints each to bring the total up to 15. It may work better if we open the competition up to DPIs as well as prints in 2017.

12. Any Other Business;- there was no other business.

13. Date of next meeting 5th November 2015.