



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

A Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

<http://www.ncpf.org.uk>

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 09th June 2021 via ZOOM.

The President, Jim Welsh, opened the meeting at 7.15pm

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

21/06/01 Apologies for Absence: - Joseph Duffy, David Brown, Keith Kirkland, Dave Coates, Debra Taylor

Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick, Jane Black

21/06/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 04th March 2021 were approved and signed.

Proposed by John Twizell – Seconded by Trevor Walters

21/06/03 Matters arising

Margaret said that the A.G.M. was attended by 29 members representing 22 clubs. This was held on Sunday 11th April 2021 by Zoom and allowed a delegate from the Leica Fellowship to attend the A.G.M. for the first time.

21/06/04 Correspondence

Appendix 1

Margaret said that she had received an email referring to an APM Workshop for PAGB Awards and asked Richard Speirs to explain further. He explained that the PAGB had done a test run in association with the RPS and it was a comparison of the accredited awards given by both bodies. The idea was to offer a similar presentation to the Federations showing a selection of images with critique from Rod Wheelans, Libby Smith and Gordon Jenkins to give club members an idea of the level of photography required to qualify for an accreditation. The idea would be for a Federation to host the event for all of their clubs. Gerald Chamberlin explained that since he has taken over as PAGB Awards Officer he has found that club members are not aware that they can enter the adjudications and he proposed that we should take up the offer and promote it to the clubs. After discussion it was agreed that Richard Speirs and Gerald Chamberlin would pursue this further. Alan Wilson added that he would like to put an article in the NF regarding the lack of communication to club members by secretaries and he would expand his mailing list accordingly.

Master of Print free catalogue

Appendix 2

Approval is sought to send the address labels for the 50 clubs in the Northern Counties to be sent to Rod Wheelans. This was agreed unanimously. As Pax Garabedian has this information he agreed to do this.

21/06/05 Treasurer's Report – Peter Yearnshire

Appendix 3

Peter read through his report. He said there is still a problem accessing the Salon PayPal account and has tried to contact Cliff Banks, who it is believed, set it up. Jim Welsh suggested contacting John Gilkerson who is in contact with Cliff. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/06 Reports

21/06/06-1 Competitions Chairman – John Twizell

Appendix 4

John read through his report. He said there had been a discrepancy with Inter-Federation entry. Three images had to be changed as the author had submitted entries into two Clubs from two Federations and both Federations had been accepted into the competition. He said that this is a problem that should be policed by the club before they submit individual member's entries. A discussion will take place with the Competitions Committee and an amendment will be made to the rules for future competitions. The subcommittee will also need to discuss the use of Clara Vale for future competitions. Alan Wilson asked for a copy of the results for publication in the NF. John said that this information could be accessed via the PAGB website. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/06-2 International Salon Exhibition – Mike Allport

Mike reported that the next meeting of the International Salon Committee will take place next week when the committee members will report their progress with booking judges etc. He said that he still needed information from the other laptop held by Gerry Adcock to update the technical details. John Smith said that the company who supplied the ribbons and medals for the Salon Awards was REV Gomm. This can be accessed by their website.

21/06/06-3 Representative to PAGB – Pax Garabedian

Appendix 5a & 5b

Pax read through his report. A consultation document has been produced by the PAGB regarding the design and specification of a web based Handbook. He said that after the next Handbook there will not be any future paper publications. A number of the committee had read through the document and it seems that all avenues have been covered. This was accepted in principal. The question relating to an online directory from the NCPF has been raised on several occasions by NCPF members. Once this has been approved by the PAGB and a usable document has been uploaded onto their website Gerry Adcock said that he could easily put a link on our website giving access to this information. Making a downloadable document on the NCPF website however, would involve a number of security issues that would need to be considered. This will need to be addressed in due course. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson**Appendix 6**

Alan read through his report. John Twizell said he would contact Gosforth and Whitley Bay and ask for copies of their entries sent into the PAGB Competition. Gerry Adcock suggested caution when publishing a lot of images as this will swell the size of the PDF for publication on the website. Alan said he would take this into consideration. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Jim Welsh

Jim said there was nothing to report. The next JSC meeting will be held on 20th September.

