



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 November 2022 on ZOOM.

The President, Alan Wilson, opened the meeting at 7.10pm

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

22/11/01 Apologies for Absence: - Debra Taylor, David Brown

Incommunicado: - Jane Black, Stan Bewick

Before beginning the proceedings Margaret Welsh introduced Jill Chamberlin to the Committee. Jill has been proposed by Peter Yearnshire to take over the role of Treasurer when he resigns at the forthcoming A.G.M.

22/11/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 2022 were approved and signed on behalf of the President.

Proposed by Gerald Chamberlin – Seconded by Gerry Adcock

22/11/03 Matters arising

Appendix 1

Alan Wilson gave an update on the procurement of HDD/USB drives for use by the Executive Committee. Report attached.

22/11/04 Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

22/11/05 Treasurer's Report – Peter Yearnshire

Appendix 2

Peter read through his report. He explained in detail the income and expenditure for the benefit of Jill Chamberlin will be proposed to take over the Treasurer's role at the 2023 A.G.M.

Report accepted and is attached.

22/11/06 Reports

22/11/06-1 Competitions Chairman – Alan Forster

Appendix 3

Alan read through his report. He said that Clara Vale had double booked the room for 20th November. An alternative date of SATURDAY 26th November 2022 was decided upon. As a gesture of good will as the mistake was theirs, Clara Vale will NOT be charging for this event. Gerald Chamberlin said that he didn't think that anyone would attend from the Western Area as this date is the same as their Western Area Battle. Report accepted and attached.

22/11/06-2 International Salon Exhibition – Alan Wilson

Alan Wilson said that he would be visiting Jim & Margaret's house on Friday for the Presentation run through and would discuss the future of the Salon then. Gerald Chamberlin queried the distribution of the Salon Catalogue. Alan apologised for the delay and said he would catch up with things over the next few weeks. At this point Gerry Adcock questioned Alan further regarding the production of the Exhibition CD and catalogue saying that it was now well overdue and may have monetary repercussions as the entry criteria had not been met. He then outlined his concerns regarding the organisation and running of the event. Alan repeated his apology and said he would be discussing this on Friday.

22/11/06-3 Representative to PAGB – Pax Garabedian

Pax said he had nothing to report as he did not attend the PAGB meeting at Warwick and was awaiting the minutes to find out what information needed to be passed on to the Executive. He will report this at the next meeting.

22/11/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson

Appendix 4

Alan read through his report. He informed the committee that the Northern Focus had won two awards in the PSA awards. Report accepted and attached.

22/11/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Jim Welsh

Jim reminded everyone that the date for the Judges Refresher/Recruitment Day had been rescheduled to Sunday 02nd April 2023 as the October event only had 7 applicants.

22/11/06-6 Publications Officer – Pax Garabedian

All Directories have been posted out to the club officials.

22/11/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Alan Wilson

Appendix 5

Alan read through his report. He said that he had sent a copy of the Selectors Choice Portfolio to 4 clubs who had it scheduled on their programmes. Report accepted and attached. *After reading his report and admitting that he had taken on too much work, Gerald Chamberlin suggested that Alan should step down as Portfolio Secretary. Alan said that he would step down with immediate effect as Portfolio Secretary. He said that he would send a written resignation to the Secretary after the meeting.*

22/11/06-8 Beamish Officer – Joseph Duffy

Appendix 6

Joseph read through his report. Report accepted and attached.

21/11/06-9 Webmaster – Gerry Adcock

Appendix 7

Gerry read through his report. Due to the increased cost of the current web host he is looking at changing to a new operator. Report accepted and attached.

22/11/07 Area Reports

22/11/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh

Jim said that the Northern Area Interclub Knockout Competition would be held on Sunday 20th November 2022. This will be hosted by Morpeth CC and judges by Peter Maguire, David Ord and Alan Porrett. The scores will be reported at the next meeting.

22/11/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown

No Report.

22/11/07-3 South Tyne – Joseph Duffy

Appendix 8

Joseph read his report. Report accepted and attached.

22/11/07-4 Southern – Phillip Dove

No Report.

22/11/07-5 Wear Valley – Debra Taylor

Appendix 9

In Debra's absence, her report was accepted and attached.

22/11/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin

Gerald had no report other than to say that the Western Area Battle will take place on 26th November 2022.

22/11/08 Any Other Business

Alan Forster referred to Debra's report regarding the drop in club member numbers. He proposed that a Subcommittee could be set up to support clubs with ideas and suggestions that could be shared among all Federation members to try and boost numbers. This idea was supported by all present. Alan Forster was proposed to head the Subcommittee and Richard Speirs, Gerald Chamberlin, John Smith and Gerry Adcock all agreed to be part of the committee. In her absence Debra Taylor was put forward also as it was thought she would probably like to join. Trevor Walters suggested a club share were each club could notify the others of their activities and events. He also suggested that if representatives from the clubs bothered to attend the A.G.M. they would get this information. Margaret said that she would forward the Subcommittee email addresses to Alan to allow him to organise a meeting.

