



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 Monday 07th February 2022 at Clara Vale Community Centre, Ryton.

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

Before the start of the meeting Jim Welsh introduced Phillip Dove to the Executive Members who were present.

Present: - Jim Welsh, Alan Wilson, Joseph Duffy, Margaret Welsh, Mike Allport, Gerry Adcock, Pax Garabedian, John Twizell, Gerald Chamberlin, Richard Speirs, Trevor Walters, John Smith, Phillip Dove

22/02/01 Apologies for Absence: - Peter Yearnshire, David Brown, Dave Coates, Debra Taylor

Incommunicado: - Jane Black, Stan Bewick

22/02/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022 were approved and signed.

Proposed by Richard Speirs – Seconded by Gerald Chamberlin

22/02/03 Matters arising

Trevor Walters asked: - If Dumfries are no longer members of the N.C.P.F. can we still use their judges? The answer to this was 'yes'. This does not affect their ability to judge for N.C.P.F. clubs and they are still listed as P.A.G.B. judges.

22/02/04 Correspondence

Phillip Dove responded to Dave Coates' email calling for a replacement to take over as the Southern Area Representative when he retires from the position at the forthcoming A.G.M. All clubs in the Southern Area have been informed of the proposal and no objections have been received. There were no objections from the Executive and the proposal will be ratified at the A.G.M.

Correspondence has been received from Swalwell Community Centre asking if we intend to resume our booking of the room for our committee meetings. Margaret has informed them that we are continuing to hold our meetings on zoom for the near future and will not be returning to the premises. At their request, one set of keys has been returned to the community centre by Joseph Duffy in person and Margaret Welsh has sent a second set by recorded delivery.

Margaret said that at the last meeting we were informed by chance that Bob Winter of Esh Winning CC, who was well known throughout the Federation, had recently passed away. As this came as a surprise to everyone Margaret said she would try and find out more details. Eventually, she has received notification of Bob's death along with two other members of the club. These notifications will be sent to Gerry Adcock for circulation to the clubs and also to Alan Wilson for publication in the Northern Focus.

22/02/05 Treasurer's Report – Peter Yearnshire

Appendix 1

In Peter's absence, Margaret read through his report. A further 6 payments had been received for club fees that were not entered on the report and there were still 7/8 yet to pay their fees. Report accepted and is attached.

22/02/06 Reports

22/02/06-1 Competitions Chairman – John Twizell

Appendix 2

John read through his report. He asked the Executive members who were attending the Championships if they could donate a raffle prize on the day. Alan Wilson queried the request for raffle prizes. After a short discussion it was agreed that a small number of prizes would be purchased and the money reimbursed for the cost. John Smith said that he would undertake the task and bring them on the day. Report accepted and attached.

22/02/06-2 International Salon Exhibition – Mike Allport

Mike said that things were progressing slowly. All judges were now in place and progress was being made with patronage from PSA, FIAP and GPU. Gerry Adcock has agreed to publish the Salon information on the N.C.P.F. website. Peter is still trying to organise the bank accounts.

22/02/06-3 Representative to PAGB – Pax Garabedian

Pax had just returned from the PAGB Executive Meeting and gave a verbal report outlining the main topics that we needed to be aware of. He said that the insurance next year is unlikely to be through Darwin Clayton and RSA have also been taken over. The current insurance offered through them is tailor made for the PAGB who are currently trying to find an alternative insurer or at least one who can provide the same cover for clubs that we receive now. The new team at Darwin Clayton do not know which clubs have taken out insurance or which ones need a follow up reminder. If insurance is not renewed by April then those clubs will not have insurance cover.

The PAGB are currently updating their online entry system for competitions. John Twizell said that this could cause problems when the clubs have to submit their entries to the Inter-Fed Competition. Pax said that resetting the password may help. Further information will be passed on when available.

The PAGB are also developing a new system for recording the details of speakers and judges. The responsibility to maintain an up to date directory will revert back to the Federations. Each Federation will need to appoint a Data Manager to maintain the information. It will be up to the individual judge/speaker to keep their contact information, lecture titles etc. up to date. Pax said that this was a very complex system which will have certain security restrictions in place.

Richard Speirs raised a point regarding the NCPF Directory. He questioned the necessity for the N.C.P.F. to continue to produce a written copy of the Directory once the PAGB system was up and running. Margaret Welsh said that this point had been raised on several occasions at the Northern Area A.G.M.'s held by Jim. After discussion it was agreed that we would continue with the NCPF Directory for a little while but this would be reviewed in the future.

Trevor Walters queried the necessity for the continuation of the PAGB Lecture Service in view of the popularity of Zoom. Pax said that this service was still popular and had new lectures added regularly. Richard Speirs pointed out that this service was excellent in an emergency if a speaker is unable to fulfil their commitment as the lectures can be downloaded immediately for a fee of £15.00. It was agreed that the lecture service still served a useful purpose.

