



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

A Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

<http://www.ncpf.org.uk>

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 03rd May 2017 at Swalwell Community Centre.

The President opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Present: - Alan McCormick, Joseph Duffy, Cliff Banks, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Gerry Adcock, Pax Garabedian, Jane Black, John Smith, Jim Welsh, David Brown, Dave Coates, John Gilkerson, Gerald Chamberlin, Keith Kirkland

17/05/01 Apologies for Absence: - Richard Spiers, John Twizell, Trevor Walters
Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick

17/05/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2017 were approved and signed.
Proposed by Cliff Banks – Seconded by Pax Garabedian

17/05/03 Matters arising
No matters arising.

17/05/04 Correspondence
Margaret read out an email she had received from Jan Clements of Whitley Bay PS nominating David Brown of Gosforth CC for the position of North Tyne Area Representative. This was proposed by Howard Wilson of Tynemouth PS and seconded by Jan Clements. The nomination was accepted and Alan McCormick welcomed David Brown onto the committee as the North Tyne Area Representative.

Alan then paid tribute to Vince Rooker. John Smith informed everyone that the date had now been set for Vince Rooker's funeral. The service will be held at St. John's Church, Annitsford on Tuesday 09th May 2017 at 11a.m.

17/05/05 Treasurer's Report **Appendix 1**
Peter read through his report. He informed everyone that two clubs, Bishop Auckland and Riding Mill, had folded therefore we had lost their fees. Pax queried the Area meeting budget. Peter said that each area is entitled to claim expenses for their meetings. Each Area Representative should hold an A.G.M.

A heated discussion took place between Peter and Jane regarding the insufficient balance in the International Salon PayPal account. Peter had transferred money into the account before going on holiday but for some unknown reason this had not gone through. This problem was resolved by Cliff Banks who transferred sufficient funds from his own bank account to cover the deficit. This was reimbursed on Peters return.

A discussion took place to determine who the custodian of the Past Presidents and Life Vice Presidents badges should be. After a short debate it was agreed that the Secretary should have this responsibility. This was agreed as several members of the committee have had the responsibility of holding them and some of the badges have been lost in transit. They were passed to Margaret for safe keeping.

Peter queried Bishop Auckland CC's request for copies of the Portfolio CD's as they are one of the clubs who have recently left the Federation. After discussion it was agreed that they could still have them as a goodwill gesture. They are in the process of trying to reform another club and could rejoin the Federation in the near future. Report attached and accepted.

17/05/06 Reports **Appendix 2**
Competitions Chairman
Margaret informed everyone that John was absent because he had recently had a heart attack. Everyone had read his report and this was accepted. Cliff Banks added that he had received 764 PDI Images from 28 Clubs. In view of John's absence Jim and Margaret oversaw the return of all print boxes to individual Club officials.

International Exhibition **Appendix 3**
The adverts are ready and will be published on the website. We are still struggling for volunteers to help with the Salon. Pax said that other Salons recruit a club to help with the running and they are paid for their time. Jane said that for the type of work involved you need consistency. With this method volunteers could change every year which would involve re-training individuals every year. It was also pointed out that a major problem with using Tynemouth is the parking and this could be putting volunteers off. Due to the decline of entries over the last few years, Jane suggested that the Salon may be nearing an end. Pax suggested that with the removal of the print section, which took a lot of time and expense, we may see an increase in PDI entries. The Salon does generate a good income for the Federation and therefore it was agreed to see how it goes this year before making a final decision. The printed catalogue has been removed and it will now be produced on a flash card reducing the postage by half. Report attached and accepted.

Report attached and accepted.

Editor Northern Focus

John Smith reported that he had sent out emails asking for articles to publish in the next Northern Focus. To date he has had no replies. He will continue to email clubs. He said that he has emailed a digital copy of the magazine to as many clubs and individual members as he has email addresses for and the response is still poor. At the last Executive meeting he was asked to look into the cost of reinstating the printed copy for distribution to the clubs. He has spoken to two printers and the cheapest quote he got for printing 250 copies of the magazine in full colour on good quality paper would cost £192.00 twice a year. With V.A.T. added this would equate to approximately £400.00 per year. Postage costs would also need to be added. It was thought that if this was given the go ahead it could generate interest in the magazine once again. Dave Coates suggested that he speak to the printer to find out how many pages they would get on a print run as this could determine the cost of the printing. The standard run is usually 32 x A5 pages on a single sheet. These costs would probably increase every year as more copies may need to be produced and the printers costs may increase. Dave Coates suggested that this was trialled for one year and at the next A.G.M. the members were asked if they would like it to continue. In which case, a small increase to the subs would need to be implemented to cover the cost. He then proposed that we should go ahead with production for a year. This was seconded by Alan McCormick.

Judges Sub Committee

No report.

