



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 13th January 2020 at Swalwell Community Centre.

The President opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Present: - Joseph Duffy, Jim Welsh, Margaret Welsh, Alan Wilson, Gerry Adcock, Pax Garabedian, Richard Speirs, John Smith, Dave Coates, Gerald Chamberlin, Keith Kirkland, Mike Allport

20/01/01 Apologies for Absence: - Peter Yearnshire, Jane Black, Trevor Walters, Debra Taylor

Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick, Alan McCormick, David Brown

20/01/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 05th November 2019 were approved and signed.
Proposed by Richard Speirs – Seconded by Pax Garabedian

20/01/03 Matters arising
No Matters Arising

20/01/04 Correspondence
Margaret said that she had received a letter from the Secretary of Hartlepool Photography Club to inform the Executive that they would not be renewing their NCPF membership for the forthcoming season. This is due to the reduction in their membership and they now only meet once a month on a 'friendly' basis.
Margaret then said that she had received an email from South Tyneside Camera Club enquiring about joining the Federation. She said that she had sent off the relevant paperwork and had received a reply with several questions they would like answered regarding fees, meetings, speakers, exhibitions etc.
After a short discussion with the other members she said she would now be able to send a reply with the answers.

20/01/05 Treasurer's Report **Appendix 1**
In Peter's absence Margaret read through his report.
Report attached and accepted.

20/01/06 Reports

20/01/06-1 Acting Competitions Chairman
In the absence of a report Gerry said that all entries had been received for the Club Championships. 24 PDI entries have been received, which is the same as last year and 16 Print entries, which is down from 18 last year. Notable clubs missing are Keswick and Durham who have not submitted an entry this time. On the plus side we have had submissions from a couple of clubs who have not entered in the past. Margaret passed over the laptops and projectors to Gerry. Joseph then added that rooms had been booked at the Premier Inn for Pax Garabedian and Karen Berry, who will be judging at the Annuals in April.
Reports accepted.

20/01/06-2 International Salon Exhibition
No Report. Margaret said that a meeting had been held in early December and it had been agreed that the Salon would take a year's sabbatical to allow the new subcommittee time to familiarise themselves with the running of the competition.

20/01/06-3 Representative to PAGB **Appendix 2**
Richard said that all clubs should now be aware that they have to arrange their own public liability insurance and that Trustee Liability Insurance is still under review. The recommendation is that Federations will still need to have this type of cover. This could possibly be answered for the February meeting.
Report attached and accepted.

20/01/06-4 Editor Northern Focus
John said that he now had enough material to complete the next edition of the Northern Focus.
Report attached and accepted.

20/01/06-5 Judges Sub Committee **Appendix 3**
New members are required for the Judges Sub Committee.
Report attached and accepted.

20/01/06-6 Publications Officer
No Report

20/01/06-7 Portfolio Secretary**Appendix 4**

.Alan reported that he had sold a further two USB's since writing his report.

Discussions will take place regarding the costs and pricings for the distribution of the portfolio's at the next subcommittee meeting.

Report attached and accepted.

20/01/06-8 Beamish

Joseph said that the flyer was now on the website and posted out to the clubs.

20/01/06-9 Webmaster

No report.

Area Reports**20/01/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh**

No report.

20/01/07-2 North Tyne- David Brown

No Report.

20/01/07-3 South Tyne- Trevor Walters**Appendix 5**

Report attached and accepted.

20/01/07-4 Southern – Dave Coates

No Report

20/01/07-5 Wear – Debra Taylor**Appendix 6**

Report attached and accepted.

20/01/07-6 Western - Gerald Chamberlin

No report.

20/01/08 Any Other Business

A.G.M. – Margaret asked everyone for their A.G.M. reports by the next meeting as she is starting to compile the paperwork.

She then asked Dave Coates to take over the next item regarding the Constitution. He said that last year we discussed extending the terms of the subcommittees. The Constitution states that 'all Sub-Committees shall retire just prior to the AGM'. This is not very convenient if subcommittees are in the middle of organising competitions etc.

The most practical way to overcome this is through a Special General Meeting held before the opening of the A.G.M. The constitution change can then be approved at the A.G.M. Dave Coates said he would draft an amendment that allows the current subcommittees to stand until the first Executive Meeting following the A.G.M. when the new subcommittees will be ratified. This was agreed.

Joseph asked if anyone had nominations for the Role of Honour award. Richard suggested sending out information to the clubs to make them aware of this award. Margaret then raised a point regarding an award for Howard Wilson. After reading through the criteria for acceptance to the Roll of Honour it was agreed that this should be pursued further. Margaret and Jim will look into this.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm**Signed****Date****Future meeting dates:** Tuesday 11th February 2020 **A.G.M. Sunday 15th March 2020** Tuesday 05th May 2020



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation
NCPF Fees		0.00	3500.00	3500.00
Club C/ships	250.00	-171.96	108.00	-63.96
Annuals	1500.00	-861.85	0.00	-861.85 *
Exec Meetings	300.00	-160.00	0.00	-160.00 *
Publishing	90.00	-122.12	3.00	-119.12 *
Judges Events	200.00	-257.83	0.00	-257.80 *
Area Meetings	30.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	50.00	-48.03	0.00	-48.03 *
Gen Sec's	87.00	-35.44	0.00	-35.44
President	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing for Directory	300.00	-314.00	0.00	-314.00
Events (Beamish)	150.00	-40.00	40.00	0.00
Events (Presentation)	250.00	-492.26	0.00	-492.26 *
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	-160.00	0.00	-160.00
Webmaster	50.00	-254.83	0.00	-254.83 *
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	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel Expenses	350.00	-285.50	0.00	-285.50 *
New Equipment 2019	0.00	-41.99	0.00	-41.99
Inter Account Transfer	0.00	-200.00	200.00	0.00 *
Self financing items				
PLI (Including NCPF)		-1989.83	2019.93	30.00
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1862.00	1813.00	-49.00
Portfolio		-112.36	266.00	153.64 *
Running Totals		-7440.10	7949.93	509.82
Bank Balance at 31.12.19				
Current Account	3777.45			*
Reserve Account	2275.55			*
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41			
Bank Balance at 31.12.19				
International Salon	1472.01			*
Pay Pal	0.00			