21/06/06-6 Publications Officer – Pax Garabedian**Appendix 7**

Pax read through his report. He said that 6 clubs had not yet responded to his request for Club Officers details. Margaret said that she had received new contact information for Winlaton CC. She will email this to Pax. A number of judges and lecturers have asked to be removed from the Directory. A list is attached. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Alan Wilson**Appendix 8**

Alan read through his report. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/06-8 Portfolio Secretary – Joseph Duffy

In Joseph's absence, Margaret reported that the Beamish Trophy would take place this year. For one year only images taken between 31st August 2019 and 31st August 2021 will be eligible for entry into the competition. The submission deadline is the 15th October 2021 and the judging will take place on 5th November 2021. As yet no judge has been appointed.

21/06/06-9 Webmaster – Gerry Adcock

Gerry said that all of the results and images from the Annuals were now on the N.C.P.F. website. The information for the Beamish Trophy has also been published on the website and sent out to the club secretary's.

21/06/07 Area Reports**21/06/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh**

No Report.

21/06/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown**Appendix 9**

Margaret read through David's report in his absence. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/07-3 South Tyne – Keith Kirkland**Appendix 10**

Margaret read through Keith's report in his absence. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/07-4 Southern – Dave Coates

No Report.

21/06/07-5 Wear Valley – Debra Taylor**Appendix 11**

Margaret read through Debra's report in her absence. Report accepted and attached.

21/06/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin

No Report.

21/06/08 Any Other Business

Margaret said that Gerald Chamberlin had agreed to take over the position of PAGB Awards Officer after the resignation of Jane Black. Ratification was sought from the Committee. This was approved unanimously.

T. H. Morrison - Margaret said that after sending a card to his care home for his birthday she had been contacted by his niece. Following his death the care home had forwarded his correspondence on to her. She has been in contact by email thanking the Executive for the tribute. During this correspondence Margaret asked if there was any possibility that some of his images could be added to the N.C.P.F. Archives. Unfortunately, he had disposed of them several years earlier but she said she had in her possession the Turner Trophy engraved for the Newcastle upon Tyne Photographic Society which she was happy to send to us. Subsequently, this is now in our possession and will be stored with the archives unless it can be used at a later date. It was suggested that the Records Office at Woodhorn Museum may be interested in having it. Margaret said she would make enquiries.

Anne Swearman – Margaret and Jim said that they had visited Anne's daughter who had kindly allowed them to look through several boxes of prints and 'select as many as they wanted' for the archives. These are now in our possession and will be put on display at the Presentation Event. Mike Allport said that her obituary was also in the PSA catalogue.

Jim said that it would be nice to receive PDI images from prominent members of the Federation BEFORE they pass away. Alan said that he would put something in the obituary section of the NF.

Margaret asked if future meetings should be continued using zoom or do we go back to meeting at Swalwell? The consensus was that zoom should be continued but at times face to face meetings were necessary. Margaret suggested that we hold our regular meetings via zoom but we book the hall for the meeting prior to the A.G.M. and the A.G.M. itself. After discussion it was agreed that this should be the way forward.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Future meeting dates: 23rd August 2021 (Zoom)

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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Club C/ships	250.00	-10.00	0.00	-10.00	*
Annuals	1500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Exec Meetings via Zoom	300.00	-115.12	0.00	-115.12	*
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	-61.33	0.00	-61.33	*
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	27.16	27.16	*
Storage	30.00	-80.00	0.00	-80.00	*
Travel Expenses	350.00	-89.40	0.00	-89.40	*
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	-5.95	0.00	-5.95	*
<u>Self financing items</u>					
PLI + Fed Mgt Protection		-91.82	0.00	-91.82	*
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		0.00		0.00	
Portfolio		0.00		0.00	
Running Totals		-453.62	27.16	-426.46	
<u>Bank Balance at 30.4.21</u>					
Current Account	5170.47				
Reserve Account	2277.64				
3 Year Postal Account	15445.68				
<u>Bank Balance at 30.4.21</u>					
International Salon	647.92				
Pay Pal	100.00				

NCPF Competition Officers Report

7th June 2021**Annuals Competition 2021**

The Annuals was completed using Zoom and the Results reported on the website in Mid-May.

