



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 05th June 2018 at Swalwell Community Centre.

The President opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Present: - Joseph Duffy, Margaret Welsh, Gerry Adcock, John Twizell, Jane Black, Richard Speirs, Dave Coates, Jim Welsh, Trevor Walters, John Smith, Gerald Chamberlin, Keith Kirkland

18/06/01 Apologies for Absence: - Alan McCormick, Debra Taylor, Pax Garabedian

Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick, David Brown

18/06/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 02nd May 2018 were approved and signed.
Proposed by Keith Kirkland – Seconded by Dave Coates

18/06/03 Matters arising
No matters arising

18/06/04 Correspondence
No Correspondence

18/06/05 Treasurer's Report **Appendix 1**
Peter informed everyone that a donation of £30.00 had been sent to the Alzheimer's Society in respect of Ed Martin's death before reading through his report.

Peter queried the fact that insurance receipts for club insurances were being sent to him. Richard Speirs said that he had queried this and they said that this is how it should be done. Peter asked if he would check again as he has nothing to do with insurances purchased directly through clubs. Richard agreed to do this.
Report attached and accepted.

18/06/06 Reports

18/06/06-1 Competitions Chairman **Appendix 2/a**
John Twizell read through his report.
He asked all Area Reps if they could collect in the trophies for the September meeting to allow time for engraving before the Presentation Event in November.

He gave Jim Welsh a list of the number of judges required for the forthcoming competitions to take to the next judge's subcommittee meeting. These will need approval at the next meeting.

He once again suggested for the 2020 Annuals Competition that we eliminate the need for an External Judge and use three NCPF Judges, which will save on accommodation etc. This will no doubt be discussed again in the future.

Jane queried the number of entries being received. After discussion regarding the entries it was agreed to see what the response is in 2019 and review it at a later date.
Report attached and accepted.

Appendix 2/b

Beamish – Joseph Duffy discussed his report. It was agreed that we should promote it further with the clubs and asking for volunteers to help with the policing of the exhibition stating that this also comes with a free pass to Beamish. Joseph will liaise with Beamish for next year with a view to running it one more time.

18/06/06-2 International Salon Exhibition

No report. Jane said that she had received two lots of medals and will need to get approximately 50 NCPF medals. The next planned meeting of the International Salon Committee will be 07th June to set up PayPal which should be open and active for 1st July.

18/06/06-3 Representative to PAGB
No Report

18/06/06-4 Editor Northern Focus **Appendix 3**
John Smith read out his report. In view of the response so far regarding the clubs paying for future hard copies, he suggested that the second 'free' copy should be suspended. This would save the NCPF £400.00. A final decision will be made in September.
Report attached and accepted.

18/06/06-5 Judges Sub Committee

No Report. A Judge's Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday 03rd July 2018.

Trevor Walters asked if the judge's subcommittee thought it was appropriate for somebody on the judge's list to be entering the NCPF Annuals Competition in the Beginners section? Jim Welsh said that the rules state that a beginner is someone who has never won in any of the NCPF competitions. Being a judge does not exclude you from this rule. He will raise this at the judge's subcommittee meeting for clarification.

Trevor's second enquiry regarding the negative comments of judges which could lead to novice members leaving clubs was discussed. He asked if judge's need be to made aware of this. Margaret said that the people who could answer this question were not at the meeting but she was sure that this was part of the protocol in the Judge's Handbook. This will also be raised at the judge's subcommittee meeting.

Jane said that she has recently had an influx of requests for information from club members regarding the application for PAGB accreditations. She asked if this information could be more prominent on the NCPF website as a stamped addressed envelope is required by all applicants to allow her to post off the relevant documentation. Margaret said that if she gets any further requests she will pass this information on.

18/06/06-6 Publications Officer

No Report

18/06/06-7 Portfolio Secretary

Appendix 4

Joseph Duffy read through his report. The title code of the PDI's had caused him some concern as he couldn't work out who the author was. Joseph then said that he would not be doing the Portfolio's next year due to work commitments.

Report attached and accepted.

18/06/06-8 Webmaster

Gerry Adcock said that the GDPR Policy was now on the NCPF website. He then said that he had been looking at the ICO website and after filing out the questionnaire, we do not need to do this. Richard then pointed out that GDPR was completely different to the ICO registration and we are legally bound to have a data policy.