Peter Yearnshire said that the reminders for the NCPF & PAGB club fees will be sent out at the beginning of December. It was agreed that the NCPF fee would return to £70.00.

Gerald Chamberlin said that at the last meeting he said he would try and approach Wickes and Warehouse Express to see if they would be interested in attending our events. To date he has had no response.

Gerald also asked if the Merit Awards Officer could be added to the Agenda as he has information coming in at a steady pace. Margaret agreed to add this on to future Agendas.

Gerald then asked for a fixed date from Alan Wilson for the conclusion of the outstanding jobs he has to complete. At this point Gerry Adcock also repeated the request. After once more giving his apologies for not completing the tasks on time, Alan Wilson said he would not be giving a fixed date and left the meeting. There was a further discussion after Alan left regarding the leadership of the NCPF and the number of positions held by one person on the committee. Gerry Adcock then asked for Alan's resignation as President and proposed that Gerald Chamberlin should take over with immediate effect.

John Smith proposed that a discussion should take place regarding the number of jobs one person may hold on the Executive. He also agreed with Alan Wilson's proposal for job descriptions from everyone on the committee.

After a further discussion between the remaining committee it was agreed that a deadline would be given to Alan of 13th December to complete ALL outstanding tasks. An extra meeting will be held on this date.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....

Date.....

**Next Meeting Date: Special Meeting - Tuesday 13th December 2022 @7.00pm on ZOOM
Monday 16th January 2023 @ 7.00pm on SOOM**

Alan Wilson

In Matters arising not included on the agenda – I would like to give update on HDD / USB procurement. I have.

- 2.5" Portable External Hard Drive 320-GB-USB Aluminium HDD at £23:29 each x 13 = £302.77
- TOPESEL 10 pack of 16GB USB Memory sticks x 1 at £25.49 pack x 1 = 25.49

Total = 328.26
 Minus £2:00
 promotion
 Final Total =
 £326.26

The Items will be distributed to members as per attached list (signatures required) at Awards afternoon then as convenient.

NCPF - Provision of USB Hard Drives - November 2022

Position Signature	Name	Date	
Treasurer	Peter Yearnshire		
General Secretary	Margaret Welsh		
Competitions Chairman	Alan Forster		
International Exhibitions	Jim Welsh		
Judges Sub Committee	Jim Welsh		
Representative to the PAGB	Pax Garabedian		
Publications Officer	Pax Garabedian		
Editor of <i>Northern Focus</i>	Alan Wilson		
Portfolio Secretary	Alan Wilson		
Beamish Representative	Joseph Duffy		
Competitions Officer	Gerry Adcock		
Webmaster	Gerry Adcock		
PAGB Awards Officer	Gerald Chamberlin		

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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees	0.00	0.00	2150.00	2150.00	
Club C/ships	250.00	-243.95	65.00	-178.95	
Annuals	1500.00	-891.09	8.00	-883.09	
Exec Meetings	300.00	-99.09	0.00	-99.09	
Publications + Postage	90.00	-752.96	0.00	-752.96	*
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	-104.65	0.00	-104.65	
President	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Printing for Directory	300.00	-333.41	0.00	-333.41	
Events (Beamish)	150.00	-80.00	80.00	0.00	
Events (Presentation)	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	-300.00	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	18.36	18.36	
Storage	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Travel Expenses	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Zoom Fees	0.00	-143.90	0.00	-143.90	*
Inter Account Transfer	0.00	-4000.00	0.00	-4000.00	
Other Expenses	0.00	-49.28	0.00	-49.28	*

Self financing items

		Paid in		
PLI (NCPF)	91.82	2021	0.00	
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-752.00	656.00	
Portfolio		0.00	0.00	
Running Totals		-7416.92	2977.36	-4439.56

Bank Balance at 31.10.22

Current Account	2128.91	*
Reserve Account	1279.21	*
3 Year Postal Account	15445.68	

Bank Balance at 31.10.22

International Salon	134.10	*
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Competition Sub-Committee Report - 07th November 2022

A sub committee meeting was held on 17th October to review arrangements for the Presentation Awards on Sunday 20th November. All tasks have been allocated and are being actioned. The Awards script was signed off and a draft pdi/powerpoint presentation of awards images to compliment the script has been produced. (NB We also need to confirm that the other pdi/powerpoint presentation stemming from the 2022 Annuals - the Portfolio - has been produced. This was due to be sent to Carlisle CC prior to 25th October.)

Following the sub committee meeting I contacted Clara Vale on 27th October to re-confirm our booking for the Presentation event on Sunday 20th November and was told that they did not have a record of our booking. I forwarded copies of the emails making the booking and their acknowledgement by Clara Vale. After checking, they confirmed they did have the booking and confirmation emails but had no record on their electronic booking system "HallMaster". After investigation they advised that at the time of the booking a paper system was in operation and the entries from this were later transferred to the electronic HallMaster system. However, although they had acknowledged our booking, it seems it had not been entered onto the paper system and was therefore not entered on the electronic system. The 20th November was no longer available as the hall had subsequently been booked and paid for by another party. Despite representations Clara Vale would not reinstate our booking. I was offered two alternative dates, the first at the beginning of November which I deemed too soon to complete preparations, and a second for Saturday 26th November which I took. There were no other dates available for the remainder of this year. As a gesture of goodwill, Clara Vale agreed to waive the charges for the hall. They confirmed our other bookings for 2023 were in their records. A notice was forwarded to all club secretaries with details of the amended date and a request to let members know, and the change was shown on the NCPF website. Thanks to Gerry Adcock for his prompt forwarding of the note and change to the website.