Publications Officer

The Directory is ongoing. Only 12 clubs have responded so far.

Portfolio Secretary

Report attached and accepted

Appendix 5

Webmaster

Gerry said that a couple of tweaks had been made to the Annuals results which were received within a week of the competition. This has worked much better than expected. Vince's announcement generated a lot of response. Gerry said that he had also sent out the Northern Focus to the secretaries with a request to forward to their club members. Some clubs do this but not everyone opens an attachment.

At this point in the proceeding Alan presented Jane with her Life-Vice Presidents medal.

17/05/07 Area Reports

Northern Jim Welsh – Report attached and accepted.

Appendix 6

North Tyne David Brown – Report attached and accepted

Appendix 7

South Tyne Trevor Walters – Report attached and accepted

Appendix 8

Southern Dave Coates - No Report

Wear John Gilkerson – No Report

Western Gerald Chamberlin – Report attached and accepted

Appendix 9

17/05/08 Any Other Business

Joseph Duffy said that he had not received any prints for the Beamish Exhibition as yet. The date for this is 20th and 21st May 2017. Due to Whickham hosting their Annual Exhibition on the same weekend we don't have any print stands available for the Beamish display. This may be a problem. Keith Kirkland said that Ryton has print stands that may be available for our use. Joseph will speak to Trevor.

Margaret said that Davy Bolam had been in contact with Vince's daughters and there were 10 boxes of prints that they didn't know what to do with. If the daughters agreed she proposed that we could use some of them as a tribute to Vince at the Beamish weekend. This was unanimously agreed and Jim said he would get in touch with Davy to sort something out. Jane said that we would like to have a small selection for the Federation archives. Jim will ask about this after the Beamish event. Gerry raised the point that as we collect prints for the archive we miss the opportunity to do the same with PDI's. This should also be addressed in the near future.

A discussion then took place regarding the Archive collection as Stan Bewick has indicated to Margaret before the A.G.M. that he would hold the position 'for one more year'. It was then suggested that we look into the cost of storage facilities as a precaution as no one on the Executive has the room to keep the collection. Jane said that it wasn't only a case of storage but also of record keeping and someone would need to be able to take this on. This will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The lack of interest by the clubs in the running of the Federation was then discussed. Several suggestions were made as to how this could be addressed. Jim said that as Northern Area Rep. he had asked his area clubs if he could drop in on any of their meetings next season. All clubs had agreed and he would be visiting them next season. This will introduce him to the new club committees and may get more feedback from the members.

Meeting closed at 9.27pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 06th June 2017



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees		0.00	3430.00	3430.00	*
Club C/ships	250.00	-131.00	85.00	-46.00	*
Annuals	1500.00	-931.43	0.00	-931.43	*
Exec Meetings	300.00	-233.50	0.00	-233.50	*
Publishing	90.00	-52.00	0.00	-52.00	*
Judges Events	200.00	-170.00	0.00	-170.00	*
Area Meetings	20.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00	*
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Treasurer	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Gen Sec's	87.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
President	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Printing for Directory	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Events (Beamish)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Events (Presentation)	250.00	-40.00	0.00	-40.00	*
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Webmaster	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Medals and Ribbons	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Interest from Postal A/c	0.00	0.00	8.30	8.30	*
Inter A/C Transfers		-500.00		-500.00	*
New Equipment 2017		-1000.96	0.00	-1000.96	*
Other		-205.80		-205.80	*
<u>Self financing items</u>					
PLI		-1899.72	1862.03	-37.69	*
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1800.00	1728.00	-72.00	*
Portfolio		0.00	235.50	235.50	*
Running Totals		-6994.41	7348.83	354.42	
<u>Bank Balance at 3.5.17</u>					
Current Account	4654.13				*
Reserve Account	2268.68				*
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41				
<u>Bank Balance at 3.5.17</u>					
International Salon	692.17				*
Cash in Hand					

May 3rd 2017

Competition Officer Report May 3rd 2017

The Annuals this year took place at Clara Vale over Friday/Saturday 7th 8th April 2017.

Print Entry: Clubs:- 27, Bewick:- 510, Corder:-412, :- Chalmers 34

PDI Entry: Clubs 28, Images: 764

There has been a steady fall in print entry's over the last few years

Year	Clubs	Prints
2015	32	1080
2016	28	985
2017	27	950

The new Venue was extremely popular with the team as we didn't have 3 flights of stairs to negotiate we were therefore able to operate more efficiently.

This year we changed a number of procedures, the main one being as far as the clubs were concerned was the submission of their images using "www.wetransfer" and to be fair the majority of clubs who entered complied with our request.

This along with the changes which were made to the scoring procedures enabled the results to be produced and on the website within 10 days of the competition instead of the several months of stress for Margaret that it used to take. We did have a few teething troubles which we will resolve but overall the new system worked well.