We were notified that there seemed to be a discrepancy with the totals in the results, An apology was immediately sent to all clubs asking them to hold releasing the results until the problem was resolved.

Upon checking the backhouse of the spreadsheet it was discovered that one of the Function`s in the spreadsheet had changed which caused the total of 3 clubs to be altered by 1 point. The problem was resolved and the amended results posted to the website.

This amendment resulted in Gosforth CC being declared the outright winner with Keswick & Saltburn Sharing 2nd place.

Alliance Entry

Our Alliance entry was entered into the PAGB Inter-Federation competition, and I received an email informing me that we had an entry which had already been submitted by another federation, I apologised and replaced the entries with our reserves.

We will discuss and resolve the problem by changing the Rules at the next Competition Sub-Committee, but we must remember that we can change the rules but we will always have to rely on the clubs being honest and self-policing.

Inter-Federation Club Competition

The PAGB have been informed of the Clubs which will represent the NCPF in the above Competition.

They are:- Gosforth CC & Whitley Bay PS, Names and contact details have been supplied and the PAGB will contact them direct regarding submission of entry.

John Twizell

Appendix 3a

PAGB REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – JUNE 2021

1. No meetings attended since my last report
2. The Standards and Governance Sub-committee has produced a discussion document regarding the design and specification of the Web-based Handbook envisioned. See Consultation Document also included.
 - 2.1 We are asked to scrutinise and convey any comments on the proposals by mid-August.

P A Garabedian

8th June 2021

The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain Strategy Subcommittee On-Line Judges and Lecturers Register A Proposal – May 2021

Introduction

The PAGB Handbook's content can be broadly classified into:

- Confidential contact details
- Non-confidential information and the adverts
- Judges list
- Lecturers list

The Executive has agreed to publish a printed Handbook in the usual format later this year, while also undertaking a review of options for the future.

The Strategy Sub-Committee (SSC) has discussed the provision of a PAGB managed online register for speakers, meaning both judges and lecturers. The SSC has not discussed the other content of the Handbook, and that is not part of this proposal.

The SSC is now documenting its proposal for discussion and, most importantly, to facilitate testing by Federations before a decision is made on whether to proceed with development.

The SSC has adopted some important principles which run throughout this proposal.

- Federations will retain complete control over who they accredit as a judge or as a lecturer.
- Speakers will be responsible for managing and updating all their own contact details.
- Lecturers will be responsible for creating and managing all their own talk information.
- The register will only be viewable by either a Federation or an affiliated Club after secure logon via an authorised account in the Central Entries System (CES).

Summary

The proposal sets out a design for an on-line register of speakers (judges and lecturers) intended to replace the equivalent information in the PAGB Handbook.

The proposal shows available functionality based on a model of the data which seems to be relevant.

Federations are asked to 'desk-check' this design for completeness and accuracy. While any new system is not necessarily intended to replicate existing procedures, it is important to show that it is compatible with the various processes within all Federations.

Comments should be sent to mark.buckley-sharp@tiscali.co.uk

This is the first page of a 10 page document sent out with the June 2021 Agenda

92nd Northern Focus is at final draft, awaiting a last couple of items.

A good mix has again been received with quality editorials and photographs. Prior to distribution via NCPF webmaster, Jim Welsh, John Smith, and Pax Garabedian shall be invited to quality check, the review being mainly to ensure nothing is overly contentious within the document.

Distribution planned for this, the summer edition in the next couple of weeks.

Regards
Alan Wilson
Editor Northern Focus

PUBLICATIONS OFFICER REPORT – JUNE 2021

1. PAGB Handbook 2022-23

1.1 The data for the above has now been passed on to Ian Lyons.

1.2 This will be the last time this publication will be produced in its present format. This will in future be Web based.

2. NCPF Directory 2021-22

2.1 Club Officers information is currently being processed. Deadline for the return of update forms was the end of May.

2.2 I am still waiting for any form of an answer from 6 clubs:-

Cambois CC
Stockton CC
Esh Winning & District CC
Pen & Camera Club of Methodism
Wear Valley PC
Winlaton CC

2.3 It is my intention to post all Directories to recipients same as last year.

The following individuals have asked to be de-listed from the Judges and Lecturer's list.

