



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 Wednesday 12th January 2022 via ZOOM.

The President, Jim Welsh, opened the meeting at 7.03pm

Present: - Jim Welsh, Alan Wilson, Joseph Duffy, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Mike Allport, Pax Garabedian, John Twizell, David Brown, Gerald Chamberlin, Richard Speirs, Trevor Walters, Dave Coates, Debra Taylor

22/01/01 Apologies for Absence: - Gerry Adcock, John Smith

Incommunicado: - Jane Black, Stan Bewick

22/01/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 08th November 2021 were approved and signed.

Proposed by Richard Speirs – Seconded by Mike Allport

22/01/03 Matters arising

There were no other matters arising.

22/01/04 Correspondence

No correspondence received.

22/01/05 Treasurer's Report – Peter Yearnshire

Appendix 1

Peter read through his report. He said that there had only been a couple of transactions since the last meeting. Margaret read out a letter Peter had received from Esh Winning. They are having problems accessing their business account as their second signatory, Bob Winter, has passed away. It was agreed by all that the PAGB/NCPF fees would be deferred until they are able to pay or wind up the club. Peter agreed to respond to the email. It came as a surprise to here that Bob Winter had died as the NCPF had not been notified. Dave Coates said that the best place to get any information would be the Pen & Methodist Camera Club. This will be looked into. Peter also informed everyone that Dumfries would not be joining the NCPF this year and the AV Group have also pulled out of the Federation. Peter proposed that when the Scottish Widows is due for renewal (either this year or next) it should be closed and transferred to the current account. This was approved and accepted. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and is attached.

22/01/06 Reports

22/01/06-1 Competitions Chairman – John Twizell

Appendix 2

John read through his report. An email has been received from the PAGB informing the clubs that the Inter Federation Competition will be prints only this year. This will be forwarded to John after the meeting.

In Gerry Adcock's absence John informed everyone that deadline for the Club Championships had now passed and that 18 clubs had entered the PDI section and 10 clubs had entered the print section. A subcommittee meeting is to be held on Monday 17th January 2022 to finalise the details. It was suggested that the low number of print entries may be attributed to the fact that some clubs are still not meeting in person due to the pandemic and therefore are unable to collect an entry.

David Brown said that the size of the PDI images required by the NCPF is still 1400 x 1050 which is not in line with the PAGB requirements of 1600 x 1200. He said that about 50% of clubs are now using the larger size and are required to downsize their images when entering the NCPF competitions. John said that this had been discussed at an earlier Executive Meeting and it was agreed that we should stay with 1400 x 1050 for the time being. This is being reviewed by the Sub Committee. He then queried the rule limiting the number of characters in a title to 25 as PAGB don't have a limit and International Salons state 35 to 40 characters. This is very restrictive especially for nature entries. He asked if this can be increased by at least another 10 characters. John said that this would be discussed at the next Sub Committee Meeting.

Report accepted and attached.

22/01/06-2 International Salon Exhibition – Mike Allport

Appendix 3

Mike read through his report. He said that they having great difficulty getting patronage. The PayPal account and the bank account are still not resolved. Peter said he is in the process of setting up a new business bank account online and it is proving to be a slow process. As bills will need to be paid in the very near future, Peter agreed to reimburse Mike by cheque for any money he may have to spend to keep things on track. Receipts will need to be submitted. Report accepted and attached.

22/01/06-3 Representative to PAGB – Pax Garabedian

Pax had nothing to report. He said the next meeting would be at the end of February,

22/01/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson

Appendix 4

Alan read through his report outlining the issue of the 93rd Northern Focus. Several positive comments have been received since its publication. He gave special thanks to Jim Welsh for his input. Report accepted and attached.

22/01/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Jim Welsh**Appendix 5**

Jim read through his report and outlined the proposal of a Judges Refreshment Day on 02nd October 2022.

Richard Speirs suggested that a reminder should be sent out to the clubs when booking judges for 22-23 that they try and book a new judge. It was also proposed that a note should be put in the Northern Focus. This was agreed.

Report accepted and attached

22/01/06-6 Publications Officer – Pax Garabedian

No Report

22/01/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Alan Wilson**Appendix 6**

Alan outlined his report.

Report accepted and attached.

22/01/06-8 Beamish Officer – Joseph Duffy

Joseph said that he would be contacting Beamish in the near future to confirm details.

21/11/06-9 Webmaster – Gerry Adcock

No Report

22/01/07 Area Reports**22/01/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh****Appendix 7**

Jim read through his report.

Report accepted.

22/01/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown

David said that the A.G.M. will be held in February and the next competition is scheduled for March at Ponteland.

22/01/07-3 South Tyne – Joseph Duffy**Appendix 8**

Joseph outlined his report. Winlaton will be the hosts for the next South Tyne Interclub Competition and they had informed the competing clubs to send their entries direct to the judge. No score sheet would be produced.

