



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

A Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 04th June 2019 at Swalwell Community Centre.

The President opened the meeting at 7.35pm

Present: - Joseph Duffy, Jim Welsh, Alan McCormick, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Alan Wilson, Gerry Adcock, Pax Garabedian, Jane Black, John Smith, Trevor Walters, Keith Kirkland, Mike Allport
Trevor Walters, Dave Coates, Keith Kirkland, Mike Allport

19/06/01 Apologies for Absence: - Richard Speirs, Dave Coates, Debra Taylor, David Brown, Gerald Chamberlin,
Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick

19/06/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2019 were approved and signed.
Proposed by Gerry Adcock – Seconded by Jim Welsh

19/06/03 Matters arising
No matters arising.

19/06/04 Correspondence
Margaret said that she had received an email forwarded from Peter Yearnshire regarding Hartlepool PC. They have informed us that they no longer have a formal structure due to lack of membership and will only be meeting on a social basis unless circumstances change. They will not be renewing their membership with the NCPF in January 2020.

A discussion followed regarding the status of Dave Philips as a judge. He is a member of this club and any bookings he has up until January 2020 are covered.

Tynemouth Storage – A recent meeting between Joseph, Jim, Margaret and Howard Wilson resulted in three sets of shelves full of NCPF equipment being reduced to two. One set of shelves was housing the archive prints, which have now been removed by Jim & Margaret, and will be stored in a secure cupboard at the Empire School of Boxing. Jim and Margaret will have full access to these and have taken over the responsibility of logging and storing any future additions. The one remaining unit of equipment will be transferred to Tynemouth's new premises under the control of Howard Wilson. We also have three very heavy tables stored at Tynemouth Club Rooms which Jane would very much like to keep. To do this, the proposal we have come up with is to hire a van, payable by the NCPF, to transport these to North Shields. This was approved in principal. Margaret will speak to Howard regarding this suggestion. A full inventory of equipment was undertaken at our visit. Several items on the list have either been disposed of or need to be scrapped and the list updated to reflect the actual equipment owned by the Federation.

Margaret then informed everyone that Howard Wilson had been successful in gaining his CPAGB/AV and congratulations had been passed on.

19/06/05 Treasurer's Report **Appendix 1**
Peter read through his report outlining all changes.

Gerry queried the budget of £80.00 for the PAGB National Finals. Peter explained that this was to pay the expenses of the clubs who were representing the NCPF. At the A.G.M. Peter stated that last year's representatives had not yet been paid but this would be rectified, Hexham being one of these clubs.

Report attached and accepted.

19/06/06 Reports
19/06/06-1 Acting Competitions Chairman **Appendix 2**

Joseph read through the dates proposed for the competitions as follows:-

Presentation Event - Sunday 24th November 2019

Club Championships – Sunday 9th February 2020. Final submission date – 7th January 2020

Annual Competitions – Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April 2020. Clara Vale has been booked for these events.

These dates were accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

19/06/06-2 International Salon Exhibition **Appendix 3**

Jane reported that everything was ready to go. The judge appointed for the Nature section has been replaced as he indicated that he wasn't comfortable judging this section. Jane passed around a copy of the proposed Salon Poster. This was approved by the committee.

Report accepted.

19/06/06-3 Representative to PAGB
No Report

19/06/06-4 Editor Northern Focus

John said that he was just waiting for one more item for the publications and the information for the International Salon will need to be amended. Jane will send him a copy of the Salon poster.

19/06/06-5 Judges Sub Committee

Appendix 4

Alan McCormick read out his report. The organisation of the Judges Training Day is well under way. He then read through the proposed judges for the NCPF 2020 competitions. All of the proposed judges were accepted. Proposed by John Smith and seconded by Alan Wilson.

Alan Walker's ban was then discussed. As well as his ban from entering any competitions it was agreed that he would not be selected to judge any NCPF competitions for the duration of his ban. Richard Speirs will be asked to confirm the dates of his ban at the next meeting.

Report attached and accepted.

19/06/06-6 Publications Officer

Pax said that Stockton, Amble, Consett Hexham and Wear Valley have not responded to his request for updated directory information. He asked that the Area Reps. contact the clubs in their area. The closing date for this information was 31st May 2019.

19/06/06-7 Portfolio Secretary

Appendix 5

Alan Wilson read out his report.

A discussion regarding the cost of USB sticks rather than CD's took place. Pax asked if the additional cost would be passed on to the clubs. Margaret said that both portfolios could go on a 4gb stick which would reduce the costs. A discussion then took place regarding the alternative media available for recording. Alan then said he had redrafted to application form. This was approved.

Report attached and accepted.

19/06/06-8 Beamish

Appendix 6

Joseph read through his report.

Report attached and accepted.

19/06/06-9 Webmaster

No report. Margaret said that she had received a query regarding the publication of the Executive Minutes on the website. Nothing has been posted since February 2018. She asked Gerry to look at this.