Judges

Tom Stenhouse
Mavis McCormick
Alan McCormick
Joseph Duffy
Dave Murrell
Dave Illingworth
Robert Dennett Thorpe
Mike Whelan

Lecturers

Peter Dixon
Dave Illingworth
Alan McCormick
Mavis McCormick
Dave Murrell
Pat Porrett

P A Garabedian

8 June 2021

Images and details for the 2021 Awards / Portfolio presentation received from Gerry Adcock on 04th June via WeTransfer. Thank you.

I plan on distributing the presentations free of charge to all NCPF clubs as MP4 software and via WeTransfer by mid-July.

Jim and Margaret Welsh shall again be invited to pre-view for a quality check prior to distribution.

Regards

Alan Wilson

NCPF Portfolio Secretary

North Tyne Area Report: 10th June 2021

NCPF North Tyne Area held its AGM via Zoom on Friday 19th February. The highlight of the meeting was to congratulate the group's treasurer Howard Wilson ARPS APAGB on his receipt from NCPF of a Meritorious Service Award with his name added to the Roll of Honour. It was also noted that 2 of our clubs, Gosforth CC and Whitley Bay PS, having achieved 1st and 2nd places in the most recently-held NCPF Club Championships (Prints) (January 2020) were eligible to compete at the PAGB InterClub Championship (Prints) if held in 2021. Gosforth CC also having come 2nd in the NCPF Club Championships (PDI) in January 2021 was eligible to compete in the PAGB InterClub PDI championships: both those events were at that time under consideration by PAGB, but have since been confirmed at least as 'virtual' competitions.

The North Tyne Area Annual Interclub PDI Competition 2021 was hosted by Tynemouth Photographic Society, and was held 'virtually' (via Zoom) on 22nd March. The judge was Alan Walker ARPS, MPAGB, MPSA, EFIAP, of Keswick PS; and all 6 clubs participated. The Event Trophy was won by Gosforth CC; and the trophy for best image in the competition (achieving the full 30 points) went to Richard Narcross of Whitley Bay PS for his monochrome portrait 'Hagged'. Club positions and scores were as follows:

1 st	Gosforth CC	224
2 nd	Tynemouth PS	214
3 rd	North Shields PS	212
4 th	Whitley Bay PS	209
5 th	Cramlington CC	202
6 th	Ponteland PS	198

David Brown ARPS EFIAP CPAGB

North Tyne Area Rep

SOUTH TYNE AREA REPORT

WHICKHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

TWO OF OUR MEMBERS ACHIEVE GREAT SUCCESS IN THERE PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILLS

FIRST

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN MEMBER AND CONSETT PS AND N.C.P.F JUDG LYNDA GOLIGHTLY ON HER SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT IN GAINING HER L.R.P.S

I AM SURE MANY CLUBS WILL BE BOOKING HER TO DO A TALK ON HOW TO GAIN A L.R.P.S

WELL DONE LYNDA

SECOND

WHICKHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

ANOTHER HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBER ALEXANDER PERMAIN FOR TWO HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS IN THE **SINWP BIRD PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2020**.

THE LINK FOR THIS SITE IS <http://sinwp.com/bird/1st=2020> htm

WELL DONE ALEXANDER

KEITH KIRKLAND

SOUTH TYNE AREA REP

NCPF – Wear Valley Report – June 2021

Most of the clubs in the area have now stopped meeting for the summer break. It is hoped that we can start meeting again in person come the start of the September programme.

Consett PS hosted the Wear Area Battle on the 8th March. The event was delayed from November 2020 in the hope it could be held face to face. That was not possible, so we had an excellent evening on Zoom. There were over 60 club members attending from the 9 clubs in the area.

All clubs submitted their 6 images.

The competition was judged by Richard Spiers DPAGB BPE2* APAGB

The results were:

1st: Washington CC - 154

2nd: Castleside PS - 153

3rd: Sunderland PA – 151

There were three images with the full 30 points: Blizzard by John Lee of Consett PS, First Light by Mark Parvin of Washington CC and Shaking Sika by Michael Watson of Durham PS.

Richard selected Shaking Sika as the overall winning image.

The 2021 competition will be held on the 15th November.

Thank you.

Debra Taylor
3rd June 2021