Joseph emailed the Secretary to say that this was not the way Interclub Competitions were run. He said that he had received an email back from the Competition Secretary saying that they were reverting back to the original rules. She is new to the job and is not receiving guidance from the club members. Alan Wilson asked if a set of rules should be drawn up to run the competition as questions regarding image number and size have also been queried and where to send them to. Joseph said that this will be done. He will also reinstate the committee meetings.

22/01/07-4 Southern – Dave Coates

No Report.

22/01/07-5 Wear Valley – Debra Taylor

No Report. Debra said that she was surprised to hear about Esh Winning and as they are in her area she will look into their issues.

22/01/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin

No Report. Gerald said that they had an area meeting on Saturday and would report back at the next meeting.

22/01/08 Any Other Business

Gerald reminded everyone that on Sunday 23rd January 2022 we are hosting the PAGB Merit Award Seminar by zoom. To date 44 applications have been received from 24 clubs. The total with Executive Members will be close to 50. This equates to 50% of the Federation. He will be speaking to Rod Wheelans to finalise the details and will be organising the zoom link by the weekend. As Margaret is the host for the zoom link she will need to transfer this to Gerald. She will speak to Gerry Adcock for a refresher in the transfer procedure.

Margaret reminded everyone that the next Executive Meeting is IN PERSON at Clara Vale on Monday 07th February 2022 at 7.30pm. Among other things, we need to begin organising the A.G.M. which will be held on Sunday 03rd April 2022 also at Clara Vale at 2pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....

Date.....

**Future meeting dates: Monday 07th February 2022 @ Clara Vale – 7.30pm
A.G.M. – Sunday 03rd April 2022 @ Clara Vale – 2.00pm**

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| | Budget | Expense | Income | | Variation | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---|-----------|------------|
| NCPF Fees | | 0.00 | 150.00 | * | 150.00 | Fees x 3 |
| 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 | -158.29 | 0.00 | | -158.29 | |
| 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 | -104.50 | 0.00 | | -104.50 | |
| President | 35.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Printing for Directory | 300.00 | -483.25 | 0.00 | | -483.25 | |
| Events (Beamish) | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Events (Presentation) | 250.00 | -152.42 | 57.00 | * | -95.42 | Raffle |
| 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 | Postal A/C |
| Storage | 30.00 | -80.00 | 0.00 | | -80.00 | |
| Travel Expenses | 300.00 | -84.40 | 0.00 | | -84.40 | |
| 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 | |

Self financing items

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| PLI + Management Protection | | -91.82 | 0.00 | | -91.82 | |
| PAGB Fees (Inclusive) | | 48.00 | | | 48.00 | Fees x 3 |

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| Running Totals | | -1170.63 | 282.16 | | -888.47 | |
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Bank Balance at 31.12.21

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| Current Account | 4654.34 |
| Reserve Account | 2277.80 |
| 3 Year Postal Account | 15232.41 |

Bank Balance at 31.12.21

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| International Salon | 647.92 |
| Pay Pal | 100.00 |

Competitions Sub Committee Report

The following judges have been contacted and have agreed to judge the following Competitions.

Club Championship

Keith Snell
Bill Broadley
Gerald Chamberlin

Annuals

Open Section

Arjun Nambiar
Dave Phillips
John McVie

Alliance Selection

Malcolm Blenkey
John Tillotson
Mark Petherbridge

Portfolio Selection

Veronica Congleton
David Woodthorpe
Peter Maguire

Beginners Section

Graeme Clark

A Sub Committee meeting is being arranged for week commencing January 17th to discuss final arrangements and timings for the Club Championships which are to be held on Sunday 13th February. This information will be forwarded to the judges when it is agreed.

Annuals Competition

The Competition entry Forms and information will be announced on the NCPF website on March 1st.
Last day for acceptance of entries will be April 2nd.

A meeting will be arranged for week commencing April 12th to organise the competition.

John McVie will let me know if he will travel down on the Friday or Saturday for the Annuals. Once he has decided a hotel will need to be booked.

Clara Vale

Clara Vale has been booked for the following dates as requested:

Monday 7th February: Exec Meeting
Sunday 13th February: Club Championship
Sunday 3rd April: AGM
Saturday / Sunday April 23rd/24th: Annuals

John Twizell
Chair Competition Sub Committee

Report of NCPF International Salon

At the moment we seem to have hit a brick wall with our applications for patronage. The FIAP rep is saying we have to do everything on line, whereas the FIAP web site is directing us back to him. I'm hoping that problem will be resolved within the coming week.

We are still waiting for the arrangements for banking to be finalised and this is now becoming very urgent as we will very shortly need to pay out large amounts of money for patronage and medals.

The one piece of good news is the judges have all agreed to judge on their respective dates.

Mike Allport
International Salon Chair

NCPF Executive meeting – 12th January 2022Northern Focus Editor Report – Alan Wilson

The 93rd Edition of “Northern Focus” was distributed as “The Winter Issue” on 7th January 2022 with 46 pages and at 4MB.

The mix of topics has been remarked on positively and I was delighted to receive quality editorials.