Area Reports

19/06/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh

No Report.

19/06/07-2 North Tyne - David Brown

No Report.

19/06/07-3 South Tyne- Trevor Walters

No Report.

19/06/07-4 Southern – Dave Coates

No Report

19/06/07-5 Wear – Debra Taylor

No Report

19/06/07-6 Western - Gerald Chamberlin

Appendix 7

In Gerald's absence Margaret read through his report.

The complaint from Western Area clubs regarding the low marks handed out by the judges at the recent NCPF Annuals was discussed. Margaret said that this was not the first complaint to be received as other clubs have also voiced their disappointment at the low scores. She then suggested that a set of rules/guidelines could be drawn up and given to the judges outlining the standard of marking that would be expected in each category.

After further discussion it was agreed that this would be discussed in detail at the next subcommittee meeting.

Report attached and accepted.

19/06/08 Any Other Business

Gerry said that he had sent the images for the PAGB Inter-Fed Competition. Directly after the closing date he had received an email to say that two of the images had been previously entered into the competition and were not eligible. The PAGB have a system that checks all entries against an archive data base.

We have manual records of previous entries but when the Competition Secretary changes some images may be missed. Gerry said he had discussed this with Adrian Lines of the PAGB and he has offered the selection system that they use to the NCPF free of charge. After further discussion it was agreed to discuss this further at the subcommittee meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed

Date

Future meeting dates: Monday 02nd September 2019 Tuesday 12th November 2019 Monday 13th January 2020
Tuesday 11th February 2020 **A.G.M. Sunday 15th March 2020** Tuesday 05th May 2020



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees		0.00	3500.00	3500.00	
Club C/ships	250.00	-171.96	108.00	-63.96	*
Annuals	1500.00	-712.70	0.00	-712.70	*
Exec Meetings	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Publishing	90.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	
Judges Events	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Area Meetings	30.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00	
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Treasurer	50.00	-20.00	0.00	-20.00	
Gen Sec's	87.00	-35.44	0.00	-35.44	
President	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Printing for Directory	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Events (Beamish)	150.00	-15.00	40.00	25.00	*
Events (Presentation)	250.00	-91.00	0.00	-91.00	*
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	0.00	0.00	
Storage	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Travel Expenses	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
New Equipment 2019	0.00	-41.99	0.00	-41.99	
Other	0.00	-200.00	0.00	-200.00	
Self financing items					
PLI (Including NCPF)		-1989.83	2019.93	30.00	
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1862.00	1813.00	-49.00	
Portfolio		0.00	194.00	194.00	*
Running Totals		-5170.02	7677.93	2507.91	*
Bank Balance at 31.05.19					
Current Account	5808.05				*
Reserve Account	2271.38				
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41				
Bank Balance at 31.05.19					
International Salon	127.77				*

June 4th 2019

Acting Competitions Chairman's Report

Clara Vale has been booked for the following dates

24th November 2019 between 12pm - 5pm for the Presentation Event

9th February 2020 between 10am - 5pm for the Club Championships Closing Date for entries 07 January 2020

25-26th April 2020 between 9am - 5pm for the Annual Competitions

Joseph Duffy

NCPF 40th International Salon - Committee

Appendix 3

The committee were pleased to welcome Alan Wilson to the committee. He will work with Mike on the Salon entries.

Davy has the Salon – website set up. It only remains for the committee members to test the entry form and the Salon should be ready to open for entries this weekend.

Ian Whiston has agreed to replace Lip Seng Tan judging the Nature section.

The engraving of medals was discussed and David Brown is looking into this.

This year the Salon Exhibition for the clubs will be on a stick instead of CD.

Tynemouth Club have promised the new club room will be ready for our use – to set up for judging on Saturday 7th September.

Salon Chairman Jane H. Black

JSC Report June 2019

Appendix 4

JUDGES TRAINING DAY

Stephen Fowler brought us up to date with developments.

Pertinent items included Clara Vale Booking Confirmed

Equipment Requirements confirmed and delegated

Circulars to ALL Judges to be sent by Pax (THANKS Pax) end August

Circulars to Club Secretaries to be sent by Gerry Adcock after liaison with Stephen Fowler and additional Advert to be placed on NCPF Website end August.

Refreshments to be arranged and delivered by Joe Duffy on the day.

RESIGNATIONS

We have received resignations from David Gowland and Carol Hudson, both of whom we thank for their services.

