

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 3rd September 2015 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies; - Sally Sallett, Trevor Bottomley, Michelle Howell, Chris New.
 2. Present;- Steve Womack, Steve Innins, Steve A Wood, Les Forrester, Peter Wells, Bob Gibson, Ian Waddington, Jack Bunn, Malcolm Dobson, Steve Wright and David Kershaw.
 3. Matters arising from the minutes;-
 - a. Portable multi-print stands;- These are now ready to collect.
 - b. Disposal of old books and mags;- This is still a work in progress, we will offer the remaining books to the membership on Monday.
 - c. Enamel Badges for 2016;- Sally has produced a design, this is presently being 'tweaked' by Lyndsay Halliday. The expected for 100 pin badges was discussed. It was agreed that these should be given to the members when they renew their membership.
 - d. The possibility of purchasing 'stitch on' badges;- This is still a work in progress, though we may be better sticking to one design of garment – the polo shirt in white/dove grey/black.
 - e. Year Book;- Les intends to start working on this and canvassing the membership.
 - f. Taking over the Secretary's role;- Ways to reduce the workload on the secretary were discussed at length. Les proposed we take this opportunity to restructure the committee and produced an outline of one possible list of functions;-
 - President
 - Vice President
 - General Secretary
 - Minutes Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Competition Secretary Prints
 - Competition Secretary Digital
 - Awards, Trophy Co-ordinator
 - Interclub Delegate
 - External Print Selection
 - External Digital Image Selection
 - Programme Co-ordinator
 - Image Technician
 - YPU Delegate
 - Webmaster
 - Press Officer
 - Committee Members.
- Whilst this list may not suit our club, it gives a starting point.

It was agreed that the next committee meeting on October 1st, be used to try and resolve some of the issues.

We will try and resolve any other committee business next month by email.

4. Accounts; - The current balance was noted

5. Web Site; -

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

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

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

d. General Web Site Review;- Both Steve Wright and Ian are working on ideas to improve the web site. The lack of images and the complexity of the site are under review. Ian is currently working on a committee list email address that hide the individual email addresses. He is also planning site emails for each committee function – these can then easily be redirected if/when individuals change posts.

Steve outlined some of the problems in giving members access to add items to the site calendar, he felt that a closed Facebook page was a more practical approach, though this would need to be monitored.

6. Marketing and/or Exhibitions;-

YPU Assembly;- Malcolm and Peter outlined their progress to date. The main problem is finding a venue for the exhibition. The Heronry had looked a possibility, but the distance from the assembly presented problems. They are awaiting feedback from the YPU committee. Steve Womack is intending to contact Wakefield Council and ask for help with a venue. The other outstanding issue is stands for the exhibition, if we need to buy these, we are looking at an expense of around £500.

7. Competitions; -

Mersea Island Competition 2016;- The date of this competition has been changed from 23rd May 2016 to 22nd February 2016. Peter will contact Bob Clayden and ask if he is willing to give his talk on May 23rd. Jack will contact the judge and advise him of the date change for the Mersea Island.

Settle Trophy Competition 26th October 2015;- We need to tell the other clubs involved when we need their entry. We also need to arrange selection of our own entry.

Steve Womack intends to use the digital images for the 4th Clubman competition, to make a selection for the second round of the Anglo-Australian challenge.

8. Programme over next 6 weeks;-

7th September- John Gardner’s Processing Workshop.

(Bring entries for the 4th Clubman competition);- David K will contact John and find out if members need to bring cameras or not. He will then email this information to the

membership.

14th September – Novice A4 Unmounted Print competition and Informal Novice PDI;- Following the example from the last A4 competition, experienced members will offer critique and advice on the images displayed.

21st September – 4th Clubman Competition – Open Subject.

(Bring entries for the Maurice Biglin Trophy);- This is now an open competition, not an applied one. David K will remind the members.

This is also the hand in date for Audio Visual entries;- Sally and David K to remind the members.

28th September - (Dark) Evening Outing

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

12th October – Audio Visual Competition.

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

9. 2016 Syllabus;- Other than the change of date for the Mersea Island interclub battle, the syllabus is complete.
10. 2017 Syllabus;- Peter asked committee members to email him with suggestions and ideas.
11. Software, Hardware;- New version of Dicentra;- This is now installed on the club laptop, but not yet tried with the projector. Bob asked David K to bring his small screen on Monday.
Ian is now the licence holder for our copy of Dicentra and will link this to a club email address.
12. Any Other Business;-
 - a. RPS Advisory Day;- We need to circulate information about this event to ensure sufficient people attend to make it a viable event. David K to send details to the YPU (Pat Reed), Andrea Hargreaves, all local clubs and Facebook.
 - b. Peter asked if we could check to see if we were paying for the committee room each Monday. Several times in recent weeks there has been a Brookhouse committee meeting in the room on Mondays.
13. Date of next meeting 1st October 2015?