

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

1. Apologies; - Chris New, Steve Ininns, Ian Waddington.

2. Present;- Sally Sallett, Steve Womack, Trevor Bottomley, Tony Hallam-Cutler, Paul Wagstaff, Steve A Wood, Sally Robinson, Steve Wright, Michelle Howell, Peter Wells, Malcolm Dobson, Jack Bunn and David Kershaw.

3. Proposed Rule Changes

David K proposed that we ask the members at the AGM to amend rule 15 to read;-

“15. The Committee will publish a set of rules governing the running of club competitions. The Committee is empowered to interpret and amend these to solve specific events, but not permanently alter them.”

4. Proposed Competition Rule Changes

Following a great deal of on-line discussion and debate, it was agreed that we should ask the membership at the AGM to accept some major changes to the competition rules. See word document “Proposed competition rules 2016”.

5. Committee structure for 2016

There was considerable disagreement over how we should re-structure the committee, with Peter arguing strongly that we needed less members, not more, as an increase in numbers would inevitably result in longer debates. It was finally agreed that the structure would mainly remain unchanged, though the Competition Secretaries responsibilities would be divided into internal competitions and external competitions. Presently Jack is handling internal competitions, Tony and Paul are handling external competitions.

6. Accounts

The current balance was noted. Trevor presented a draft balance sheet for the year ended 30th September 2015. This showed a surplus on the year. The accounts are currently with Peter Sallett the auditor. Sally will ask Peter to break down the sundry items purchased on the final balance sheet to show more detail.

7. Programme over next 10 weeks;-

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

14th November – RPS Workshop

We need to set up the 2 print stands and rearrange the seating before the event. Sally and David K will endeavor to ensure that tea, coffee and ‘nibbles’ are available at 10.00am and 12.30pm.

16th November – John Gardner – Annual Retrospective.

(Bring entries for Annual Print competitions)

23rd November – Clive Haynes & Martin Addison

30th November – Annual Print Competitions

7th December – AGM

14th December – Annual Dinner & Presentations

Presently Brookhouse do not have a chef, though they tried to assure us that they will have one in place by the end of November. Peter is intending to ask Wakefield Golf Club if they can provide a room and cater for our event. A decision on venue will be made once more information is available.

21st December – No Meeting

28th December – No Meeting

4th January – Informal A4 – Critique by Sally Sallett

11TH January – Peter Leeming – Mountain Landscapes & Searching for Depth.

8. Programme for 2017

Peter asked for ideas on possible speakers. He was asked to try and ensure that the competitions were spread more evenly throughout the year. He was also asked to work with the competition secretaries to ensure that internal competition hand in dates did not clash with external competitions.

9. Marketing and Exhibitions

a. YPU Assembly

Malcolm outlined the time schedule for the YPU Assembly and Exhibition (7th May to 16th May). He also stressed the need to get the membership involved with the preparations for this event.

10. Website

a. On-Line Forum

Steve Wright confirmed that the forum would be up and running as soon as he and Ian had finished 'tweaking' it.

David K asked who if anyone had received the Newsletter when he used the members@ email address? Unfortunately that address seems not to be working. David receives no delivery failure notices when he uses that address, so in the short term intends to return to emailing the membership from his own list.

Peter Wells asked Steve Wright to look into whether he could switch off the confirmation email we get whenever we send an email.

11. External Competitions

Jack pointed out that we have several external competitions coming up in the next few months and we need to put in place a system for selecting entries.

12. Matters arising from previous meetings not covered above;-

a. Enamel Badges for 2016.

These are on order and expected within the next couple of weeks. They will be given to paid up members.

b. Year Book.

Les is working on templates for the yearbook and will present these options to the membership soon.

13. Any Other Business

Steve A Wood is working to correct the feedback that the clip on microphone presently produces.

David K has the YPU return documents and will work through these with Trevor.

Steve Womack proposed that we ask the membership at the AGM to rule that the post of President is held for two years and then the vice president automatically takes on the role. It was agreed that this rule amendment would be raised at the AGM.

14. Date of next meeting to be agreed by new committee.