Pax informed us that the P.A.G.B. were in the process of producing a document regarding the behaviour of clubs. He said that some clubs were advertising for members from all corners of the world. This was seen as an increasing problem as some unscrupulous clubs are seeking to recruit top photographers from other countries with the intention of using their images to win Inter Federation competitions. He said that the document would be sent out in due course. John Twizell pointed out that we had already encountered this problem last year when a member of one of our clubs was also a member of a club in another Federation and entered the same images into the PAGB Competition by both Federations. We have addressed this by adding a line in the NCPF Competition Rules stating that 'a member can only enter from one club and one Federation only'. If this rule is breached the whole club entry will be withdrawn from the competition.

The final point raised by Pax was to inform us that the PAGB A.G.M. is to be held on Saturday 09th April 2022.

22/02/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson

No Report

22/02/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Jim Welsh

Jim said he had no report other than to request the booking of Clara Vale for a Judges Refreshment Day on 02nd October 2022. John Twizell said he would book the kitchen and main hall from 9.30am till 4.30pm and confirm this with Margaret.

22/02/06-6 Publications Officer – Pax Garabedian

All PAGB Handbooks have been posted out to the clubs.,

22/02/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Alan Wilson

No Report

22/02/06-8 Beamish Officer – Joseph Duffy

Joseph said that he b.een contacted by Paul Forster at Beamish who informed him that they are unable to give us the usual exhibition room this time but we have been given a choice of two rooms located in the town. Joseph will arrange a date to visit Beamish and decide which one will be suitable.

21/02/06-9 Webmaster – Gerry Adcock

No Report

22/02/07 Area Reports

22/02/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh

Jim read through his report.
Report accepted.

Appendix 3

22/02/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown

No Report

22/02/07-3 South Tyne – Joseph Duffy

Joseph said the next Interclub Competition was due to take place on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at Winlaton CC. He said that he would email the clubs in his area for re-nomination for the South Tyne Area Representative for the NCPF A.G.M.

22/02/07-4 Southern – Dave Coates

No Report.

22/02/07-5 Wear Valley – Debra Taylor

No Report.

22/02/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin

No Report. Gerald said that as Dumfries CC are no longer members of the NCPF this has caused a slight problem for the Western Area as their treasurer is in Dumfries. Richard Speirs has volunteered to take over this position. On Saturday 26th March 2022 they will be hosting a full day event at Houghton Village Hall. The speakers are Robert and Sharon Prenton Jones from the Welsh Federation. John Tillotson is the co-ordinator and tickets are £10. A flyer has been sent out to the club secretaries. A discussion then followed regarding the hosting of the P.A.G.B. Inter-Federation Competition by the N.C.P.F. We are scheduled to host this in 2026. It was suggested that we hold a workshop in 2024. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

22/02/08 Any Other Business

Pax said that Rod Wheelans has been trying to find space to hold the Masters of Print Exhibition. The Rheged Centre in Cumbria has been suggested. The initial discussions with Rheged suggest that this may be a free event. The policing of the event would need to be covered by members of the Federations clubs over a two week period. Rod Wheelans will contact the Rheged Centre to fine tune the details. The consensus from the Executive was positive. Pax will have further details for the next meeting.

N.C.P.F. A.G.M. – 03 April 2022

Margaret asked the Area Representatives present if they were prepared to stand again for their respective areas if proposed by their respective clubs. Those present agreed to stand again.

Nominations for President and Vice-President were- President – Alan Wilson and Vice-President – Gerald Chamberlin. This was unanimously agreed and the nomination form was signed by the current President and Secretary.

The remaining members of the Executive were asked if they were prepared to be re-elected for their current positions. All agreed to stand again. The nominations will be ratified en-bloc unless contested by another nominee at the A.G.M.

Appendix 4

Margaret handed out a copy of the proposed change to the Constitution which was originally to have been proposed at the 2020 A.G.M. but due to the pandemic was deferred until 2022. The proposal is to amend Paragraph 6 of the Constitution to allow subcommittees to continue their work during the break after the A.G.M. until the next Executive Meeting. This was agreed unanimously. A Special General Meeting will be held before the beginning of the A.G.M. on 03rd April 2022.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Future meeting date: A.G.M. – Sunday 03rd April 2022 @ Clara Vale – 2.00pm

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	Budget	Expense	Income		Variation	
NCPF Fees	0.00	0.00	1600.00	32 clubs	1600.00	*
Club C/ships	250.00	-128.75	8.00		-120.75	*
Annuals	1500.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Exec Meetings + Comp's via Zoom	300.00	-14.39	0.00		-14.39	*
Publishing	90.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Judges Events	200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Area Meetings	30.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Treasurer	50.00	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	300.00	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	0.00		0.00	
Storage	40.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Travel Expenses	350.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
New Equipment 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Inter Account Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	

Self financing items

PLI + Management Protection		-91.82	0.00		-91.82	
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)			512.00	(32 clubs)	512.00	*

Running Totals **-234.96** **2120.00** **1885.04**

Bank Balance at 31.01.22

Current Account	6209.38
Reserve Account	2280.00
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41

Bank Balance at 31.01.22

International Salon	647.92
Pay Pal	100.00

NCPF Executive Meeting February 7th 2022**Club Championship 2022**

The Club Championship will take place on Sunday 13th February at Clara Vale.