JUDGES FOR 2020 COMPETITIONS

The JSC recommend that the following JUDGES are approached.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 9.2.2020

TONY POTTER

MAVIS MCCORMICK

JOHN TILLOTSON (Reserve Stephen Fowler)

ANNUALS 25-26.04.2020

PAX GARABEDIAN

DAVID STOUT (Reserve Malcolm Blenkey)

KAREN BERRY (Scotland) (Reserve Hunter Kennedy)

BEGINNERS

LYNDA GOLIGHTLY (Reserve Veronica Congleton)

ALLIANCE ENTRY

DAVE PHILLIPS

ALAN PORRETT

RICHARD SPEIRS

PORTFOLIO

JOSEPH DUFFY

MIKE ALLPORT

KEITH ARCHER (Reserve for Alliance and Portfolio GUY DAVIES)

BEAMISH – GRAEME CLARKE

A long and considered discussion ensued concerning the status in the federation of ALAN WALKER following the imposition of a twelve month ban for his misdemeanour by PAGB.

In terms of his Judging it was decided that the JSC recommends that for the period of his ban he will not be considered for any NCPF judging appointment and that this should also apply to the International Salon.

Date of the next JSC meeting is 7th OCTOBER 2019.

Alan McCormick
Chairman Judges Sub Committee

NCPF Executive Committee Meeting - 04th June 2019 - Portfolio Secretary Report

Appendix 5

Correcting an oversight:

I have provided information confirming I.D. of the 7 NCPF clubs that issued personal (named) cheques for Portfolios on behalf of their clubs, as requested by Treasurer Peter Yearnshire.

Additional Cheques:

Only 1 additional cheque received (from Carlisle).
Orders therefore from 19 clubs.

Redrafted Portfolio Booking Form:

Will be re-sent to non-responsive clubs once:
Offer of portfolio(s) on USB or DVD (cost) is ratified by Executive Committee.
Newly drafted form attached – any errors or improvements – please advise.

DVD vs USB cost benefit – costs from Amazon UK - Not costed: Ink / energy for printing and copying
DVD

	Per Unit
Traxdata DVD-R 4GB White Inkjet Printable x 50 at £8.70	17.5p
140mm x 140mm mailing envelope x 50 at £5.40	10p
Printed address label	?
2nd class stamp	?
	27 p

USB - Personalised with NCPF Logo	Per Unit
Personalised USB (any logo / text printed) 4GB x 100 at £397	£3.97
Mail Lite 110 x 160mm padded envelope x 100 at £8.49	8.5p
Printed address label	?
2nd class stamp	?
	£4.05 p

USB - Plain	Per Unit
WST USB 4GB x 10 at £17.70	£1.77
Mail Lite 110 x 160mm padded envelope x 100 at £8.49	8.5p
Printed address label	?
2nd class stamp	?
	£1.85p

Note:

In time, provision of CD/DVD's will cease as they become redundant technology.
NCPF International Salon may offer USB's for Exhibitions.

Alliance and Selectors Choice Portfolio 2019:

At initial draft and being tested – once confirmed will offer to Joseph Duffy who offers to liaise with Richard Speirs regards voiceover.

Alan Wilson

The weekend of 18th – 19th May saw the Annual Exhibition at Beamish of 100 prints by NCPF clubs. The exhibition included prints from Alnwick CC, Blyth PS, Chester-le-St CC, Cambois CC, Morpeth CC, Sunderland PS, Whickham PC and Wooler CC. Last year's winning image by Richard Speirs of Morton PS was also on display and Joe Sheridan of Washington CC exhibited his prints from his BA (hons) Degree Course in Photography and Media. In tribute to Arnold Hubbard and David Smith of Northallerton CC, there was also a small selection of their prints on display.

A total of 665 people visited the exhibition over the course of the weekend.

It was nice to see familiar faces both at the exhibition and out and about at the museum enjoying their photography and (hopefully) working on entries for the Beamish Trophy.

The Beamish Exhibition provides a chance for NCPF clubs to showcase the work of their members, spread the word about the Federation and hopefully get some membership interest at the same time.

Interaction with visitors by the stewards goes a long way to promoting our hobby as photographers and I would like to thank Margaret and Jim Welsh for helping me to man the exhibition on the Saturday and Mike Allport and Roy Smith on the Sunday. Without them things like this simply wouldn't happen.

Joseph Duffy

NCPF Western Area Report June 2019

Appendix 7

The Western Area PAGB merit workshop held on the 4th May at Houghton Village Hall, was a great success, with about 50 people attending and all wanting to learn how to gain a PAGB merit award.

6 Clubs for the Western Area plus 4 clubs from South Cumbria all came together to take part in the Rheged Photographic Show over the weekend of the 18th and 19th May. All 10 clubs put on an excellent display of club members images that were much appreciated by the public. The show also had a number of trade stands and lectures by well know local wildlife and landscape photographers plus demonstrations.

A number of clubs in the Western Area have voiced their displeasure over the low scores that a lot of their images received at the NCPF Annuals Competition. Some are also thinking about withdrawing from NCPF competitions if this is going to be the trend, as club members have been put off and disheartened from even entering club competitions let alone NCPF competitions. At a time when entries are declining should we not be marking work up and encouraging members to take part in NCPF competitions i.e. the NCPF International. Low scores do not encourage club members - just the opposite.

Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB, EFIAP.
NCPF Western Area Rep