



# Northern Counties Photographic Federation

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## **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 at Swalwell Community Centre at 7.30pm.**

- 13/10/01      **Present:** - Pax Garabedian. Tony Potter, Peter Yearnshire, Jane Black, Fred Wright, Jo Duffy, Alan McCormick, Richard Speirs, John Twizell, Dave Coates, Jim Welsh, Trevor Walters, John Smith, Paul Watson, John Williams.
- 13/10/02      **Apologies for Absence:** - Cliff Banks, Malcolm Kus
- 13/10/02      **The minutes of the meeting of 13th August** where agreed and signed.
- 13/10/03      **Matters Arising** – No matters arising
- 13/10/04      **Correspondence:** The secretary reported that correspondence from David Illingworth and Lionel Bryan (both first and second version) had been circulated prior to the meeting. The executive had no further comments to make. The meeting noted receipt and content of the correspondence.
- 13/10/05      **Treasurers Report.** Appendix I - Report was accepted.
- 13/10/06      **Executive and Sub Committee Reports.**
- (1)      **Competitions Organisers Report.** Appendix II.  
Although not present the report from Malcolm was presented at the meeting and raised a number of issues. It was noted that returned trophies had been not been engraved by the winning parties and this matter should be looked into and resolved.  
A discussion took place regarding Malcolm's proposals regarding Annual Competition Awards. It was agreed that 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> awards be dropped and HC ribbons be awarded instead of Certificates. It was also agreed that for the Beginners competitions, arrangements should remain as at present.  
It was noted that proposals are to be put forward at the next meeting for an alternative use of the Galloway Rose Bowl and Pinkney Trophy.
- (2)      **NCPF International Salon** – Appendix III  
Jane Black reported on a very well supported International with a record entry. The exhibition had begun its tour of clubs. The new software had worked well.
- (3)      **Events Officer** – No report.  
Pax reported that the Events Sub-committee were to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. Following this meeting Flyers and arrangements for the Awards Presentation Event will be circulated.
- (4)      **PAGB Representative.** No report
- (5)      **Northern Focus** – No Report  
Next edition was now in preparation.
- (6)      **Judges Sub Committee** – No Report  
Next meeting planned for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- (7)      **Portfolio Secretary** - No Report
- (8)      **Publications Officer** - No report
- (9)      **Webmaster** – Appendix IV  
Report presented and received. It was also noted that Dave had experienced some difficulties as a result of some providers introducing a limit to number of 'bulk' e mails. The webmaster was looking into this matter.

- 13/10/07      **Area Reports –**  
Reports from South Tyne (Appendix V Report missed off last Minutes & Appendix VI) and Western Area (Appendix VII). - No issues arose from these reports.
- 13/10/08      **Role and responsibilities of Area Reps –** The text of the message sent to Club Secretaries was presented to the meeting. There had been no responses to date.
- 13/10/09      **Code of Conduct**  
The revised Code of Conduct was presented to the meeting and agreed and would go the AGM for adoption. It was confirmed that the code would be available to all members through Club Secretaries when requested.
- 13/10/10      **AOB**  
Jane Black presented a list of NCPF equipment that she stored and needed to be relocated for storage or disposed off. It was agreed that the competitions committee should review the list and put forward proposals Executive regarding usage and storage arrangements should be stored and report to the executive.  
  
The Treasurer asked the meeting to consider the future purchase of medals and ribbons and it was agreed that this matter should be look into at the next meeting.  
  
The treasurer sought clarification regarding new clubs and their PAGB Subs. It was agreed that these contributions should be collected as soon as the clubs confirmation of membership of the NCPF.  
  