The Federation judges were finished with both the Mono print & Digital competitions by 2pm on Friday and they suggested that they carry on with the colour which was completed by 4pm. This left all of Saturday for the Alliance /Portfolio entry.

The Competition committee feel that with careful planning it could be possible to complete the Total competition in 1 Day. We will investigate and report back to the Executive our findings and proposals.

A reminder has been emailed to all clubs regarding the arrangements for collecting their print boxes between 7:00 & 7:30 pm at the NCPF Executive meeting at Swalwell on the 3rd May 2017.

This Year Keswick had a clean sweep winning all the Club Trophy's

The Joan Rooker Trophy was won by Pauline Pentony of Northallerton

Costs of Annuals

The costs this year were **reduced to £278**. The main reason being the difference in accommodation. Tynemouth costs last year £372. Premier Inn this year £154.96

Inter Federation Competition

The NCPF Entry has been submitted and the print boxes posted.

Portfolio

The Portfolio judges were supplied with their selection of print & Pdi images on Memory sticks and requested to forward their comments to Joseph Duffy limiting the commentary to 30 secs for each image.

Club Championship

The committee is currently looking at how the club championship is organised. As you are aware we had a situation at this year's competition which was caused by a particular club not submitting their entry in the correct format, this showed up to the viewing public as bad organisation by the committee. (Muttering was heard about something about booze up in a Brewery)

We are therefore looking at the whole competition from submission of entry's to start/ finish times, and will report back our suggestions in due course.

We have to date had no offers of help in the running of this competition.

Vince Rooker DPAGB,EFIAP,APAGB.

It was a great sadness to learn of the sudden death of Vince who was an important member of our team. He shall be greatly missed.

End of Report
John Twizell

NORTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

38th International Salon Report 03/05/17

First of all I wish to remember Vince Rooker who has been a member of the Salon committee for longer than I can recall. For ten years he attended all the working sessions for the preparation of the prints for judging. He was there when the Exhibition was chosen. He copied the winning print for the catalogue and produced a CD. He checked that the Exhibition was in order for showing and then personally visited many of the clubs himself. This was exceptional service to the Federation and to photography which he loved.

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1 Patronage has been awarded by RPS, PSA, FIAP and GPU and all the medals have been received except from PSA. [due in June]

2 Accommodation is booked for Des Clinton, Peter Gennard, and NCPF judges who need to stay overnight.

3. The committee discussed the discount arrangements for Group entries. A poster has been designed to draw attention to this as well as a poster to advertise the Salon on PAGB e-news and NCPF web site etc.

4. The committee discussed the alternative to a printed catalogue because this was costing more to post than to print. It was decided that this year the catalogue would be put on a USB Flash Drive to half the postage cost.

5. Tynemouth club rooms are booked for the week beginning 11th September.

6. The entry form should have been designed and gone live on 1st May but the meeting has to be cancelled. I am presently organising another date.

7. The Salon has now reverted to its original format, an image only Salon. This has greatly simplified and reduced the amount of work involved and the number of members required to do the work. This change has been forced upon the Federation by a lack of volunteers or is it a lack of interest in the prestige and achievement of Northern in the world of amateur photography? My team is small and ageing. This is my 38th Salon.

Should the Executive be asking this question –

Is the International Salon appreciated and wanted in the Northern Federation?

Jane H.Black NCPF Salon Chairman

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN
TO NCPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
3rd May 2017

1. The Alliance AGM was held on Saturday 8th April and was followed by the normal Executive meeting on Sunday 9th. Gordon Jenkins was elected as President with the current Secretary, Howard Tate being elected as Vice President. Carol Cheetham was elected as Secretary.
2. Agreement was reached that the Annual subscription, inclusive of PLI, will be increased to £37 with effect from January 2018. This small increase is to help cover some of the forecast budget deficit for 2018 which will be largely covered from reserves.
3. The next edition of the PAGB Handbook is nearing completion and should be at the printers by the early summer. This will be a full colour version which will be appreciated by both advertisers and sponsors.
4. A number of queries have arisen on Insurance issues and I have been authorized to work with our brokers to produce guidance notes on various topics to be circulated to Federations as well as appearing on the PAGB website.
5. Officers are currently looking at producing guidance regarding Nature images and repeated use of similar images which have given rise to some recent problems.
6. The new website continues to be refined as does the development of on line entry systems. The GB cup entry is now on line with the intention of next adding the Inter Federation Competition.
7. Federations are encouraged to promote club entries for the GB Trophy for prints which would benefit from an increase in submissions. Likewise club members need to be encouraged to sign up for e-news as an increased readership is crucial in convincing sponsors that their message is reaching as wide an audience as possible.
8. The next meeting of the Executive will be on the weekend of 7th and 8th October 2017 in London.

