

Wakefield Camera Club
Committee Meeting
Held on the 4th February 2016 at Brookhouse.

1. Apologies; - Steve Innins, Ian Waddington, Peter Wells.
2. Present; - Michelle Howell, Sally Sallett, Trevor Bottomley, Steve A Wood, Sally Robinson, Steve Wright, Paul Wagstaff, Tony Hallam-Cutler, Malcolm Dobson, Steve Womack and David Kershaw. Plus two guests Robert Bilton and Nigel Hazell.
- 3 Matters Arising from the minutes
 - a. How to operate the stage lighting; - Though the stage lighting was in place, only the Brookhouse designated operator was allowed to use the system. He could be available for the two RPS days, but it was decided that we should use our own lighting. David K offered to loan light stands when needed. He was instructed to purchase 4 white light bulbs and suitable lamp holders.
 - b. Set subject for the 3rd clubman; - David K produced a set of notes and images that defined surrealism. After some discussion it was agreed that the subject for the 3rd Clubman Competition should remain 'Surrealism'. David K was instructed to circulate a copy of his notes to the membership. Steve Wright will also post a copy on the web site.
 - c. Offer John Gardner a half page advert in the YPU Exhibition Handbook; - John has gratefully accepted this offer. Steve Wright will add the redacted detail to the committee meeting minutes of January 7th.
 - d. The judge for the February on-line competition was to be Jack Bunn.;- David K offered to act as judge for this competition.
 - e. Year Book; - Les Forrester is still working on this.
 - f. Replacement committee identification badges and lanyards; - These are now available if requested.
 - g. Upgrade of clip on microphone; - Steve A Wood has investigated possible replacements, but our current microphone seems to be working correctly at present. Steve will continue to monitor the situation.
 - h. Alternative projector cable;- A new cable has been purchased, but the link between the laptop and the projector continues to be temperamental.
 - i. To consider, over a period, the status of the Club trophies and the need to restructure the whole shooting match. New proposals to replace current. This item will be discussed next month.
- 4 Accounts
 - a. The current balance was noted.
 - b. We had a membership of 82 at the end of January 2016.
 - c. To enable support for the Treasurer on nights where a large gathering is anticipated to assist in general control of the door; - Sally Robinson offered to help Trevor on busy nights. It was also suggested that we make the entry fee clear in any advertising that is posted on social media.
 - d. Trevor pointed out that the fee for membership of Brookhouse had risen from £5 to £6 and asked if

we should increase our membership fees accordingly. It was generally agreed that we should just absorb the increase, but reconsider later in the year.

5 Programme over next 6 weeks; -

8th February – Dave Mason – Street Photography. – will require our laptop.

15th February – John Gardner’s Lights Night

22nd February – *Mersea Island Competition - Judge John Brady.*

29th February – Colin & Rhona Balls – Falklands Wildlife AV.

7th March – John Gardner’s Technical Workshop.

14th March – Les Forrester – My Photography.

6 Programme for 2016; - No known issues at this time.

7 Programme for 2017; - We still need ideas for speakers and events. Steve A wood suggested a ‘Members Night’, when members could show some of their work and invite discussion.

8 Marketing and Exhibitions; - Malcolm outlined the progress made so far in his preparations for the YPU assembly and exhibition and the need for support from the membership. Robert Bilton has been working with Malcolm to try and identify possible sponsors. It was agreed that they set up a working group to move the project forward.

9 Website

a. The judge for the March on-line competition will be Malcolm Dobson.

b. Steve Wright confirmed that we have purchased cloud back up for all the web site until 2019.

c. Steve Wright suggested that we advertise the YPU assembly and exhibition on the front page of the web site in some way. It was agreed that a simple message (something like “The YPU is coming”) be displayed along with our other rotating images; this could point to a hyperlink in a widget on the right hand side of the screen that linked to more details about the event.

10 Internal Competition Secretary; - Paul Wagstaff has taken on this role and will work with Tony Hallam-Cutler to cover all competition, both internal and external.

11 External Competitions

a. Noosa date – this will be sometime in April, our entry will be selected from images entered in the 2nd Clubman Competition. Steve Womack to contact Noosa and inform them of the proposed date.

b. Settle Trophy 25th October at Doncaster – This will be held at Doncaster on October 25th.

c. YPU Entries – will be handled by Paul and David K.

d. Image Selection System – Sally Sallett will coordinate a small group including both Paul and Tony, to select a bank of images for external competitions.

12 Hardware, Software and Lighting

a. DiCentra update and operation – Paul has a copy of the program and intends to load it to his own laptop, so that he can begin to understand how it works. David K asked if he and Steve Womack could have a copy, so that they could also learn to operate the program.

Bill Mahoney had offered to help Paul to learn the system. Steve Womack will ask Bill if he is willing to step in and operate the system on competition nights, until we have other people capable of running DiCentra.

- 13 Committee size and structure – after some discussion it was agreed that the committee structure remained unchanged.**
- 14 To consider and implement an appropriate means of honouring members that have served the Club. David K suggested that one option was to dedicate the proposed year book to Jack Bunn. It could have his image and/or some of his photographs on the cover. There could be a section within the book that displayed Jacks LRPS panel and a short eulogy could be included. A copy of the finished book could be presented to his family and an additional copy could be the beginning of a club archive. This could possibly then set a precedence for the future. It was agreed that we try and implement this idea.**
- 15 The provision of a bar onto the Club's Presidents Office insignia. This to be considered for past presidents and where the cutoff point should be following the loss of the previous insignia. Do we need to recreate some history or not? – After some discussion it was agreed that we purchase silver bars to record each president, starting with Sally Sallett.**
- 16 Any Other Business.**
- a. Malcolm asked for ideas on how we should display the DPIs at the YPU exhibition? He will check to see if the Council has a suitable display monitor.**
- b. David K will contact Joan Bunn and try to arrange a date for the collection of the club hard drives and any other club materials.**
- c. David K asked about a replacement YPU delegate. Sally Sallett volunteered.**
- 17 Date of next meeting 3rd March.**