Arising from the discussion was a question of how clubs' Subs to the NCPF was calculated and whether the NCPF was dependent on the International for its financial viability. As this was an important issue it was agreed that this should be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 13/10/11      **Date of next meeting –** Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>. 2013
- The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

## Appendix I



### **Northern Counties Photographic Federation**

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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees			3248.00		
Club C/ships	250	-59.99	160.00	100.01	
Annuals	1500	-1228.95	0.00	-1228.95	
Exec Meetings	300	-40.00		-40.00	
Publishing	90	-291.56	0.00	-291.56	*
Equipment Insurance	700	-610.35		-610.35	
Judges Events	200	-50.00	0.00	-50.00	
Area Meetings	20	-20.00	0.00	-20.00	
PAGB-AGM	100		0.00	0.00	
Treasurer	58		0.00	0.00	
Gen Sec's	87		0.00	0.00	
President	35		0.00	0.00	
Printing for Directory	85	-120.00		-120.00	
Events (Beamish)	150	-40.00	0.00	-40.00	*
Events (Presentation)	250		200.00	200.00	
PAGB (Connahs + Warwick)	80	-40.00	0.00	-40.00	*
Webmaster	50		0.00	0.00	
Medals and Ribbons	200		0.00	0.00	
Other	0	-13.00		-13.00	*
PAGB Event - 11th/12th Oct	0	-35.00		-35.00	*

#### Running Totals

#### Self financing items

Events (Spectacular)	-2144.75	955.00	-1189.75	
International Salon	-10248.47	11840.99	1592.52	*
PLI	-1758.47	1721.83	-36.64	
Trustee Insurance	-287.50	281.75	-5.75	
PAGB Fees	-1421.00	1421.00	0.00	
Portfolio	-24.00	277.00	253.00	

#### Bank Balance at 30.9.13

Current Account	4,031.26			*
Reserve Account	93.53			
3 Year Postal Account	14334.48			

#### Bank Balance at 30.9.13

International Salon	8354.01			*
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## **Appendix II**

### **COMPETITION ORGANISER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2013**

Please accept my apologies for not being at the meeting as I am on holiday.

The PAGB DPI competition is to be judged on Saturday 12 October at Tynemouth, all helpers have been sorted.

Tonight all trophies except one should now be back in the room, having been returned by various Executive members. Many thanks to Joe Duffy who retrieved what Dave Illingworth was holding, including the memento trophies.

A big thank you to Jane, who has agreed to take them for engraving. The one trophy that is missing is the Vickers Trophy for best PDI Nature image. This has again been won by Patricia Keaton, who will bring it along on the presentation day due to its very fragile nature and she informs me that it is not engraved.

It was reported that last year the standard of certificates presented was poor and not to the usual quality. I have had a meeting with Jane with a view to rectify this.

Jane has a sample of a certificate that we could use for the Portfolio acceptances, I feel that we should use this. There is also a separate certificate we can use for the clubs who have finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

However in the individual awards, I propose that we drop the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> awards. We will have our best of show and the other trophy winners for various subjects (no change here) I believe we should then go straight to the H/c's and not award a certificate but present a very attractive and colourful ribbon. I also propose that the number of h/c's are reduced. We are at present awarding approx. 100 which is a very high number. This could be done by using a percentage figure of the total entered in various sections instead of awarding a H/C to everything that scores 13.

If we have judges who score very highly, we could finish with well over a 100 H/C's

The winners of trophies are at present awarded a memento trophy and a certificate, is there any reason why we should give a certificate?

At the moment we have two Trophies that are not been presented, The Galloway Rose Bowl and The Pinkney Trophy (they are old slide Trophies). At the next meeting I intend to make proposals on how we can incorporate them into the digital awards.

**Malcolm Kus**

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## **Appendix III**

### **REPORT - Chairman International Salon**

In the Print sections the entry was a record with a total of 2340 – 1261 Colour and 1079 Mono from 38 countries. The total acceptance was 29.10% with 32.05% in Colour and 25.61% in Mono. There was a good spread of awards across the countries with Hong Kong and England receiving the most in both sections.

In the DI the entry was virtually the same as last year with 2628 in the Traditional section, in 1461 in the Creative, 2003 in Nature and 1870 in Travel. This was a total entry of 7962 from 62 countries. This was very pleasing as the last two years has seen DI salons spring up like mushrooms in UK and the rest of the world. The 62 countries was the best ever and included several first timers. I was especially pleased to see awards go to some of these, such as Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Indonesia. The total acceptance was 22.93% . This was 24.14% in the Traditional, 20.27% in Creative, 23.40% in Nature and 22.83% in Travel.

The decision to split the General section into Traditional and Creative produced some queries during the entry period and some discussion during judging. It was interesting to see that the Traditional section received almost double the entry of the Creative. I decided it was a success and I would hope to continue with this next year.