Area Reports

18/06/07-1 Northern Jim Welsh – No Report

18/06/07-2 North Tyne David Brown – No Report

18/06/07-3 South Tyne Trevor Walters – Report attached and accepted.

Appendix 5

18/06/07-4 Southern Dave Coates - No Report

18/06/07-5 Wear In Debra Taylor's absence Margaret read her report – Report attached and accepted.

Appendix 6

18/06/07-6 Western Gerald Chamberlin – No Report

18/06/08 Any Other Business

Margaret said that she had been in contact with Cliff Banks regarding the role of Archivist and as long as he doesn't have to store anything at his home he is quite happy to take on this role. A formal acceptance was proposed by Dave Coates and seconded by Jane Black.

Jane raised the question of premises to run the Salon when Tynemouth PS move out of the Library. She said that to run the Salon they need somewhere that can be set up with the equipment and left in situ for at least four days. The only club with its own premises is Cambois. This will also depend on availability.

Margaret then said that she had been looking at storage facilities for the Archive Equipment and this is not an option as the cost would be too much – approximately £100.00 per month for the smallest unit. Richard Speirs suggested asking Woodhorn if they would store our prints. This would not cover storage of the other equipment which needs to be accessible when needed. This needs to be looked at by everyone urgently.

Margaret then read out correspondence received from Cliff regarding the refurbishment and purchase of projectors and laptops. After a long discussion it was agreed that Cliff should be authorised to purchase a new projector and laptop as suggested by Gerald Chamberlin as well as a new external hard drive. It was also suggested that he purchase two good quality HDMI cables. The reformatting of the Ferrari laptop was also approved. This was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Peter raised the question of a scoring machine. Jane said that she had another machine she had been given by the RPS.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed

Date

Future meeting dates: Monday 03rd September 2018

Wednesday 14th November 2018

Tuesday 15th January 2019

Monday 11th February 2019

A.G.M. Sunday 17th March 2019

Wednesday 01st May 2019



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation
NCPF Fees		0.00	3500.00	3500.00
Club C/ships	250.00	-164.93	87.00	-77.93
Annuals	1500.00	-910.91	0.00	-910.91 *
Exec Meetings	300.00	-50.00	0.00	-50.00
Publishing	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Judges Events	200.00	-217.10	0.00	-217.10
Area Meetings	30.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	58.00	-12.00	0.00	-12.00
Gen Sec's	87.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
President	35.00	-42.00	0.00	-42.00 *
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	213.28	213.28
Storage	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel Expenses	650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Equipment 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing of Northern Focus	0.00	-391.30	0.00	-391.30
Other	0.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00 *
Self financing items				
PLI (Including NCPF)		-1988.72	2090.56	101.84
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1776.00	1813.00	37.00
Portfolio		0.00	192.00	*
Running Totals		-5612.96	7895.84	2282.88
Bank Balance at 1.6.18				
Current Account	5491.68			*
Reserve Account	2269.27			
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41			
Bank Balance at 1.6.18				
International Salon	1182.24			*
Paypal	0.00			
Cash in Hand				

Competition Chairman's Report June 5th 2018

Presentation Day:

Presentation day is booked for 11:00 am on Sunday November 25th at Clara Vale.
(Committee arriving for 11am – Start time of Presentation 12pm)

Lists have been provided for Area Reps where applicable and I would be grateful if they would arrange to collect the trophy's from the listed clubs and deliver them to me at the Executive meeting in September, this will enable me to have them engraved in time for the presentation.

Competitions

The Club Championship is to be held on Sunday February 24th 2019 again the venue will be Clara Vale, the start time is likely to 12 noon but this will be confirmed nearer the date. (*Friday 1st February 2019 deadline for entries*)

The Annuals are to be held on Friday 5th / Saturday 6th of April 2019 and again the venue is Clara Vale.

Clara Vale have appointed a Business Manager to look after their affairs, I have discussed the situation of the lighting levels which we require for all of the days booked and she assures me that the windows will be blacked out as we have requested.

Judges

I have supplied a list of Judges which we will require to officiate at the above competitions. For the annuals, we are looking to complete the main competition for both the prints/ PDI's as well as the beginners on the Friday, With the Federation / Portfolio selections being made on the Saturday.