- Wildlife Photographer of the Year (HC) for Durham member Mick Watson
- Ten Faces portrait project from Peter Walton another Durham PS member
- People in Focus – Howard Wilson 50 years at Tynemouth PS

Along with ongoing works

- Steve and Ann Toon (part 3 of 4) African adventures
- David Richardson (St Nicholas Cathedral)
- The Northern AV Group

Many thanks go to Area Representatives for arranging reports from their local club competitions which are known under such diverse names as Knock Out's, Area Battles or Inter-club Competitions.

These collectively provided 10 pages of NCPF members photographs with scores and relevant story lines providing an up-to-date snapshot regards the high levels of work within our Federation. There can be no better showing or reporting across our region at the quality grassroots level, and I encourage and invite all Area Representatives to facilitate similar reports for their regions to share as regular ongoing news items.

Prior to distribution via webmaster Gerry Adcock, I forwarded a copy of Northern Focus to each author as a small “Thank you” for their individual contribution – all except NCPF President Jim Welsh – who not only produced his “Presidents Piece” (to revision 3 as time slipped by), and highlighted the existence of our Judges Comments Form, but also appears in 4 separate areas working as a competition judge. So, Thank you Jim!

Follow-Up: With a nagging feeling that potentially not all clubs are receiving and distributing the Northern Focus my intent is, in a couple of weeks, to e-mail all club secretaries seeking confirmation of receipt and onward distribution.

Spring Edition – 94th

I intend to distribute the Spring Edition late March early April and very much welcome any new work, whether editorials or snippets or introduction to your area members who have photographic stories they wish to contribute.

Thank you.

Regards

Alan Wilson

JUDGES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - 12th January 2022

A meeting of the JSC was held via Zoom on 06th December 2021.

Recruitment/Training Day

The main topic for discussion was a Recruitment/Training Day. This was originally proposed for 2023 but due to the lockdown and Covid restrictions imposed on clubs and their members, and in particular, the lack of experience gained by newly appointed judges who may not have had any bookings for 18 months, it was thought that a **Refreshment Day** for ALL judges should be organised in September 2022.

Stephen Fowler, who was part of the previous organising team, agreed to take on the role again. Richard Speirs was contacted by Gerald Chamberlin. He has also agreed to take part but due to prior commitments in September the proposed date was changed to Sunday 02nd October 2022. A third person will be required to run the event.

Clara Vale was proposed as the venue and a booking will need to be confirmed in due course.

Jim Welsh

Judges Subcommittee Chairman

After discussing the 2021 Portfolio distribution in the Winter 2021/22 Northern Focus one club (Alnwick and District CC) has requested a further copy.

The 57-minute Awards and Alliance Entry / Selectors Choice Portfolio remains available as an MP4 presentation via WeTransfer should any clubs have lost their original.

Regards,
Alan Wilson
Portfolio Secretary

NORTHERN AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

12th January 2022

NORTHERN AREA KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

The Northern Area Knockout Competition was held on Sunday 14th November 2021. This event was hosted by Blyth Photographic Society and the three judges were Gerry Adcock ARPS, Joseph Duffy LRPS, CPAGB, APAGB, and Peter Maguire LRPS, CPAGB, EFIAP.

After Round 1 Blyth, Amble, Cambois and Morpeth competed for the Trophy. The two clubs who made it to the final were Blyth and Amble with Amble winning with 189 points to Blyth's 180.

Ashington and Wooler, who were the two lowest scoring clubs from round 1, competed for the Plate and this was won by Ashington with 166 points to Wooler's 165. Two images gained the highest score of 15 points and they were entitled 'Black Rock Cottage' by Graeme Pattinson and 'Hong Kong' by Mavis McCormick who are both from Amble PG.

Considering that this was the first Interclub Competition to be held since the lockdown in March 2020, it was very well attended by the clubs who took part. Wooler CC was welcomed back into taking part in the Northern Area Interclub Competitions. They have not competed for a few years and missed out by 1 point of winning the Plate. The respective clubs provided a very nice pooled tea and refreshments were supplied by the host club. Thanks to the members of Blyth and the three judges for an enjoyable afternoon.

NORTHERN AREA PRINT COMPETITION

The next Northern Area Interclub Competition is the Colour & Monochrome Print Competition which is scheduled to be held on 27th January 2022. The host club is Ashington CC and David Hall will be judging. All entry deadlines and venue information were sent out by Ashington's Competition Secretary just before the Christmas break. Since then they have been informed by the Church that St. Aidan's Church Hall will not be reopening until the end of the season. After several phone calls and emails, this competition will now be held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Blyth.

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB
Northern Area Representative

South Tyne Area Report

I've just received an email from Roy Elwood about the South Tyne PDI Competition hosted by Winlaton CC regarding the submitting of entries.

Clubs are being asked to send their entries directly to the judge; this has not been done before. The judge will know which images have been submitted by each club and no score sheet will be drawn up to mark on the night.

I've sent an email to Mandy Hedley of Winlaton CC to say this cannot happen and if there is a problem to let me know.

Beamish Weekend

I will be contacting Beamish soon.

Joseph Duffy
South Tyne Area Rep
Beamish Rep