Richard Speirs DPAGB APAGB
NCPF representative to the PAGB

Portfolio report

To date 23 clubs have booked the portfolios 21 clubs taking both portfolios, 1 club the awards and 1 club the selector choice.

The list of the running order for the award portfolio is complete 209 images are in this portfolio.

I have all the comments from the 3 selectors.

The recording for both portfolios will be at Richard in the beginning of June.

Joseph Duffy

RESULTS OF THE NORTHERN AREA PROJECTED IMAGE THEMED COMPETITION

The Northern Area Projected Image Themed Competition between the Northern Area Clubs was held on Thursday 23rd March 2017. Blyth Photographic Society were the hosts and the judge was Dave Richardson APAGB of Ryton Camera Club.

Once again Morpeth was the winning club with a score of 254 points. In 2nd place was Alnwick with 247 points, 3rd place was Cambois with 238 points, joint 4th place were Blyth and Amble with 236 points and Ashington came 6th with 211 points. Wooler did not compete as they have decided to pull out of the Interclub Competitions until further notice.

Congratulations to Morpeth, who have been the winners of this competition for FIVE years in a row, and commiserations to everyone else as the scoring was very tight between all of the placings. Two images gained the highest score of 30 points. They were Whitby Girl by Alison Leddy of Blyth PS and Camouflage by Kevin Murray of Alnwick CC. Congratulations to both authors.

This was the last Interclub event of the season. The competition was well attended by all clubs. Morpeth CC will be the hosts next season.

Thank you to Dave Richardson for his constructive comments and the members of Blyth PS for their hospitality and providing a lovely buffet.

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB
Northern Area Representative

North Tyne Area Report: May 2017

1. NTA Annual Interclub Prints Competition

The prints competition was judged by David Hall ARPS, EFIAP, DPAGB, BPE3* and hosted by North Shields PS on 29th November 2016. All 7 clubs participated, submitting 8 prints each (open category, any combination of colour and monochrome). Tynemouth PS won the event trophy by a comfortable margin; and the trophy for best print in the competition went to Jeff Evans of Whitley Bay PS for his '*Ring to Enter*'. Club positions and scores were as follows:

1 st	Tynemouth	216
2 nd	Gosforth	210
3 rd	Cramlington	207
4 th =	North Shields	206
	Whitley Bay	206
6 th	Ponteland	197
7 th	Wallsend	186

2. NTA Annual PDI Competition

The PDI competition was judged by Malcolm Blenkey LRPS and hosted by Cramlington CC on 30th March 2017. Again, all 7 clubs participated, each submitting 8 digital images. It proved a close and exciting event with the winners being decided on the score of the very last image (from Whitley Bay), leaving Tynemouth PS the victors by a single point. The trophy for best digital image was won by Andrew Nicoll of Whitley Bay for his '*Tynemouth Spray*'. Positions and scores were as follows:

1 st	Tynemouth	211
2 nd	Whitley Bay	210
3 rd	Gosforth	208
4 th	Cramlington	205
5 th	Wallsend	196
6 th	Ponteland	193
7 th	North Shields	191

David Brown CPAGB
North Tyne Area Rep
2/5/2017

STA Report May 2017

The annual area inter club print competition was held at Hexham on February 28 with a good attendance present with several visiting clubs having large turnouts. Each club submitted 10 prints and all clubs had an entry. The judge was Malcolm Kus ARPS DPAGB EFIAP.

Result

Whickham 261

Hexham 255

Winlaton 249

Gateshead 248

Ryton 245

South Shields 245

The best print gaining 30 was the The visitor by Alan Fowler of Whickham

I have received 2 suggestions in respect of the annual competitions

1-to distribute the entry details earlier to enable clubs to better prepare their entry

2-to have an audience for the judging to increase awareness and to enable members see to judging process

On the day following our last meeting I circulated clubs re need to notify inter club area events for insurance purposes and also to send programme copies to NCPF president and secretary and area representative and received some apologies for not having done so previously and that they will do it in future.

On the day following AGM I circulated clubs re the extremely low attendance at the meeting and that some positions were not filled. I received just one verbal response that things come and go in cycles and that we are in a low cycle at present. It would appear that apathy is rife and I think that if things do not improve we may not have NCPF in its present form in the next few years.

Trevor Walters APAGB
Area Rep

Western Area Report May 2017

Most of the western areas clubs have now finished for the season and are now looking forward to their summer program.

The one big event that most of the clubs are taking part in is The Cumbria Photography and Video Show 2017.

This is taking place at the Rheged Centre near Penrith on Sat & Sun 13th-14th May 2017 from 10.00am to 16.00pm both days.

<https://www.rheged.com/event/photography-video-show-cumbria-2017/>

A number of photographic equipment suppliers are also attending.

Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB, EFIAP

Western Area Rep.