End

John Twizell

Chair Comps Committee

NCPF Beamish Weekend 2018

The weekend of May 19-20 saw the Annual Exhibition of 100 prints by NCPF clubs supported by Blyth PS, Morpeth PS, Gateshead CC, Whickham PC, last year's winning image by Richard Speirs of Morton PS, Joe Sheridan of Washington CC also displayed his prints from his BA (hons) degree course in photography and media and a tribute to Arnold Hubbard with a selection of his prints.

A total of 1063 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.

I would like to thank Margaret and Jim Welsh for helping me to man the exhibition over the course of the weekend. I would also like to thank Joe Sheridan and his wife Susan who talked to the visitors and promoted our hobby. Without them things like this simply wouldn't happen.

Despite this event being advertised on the NCPF website and posters sent to all clubs early on in the year, very little support was forthcoming with both the number of members willing to have their work in the NCPF Exhibition and volunteers to man the exhibition. If this Exhibition is to continue next year we need more support with the overseeing of the Exhibition weekend and a better response from the clubs. If this is not forthcoming I think a decision needs to be made for holding this event next year.

Joseph Duffy

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN FOCUS 5th JUNE 2018

Up to the present moment requests for articles are coming in and slowly building up. On the matter of the situation of the published hard copy of the Northern Focus we have had a few replies stating they are quite happy to receive the web and e-mailed copy. At present Whitley Bay PS, Dumfries, Ponteland and Ryton have replied to this effect.

Although the Executive have decided to have two hard copies this year, and in the light of what some clubs and societies have said, maybe we should reconsider that decision and save the NCPF that money and continue as before?

John Smith (Editor of the Northern Focus)

Appendix 4**Portfolio Report**

Today 17 of both portfolios have been booked.

The images from both are now in the running order. The lists for the recording are ready.

With no title on the images finding the title, club and author took some time - over 3hrs. It would be easy if I knew what kesw#07#aw is and number 13.

The date for the recording is 23th June at Richard's.

Joseph Duffy

Appendix 5**South Tyne Area Report****Lecturers**

I have been contacted by Mr Les Forrester ARPS DPAGB EFIAP who has recently moved to the NCPF area and would like to be added to our list having previously been listed by the YPU and passed his details to Pax hoping that they would be in time for the directory. Whilst listed by the YPU he tells me that he visited Smethwick PS, Chorley PS and Belfast Catchlight but now wishes to limit himself to clubs with about a maximum 90 minute drive of his home.

South Tyne Area

Since our last meeting all area clubs replied re projecting PDI copies of prints in the area prints competition and there was support for so doing and this will commence with this year's competition in November. One club due to the layout of its current venue will not be able to show prints and pdi simultaneously but are not adverse to the idea in general.

Trevor Walters

Appendix 6**NCPF - Wear Valley Report – June 2018**

This month's highlight is Washington Camera Club and their 50th Anniversary celebrations:

- From 15th June to the 13th July they have their "Focus on 50" exhibition at the Arts Centre in Washington.
- On the 6th July they are hosting an evening with Joe Cornish. This is also at the Arts Centre and tickets are available.

Congratulations to Washington CC. I wonder what camera clubs will be like in another 50 years?

Most other clubs are now on their summer recess and members are out and about taking images for their collections.

Please note that Consett Club's home for many years, Citizens House is being rebuilt so we are relocating to The Steel Club until further notice.

Debra Taylor

5th June 2018

Projector

We originally contacted Brian Gilbert to see if he could service the projector, Bryan suggested it needed to be serviced professionally. Camera shops I contacted said it would need to be returned to Cannon and the service cost is £1500.

If we buy a new projector I am happy with the one that Morton have and the current projector which has this fringing is very hard to notice. This could still be used as a standby if the projector being used failed, allowing any judging to be completed.

Laptop

The Ferrari laptop is past its 'sell by date' but could be re formatted and Windows 10 installed.

I still suggest we buy the one suggested by Gerald Chamberlin.

From time to time I hear comments about storing images on the laptop. I can assure you that there are no images on the new laptop, They are on 2 remote hard drives, one of which no longer works and needs to be replaced at a cost of around £60.

Regards Cliff

Email sent to Cliff on 7 June 2018 confirming approval from the Executive to go ahead with the purchases.