In the PAGB Inter-Club Print Competition, the NCPF was represented by Northallerton CC and Gosforth CC. The round 1 scores ranged from 118 points to 158 points and Northallerton scored 137 points and Gosforth scored 131 points. In the Plate, scores ranged from 82 points to 100 points and Northallerton were joint third with 97 points and Gosforth scored 84 points. Well done to both clubs for earning participating in this event and congratulations to Northallerton CC on their joint 3rd position in the Plate.

Alan Forster
Chairman Competitions Sub Committee

Appendix 4

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Northern Focus Editor Report – Alan Wilson

94th Edition at final draft

93rd Edition of "Northern Focus" recognised by PAGB Newsletter Contest after being forwarded by David Stout and Awarded:

- Best Variety of Material.
- Best Environmental Article.

Thank you to all who contributed
Regards
Alan Wilson
Editor Northern Focus

Appendix 5

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Portfolio Secretary Report – Alan Wilson

Awards and Alliance Entry / Selectors choice presentation sent to 4 x clubs at their request to show on club nights (WeTransfer).

Awards day presentation at final edit stage prior to run through at Blyth on 11th Nov

Presentations now ready to forward to all NCPF clubs
(Print/Selectors Choice and PDI/Selectors Choice)

Regards
Alan Wilson
NCPF Portfolio Secretary

Beamish Report November 2022

I had a meeting with Paul Foster at Beamish on the 11th October 2022. Two dates are pencilled in for next NCPF/Beamish Weekend - 20th May or 3rd June. Paul is trying to arrange a date which coincides with an event.

I asked if we could have an a/v show in the second room they allocated to us. Paul said that it would be possible and Beamish could provide the equipment i.e. projector and screen. We would use an NCPF laptop.

The Beamish Trophy Competition entry this year was 52 images. This is a big increase. Last year's entry was only 15 images. Dawn Stobbart of Penrith CC will be judging this year. The results should be with me by 5th November. Joseph Duffy

Appendix 7**Web-Masters Report November 2022**

The web site in its current guise will have been operational since 2015. Happily, there have been few operational difficulties to report.

The web site has been hosted by a company called Just Host since inception and they have been very reliable. The hosting was last renewed in November 2019 for 36 months at a cost of £246.83 and is now due for renewal.

Renewal with the present supplier was quoted at £582.16 for a 36 month term, as you can see a massive increase on the last renewal 3yrs ago.

Following consultation with the Treasurer Peter Yearnshire it was agreed that I should attempt to negotiate the price down with the present supplier, and if unable to agree suitable terms investigate changing supplier.

Early research into the market suggest that substantial savings can be found with other hosting company's, however this carries the risk that the web-site may not migrate successfully & migration will cause a disruption in service although if all goes well it should only be 24-48 hrs in duration whilst the new site propagates.

I will need to expedite this as a matter of urgency, but will of course advise the Executive re the final outcome.

Gerry Adcock ARPS
(Web-master NCPF)

Appendix 8**South Tyne Area Report November 2022****South Tyne Print Competition**

This year's South Tyne Area Print Competition was hosted by South Shields PS at St. Bede's RC Church Hall. The judge for this competition was Ivor Robinson of Hartlepool .

All six clubs entered the competition which lead up to a nail biting end with the last print entitled 'Crowdless' by Geoff Bell of Ryton CC scoring the top mark of 30.

1st place Ryton CC with a score of 254 points

2nd place Whickham PC with 253 points

3rd place Hexham PS with 249 points

4th place South Shields PS with 239bpoints

Joint 5th with 229 points Gateshead CC and Winlaton CC

Best print Crowdless by Geoff Bell of Ryton CC

A BIG THANKS must go to South Shields PS for all the hard work putting this year's competition together and the excellent buffet.

New trophy - to cut a long story short Winlaton CC did not like their name on the back of the Arnold Embleton silver salver and a new one should be purchased so it can be on show at the club. Most clubs put the trophy into a cupboard until the following year's competition.

Joseph Duffy

South Tyne Area Representative

NCPF – Wear Valley Report – November 2022

The 2022 Wear Valley Area Battle will take place at Consett Camera Club again this year on the 21st November. The eight clubs from the area have sent images and we are looking forward to a good battle!

There is no news from Esh Winning Club.

Club membership numbers appear to be down against pre-covid times and clubs are having to pay more to hire meeting rooms, due to increased costs everywhere. There was a brief discussion at the last meeting, but is there anything that the NCPF can do to support clubs – either helping to promote them or with running costs?

Debra Taylor

4th November 2022