The doors will be open from 11:00am to receive the print entry's and the event will commence at 12:30 pm.

The committee would be grateful for anyone willing to provide a prize for the raffle.

The Current Holders Gosforth CC have been informed regarding the return of the trophies for Sunday's event.

The Judges for the event have been emailed on the 19th January with the details.

Due to COVID REGULATIONS there will only be Tea & Coffee refreshment's available on the day. No biscuits.

Annuals 2022

The entry information for the Annuals will be made available on the Web Site from the 1st March.

At the last executive meeting the question of image size and No of characters allowed in the image title was brought up by David Brown, the North Tyne Area Rep. This was discussed as promised at the Sub Committee meeting on Jan 12th and it was agreed that beginning with the Annuals, the image size for Digital entries would be increased to 1600 pixels x 1200 pixels. With regards to the Image title request, it was decided that although it was quite a simple adjustment for the Annuals Competition it would cause major problems with the software used for the Club Championship. It was therefore decided that at the moment it would stay at 25 characters.

In conclusion, beginning with the Annuals 2022, the NCPF will adopt the PAGB recommended format of 1600 pixels x 1200 pixels as its Standard Digital image size.

John Twizell

Chair Competitions Sub Committee

Appendix 3**NORTHERN AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - 07th February 2022****NORTHERN AREA MONO & COLOUR PRINT COMPETITION**

The Northern Area Print Competition was held on Thursday 27th January 2022. The host club was Ashington CC but due to unforeseen circumstances they were unable to host it in their club rooms. Blyth PS offered their premises and the competition went ahead at St. Mary's Church Hall, Blyth. The judge was David Hall.

The winning club was Amble PG with an overall score of 223. In 2nd place was Blyth PS with 211, 3rd place was Ashington CC with 206, 4th place was Cambois CC with 202, 5th place was Alnwick CC with 199, 6th place was Morpeth CC with 198 and 7th place was Wooler CC with 187. The scoring was very tight but the Amble PG were the runaway winners. Two prints cores 30 points - 'Faith' by Dave Jones of Amble PG in the monochrome section and 'Title Fight' by Jim Welsh of Blyth PS in the colour section.

Ashington congratulated both club members for their winning prints and Amble PG for winning the competition. Special thanks were also given to David Hall for judging the competition in his unique and entertaining way and to the Blyth members for allowing the use of their premises at short notice.

The event was very well attended and the host club held a raffle and provided a small buffet afterwards.

NORTHERN AREA INTERCLUB THEME COMPETITION

Amble PG will be hosting the above competition on Sunday 20th March 2022.

NORTHERN AREA A.G.M.

The Northern Area A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 06th March 2022. If any issues arise that can't be dealt with around the table they will be raised under Any Other Business at the N.C.P.F. A.G.M. on 03rd April.

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB, APAGB
Northern Area Representative

NORTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

A Special General Meeting will be held on Sunday 03rd April 2022, at
Clara Vale Community Centre, South View, Clara Vale, Ryton NE403SY
commencing at 2.00pm

AGENDA

- 22SGM/01 Notice calling the Special General Meeting**
- 22SGM/02 Apologies for Absence**
- 22SGM/03 Proposed by the Executive Committee that Paragraph 6 of the Constitution of the NCPF be amended as follows:-**
After the 4th sentence (relating to the power to create sub-committees etc) insert a new sentence to read:-
“Such Sub-Committees may, after an Annual General Meeting, continue to function under the Chairmanship of the person so elected at that Annual General Meeting, until the date of the next Executive Meeting.”
- 22SGM/25 Closure of the Meeting**

Rational for the Proposal

The implication and past interpretation of the Constitution has always been that all Sub-Committees cease to exist when the Executive Committee that created them ends its term of office at an AGM.

Whilst legalistically logical, this could present the Federation with practical problems relating to the continuity of organisation of events that need input during the period between the AGM and the next Executive Meeting. Because the Executive now meets less frequently than in the past this issue is more likely to have relevance.

It may not always be possible for an almost immediate Executive Meeting to be held or, if it could, for it to be able to re-constitute the Sub-committees at such short notice.