

Northern Counties Photographic Federation

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 04th March 2021 via ZOOM.

The President, Jim Welsh, opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Present: - Jim Welsh, Alan Wilson, Joseph Duffy, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Mike Allport, Gerry Adcock, Pax

Garabedian, John Twizell, David Brown, Keith Kirkland, Dave Coates, Debra Taylor, Trevor Walters, John Smith

21/03/01 Apologies for Absence: - Stan Bewick, Gerald Chamberlin, Richard Speirs

Incommunicado: - Jane Black

21/03/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2021 were approved and signed.

Proposed by Trevor Walters – Seconded by Pax Garabedian

21/03/03 Matters arising

Alan Wilson responded to the query of professional advertising regarding an article by Steve and Anne Toon which is to be published in the Northern Focus. He said that four articles had been written at his request by Steve Toon outlining their advancement in photography to where they are today. There is no reference to their organisation or any form of advertising. He stressed that this was not a promotional article but is written to outline their involvement in animal conservancy. Alan also pointed out that there is nothing written in the job description that says advertising by professional photographers is prohibited by the NCPF. Pax said that during his presidency an issue had arisen where an article had been put forward which amounted to commercial advertising and the NCPF refrain from doing this. After a short discussion it was agreed that the draft of the first article should be sent out to John Smith, Pax Garabedian and Jim Welsh for proof reading before any decision is made regarding its inclusion in the NF. Alan said that the draft will be sent out for proofing by Friday 12th March 2021.

Jim Welsh asked Mike Allport if any progress had been made regarding the Salon Committee purchasing a new laptop. He said that he hadn't done anything yet. Jim then said that because the Salon Committee needed continuous access to the equipment he felt that a nominated keeper should be named to hold it rather than putting it into storage at Tynemouth PS. Mike said that he would be the dominant user and therefore he should be the named keeper. This was agreed by those present.

Trevor Walters said that he had ascertained that T. H. Morrison's 100th birthday would be on 25th April 2021. Margaret Welsh said that she would send him a birthday card from the NCPF. An article will also be published in the NF. Margaret then asked Alan if he had obituaries for Anne Swearman and Kate Brown for the new edition of the NF. Margaret said she would sort out the articles for Alan. Howard Wilson's Roll of Honour Award should also be published.

21/03/04 A.G.M. via ZOOM

Margaret said that the A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 11th April 2021 at 2.00pm by Zoom.

The first question to be answered was will this be 118^{th} or 118^{th} & 119^{th} A.G.M. It was agreed that this will be 118^{th} A.G.M. as no others have been held since the 117^{th} on 17^{th} March 2019.

Margaret then asked how the reports should be presented as we will have two years to report. It was agreed that each individual report will be merged into one. The Treasurer's Reports will be read out individually.

Margaret then asked if everyone was prepared to stand for another year. There were no retirements from those present.

Gerry Adcock has agreed to host the meeting to allow Margaret to concentrate on the running of the A.G.M.

Nominations to attend the A.G.M. will be limited to our Zoom subscription of 100. Approximately 20 of these will be for the Executive leaving 80 to be allocated to the clubs. Margaret suggested that the invitations should be sent out to the club secretaries inviting them to join the meeting. If they are unable to do so they can nominate a club member to represent them. It was pointed out that the rules state up to 3 delegates can attend. This decision will need to be waived for this A.G.M. for practical reasons. A meeting will be set up between Margaret and Gerry.

Margaret then reported that she had received a phone call from Jane Black tendering her resignation as the Awards Officer. After a short discussion it was suggested that a member of the Competitions Subcommittee could take this on in the short term as Jane's name would need to be removed from the website. This could also be advertised in the Northern Focus.

Signed	

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Future meeting dates: 11th April 2021 (A.G.M.)