The Exhibition has been touring the clubs for two weeks now and it has been reported that the reduced number of prints, approx 160, has been well received. The medals were posted 10 days ago and the catalogue is under way.

Philip Stapleton creator of the software was present at the print judging to answer questions and give advice. The DI judging went very smoothly. There is a list of refinements which needs to be made, as soon as possible, so that the software completely suits the working of our salon. No two salons are the same in style and available manpower so refinement is essential.

**J.H. Black**  
**Salon Chairman**

## **Appendix IV**

### **Webmaster's Report to the Executive meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013**

1. The website has been continuously updated throughout the summer as the need arose.
2. In particular the site was used for the on-line entries to the Northern Counties Salon from May until the closing date for entries in late August. Since the selecting of the salon, the major task of getting the results uploaded, including a news item for local winners as well as all the detailed results and a gallery of medal winners has been completed within a week of the salon judging being completed.
3. I wish to record my thanks to the President, Pax Garabedian, and Vince Rooker for their timely supply of the necessary data, photographs and other information, which enabled the web site work related to the International to take place to take place.

**Dave Coates**

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## **Appendix V**

### **SOUTH TYNE AREA REPORT For NCPF Executive meeting 13th August 2013.**

#### **Hexham and District Photographic Society.**

It was good to hear that HDPS have resolved their problems as to hosting large events at their venue, which has meant that the last two STA competitions which they were due to host had to be hosted by another club. From the forth coming season HDPS will now be meeting at a new venue namely:

Torch Community Centre, Corbridge Road, Hexham, NE46 1QS.

The new venue also has disabled access and plenty of free car parking at the adjacent Loosing Hill car park.

All STA clubs have been notified of the change of venue.

#### **STA Website**

It's my intention to launch a STA website which will feature all relevant dates and venues and results for the STA competitions along with any other news from the member clubs they wish to share.

This should make it easier for clubs to check entry dates, where and how to deliver entries, host club venues and judges for our competitions program.

There will be NO cost to either STA clubs or the NCPF what so ever in the cration of this website.

**Paul Watson,**

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## **Appendix VI**

### **South Tyne Area Rep' report for NCPF Executive Meeting October 2nd 2013.**

#### **Wickham Camera Club.**

Are celebrating their 40th anniversary by way of holding a reunion for former and current members on Friday, October 11th.

#### **Winlaton Camera Club.**

Colin Prior will be at WCC to present his talk ' A Photographer's Life' on Saturday, November 16th. By now most club sec's should have info.

#### **STA Competitions Season 2014 - 2015.**

Several clubs have been enquiring as to the dates of these two competitions, by now ALL clubs in the area should have the relevant date's

PDI Comp host club **SSPS** - 26 / 11 / 2014

Print Comp host club **GCC** - 26 / 02 / 2015

#### **STA web information site.**

It's is my intention to start a small website to cover the STA. The idea being that this will be a hub for information relating to STA competitions, events and news.

#### **STA meetings.**

I would like to restart meetings with club representative 3 times a year, and will shortly be contacting clubs if they would attend such meetings.

**Paul Watson,**

## **Appendix VII**

### **Report Western Area Representative**

#### Forthcoming Events

1.     **Making a Start in Audio Visual using Pictures to Exe and Audacity.**  
10-30am – 4-30pm, Sunday 6 October 2013 at Houghton Village Hall.  
Lecture by Les Ayres, MPAGB, PPSA, APAGB, EFIAP and Geoff Coe.  
Tickets £5 from Les Ayres lesayres26@gmail.com and Pax Garabedian pax@garabedian.plus.com
  
2.     **Western Area Battle.**  
A print and dpi competition between the 8 clubs making up the Western Area.  
4-30pm Saturday 9 November 2013 at Braithwaite Village Hall near Keswick.  
The competition will be preceded by a lecture by the judge, David Butler, ARPS, MFIAP, EFIAP  
Ticket price £10 (£12 on the door) including buffet and £5 to attend the battle only available from Rosamund Macfarlane, Keswick PS. Rosamundmacfarlane49@hotmail.com

**John Williams**