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN
TO NCPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
13th January 2020

1. As members of this Executive will be aware changes to the renewal of Federation and Club insurances is still ongoing. For Public Liability cover this Federation and our clubs will have to either renew their policies directly through Darwin Clayton or with another suitable provider. Darwin Clayton are notifying all Federations of those clubs who previously held policies with them but have not renewed. This will enable Federations to contact those clubs concerned to verify if they have taken out a policy with another insurer or if they have just neglected to renew with Darwin Clayton. It is important that clubs are checked each year to ensure that club members, visitors and judges and lecturers are adequately covered against risk.
2. The process for taking out Management Liability cover has also changed. Previously the PAGB held a Policy for Trustee Liability which allowed basic cover for each Federation and Club. In the view of Insurers this system could not continue for the same reasons as clubs having to take out their own PLI cover. A full Management Liability cover for a club has a basic premium of just over £150 per year which may well be beyond the budget of most clubs. Our brokers recommend that the PAGB and all Federations should take out such cover however clubs should way up the cost against the fairly minimal risk of ever having to make a claim. Our brokers are not wholly convinced that the Insurance Companies are correct in their interpretation as regards Management Liability cover and are still in discussions in the hope of reverting to the previous arrangement.
3. The next meeting of the PAGB will be on 1st and 2nd February 2020 followed by the AGM on Saturday 4th April 2020 after which there will be an Executive meeting on Sunday 5th. Barring any unforeseen circumstances I will be attending on behalf of the NCPF.

Richard Speirs

Appendix 3

Report – Judges Subcommittee Report Jan 2020

1. Full House attendance for last JSC meeting of year.
2. Thanks to all members from Chairman, especially to Stephen Fowler for his excellent contribution.
3. March 1st 2020 Recruitment Day looking good-publicity details confirmed.
Room hire confirmed at slightly more expensive than previous events. Richard Speirs, keynote speaker ready to go!
4. Retirements from office under 7 year rule:-
Alan McCormick
Jim Welsh
NB. Jim Welsh will continue on committee in his new role as NCPF President and Joseph Duffy will take over as Judges Subcommittee Chairman in New Year. Post AGM.
Additionally Stephen Fowler will become secretary to this committee on the same date.
5. Reports - The subject of reports raised its head again, and it was felt that these should be resurrected.
For 1. Report on Judges/Speakers performance by all clubs.
2. Reports by the judges - reference their Reception: Welcome: Payment of expenses as it was felt that these areas were in decline.
6. New members of JSC required- Approaches being made by Alan McCormick
7. Re-introduction of mentors will be encouraged as part of judge's introduction to their new roles.

Cheers
Alan

1. As requested, DVD's for 2019 portfolio Alliance Entry and Selectors Choice provided to Gerry Adcock for Archive.
2. Two additional requests for presentations supplied to clubs – cheques with Treasurer.
 - a. Hexham and District (Alliance + Selectors) via WeTransfer at £11:00 Nov 2019
 - b. Keswick PS (Selectors Choice) USB at £6:00.
3. Future sales prices to be discussed at next Sub Committee meeting. (Supply costs)
 - a) USB's (re-usable) have proved very popular. USB £2.50 p+p £0.93 = £3.43
 - b) DVD's remain choice for some. DVD £0.90 p+p £0.96 = £1.86
 - c) WeTransfer has proved easy and successful. Nil (to NCPF)

Sales to date: NB: Spare Envelopes and DVD's held as stock

USB x 20		DVD x 6		WeTransfer x 2	
Blyth PS	£11:00	Alnwick CC	£11:00	Hexham PS	£11:00
Castleside + Dist. PC	£12:00	Carlisle CC	£11:00	Stockton CC	£11:00
Chester Le Street CC	£11:00	Gateshead CC (AAE)	£6:00		
Copeland PS	£11:00	Stokesley PS	£12:00		
Cramlington CC	£11:00	Sunderland PA	£11:00		
Esh Winning + Dist. CC	£12:00	Workington CC	£11:00		
Gallery + Dist. PG	£10:00				
Hexham PS	£11:00				
Keswick PS (SC)	£6:00				
Morpeth CC	£12:00				
Morton PS	£11:00				
Penrith + Dist. CC	£11:00				
Richmond CC	£12:00				
Ryton CC	£11:00				
Saltburn PS	£11:00				
Stanhope PS	£12:00				
Tynemouth (AAE)	£6:00				
Washington CC	£12:00				
Wear Valley PC (SC)	£6:00				
Whickham PC	£11:00				
Sales: £210		£62		£22	

South Tyne Area Report

The Annual Area Inter club Print Contest was hosted by Ryton CC on Tuesday November 26 2019, and clubs took part each submitting 10 prints. A full house was present. The judge, Dave Phillips, commented on the high overall standard.

Result

Whickham 267

Hexham 266

Gateshead 263

Winlaton 260

Ryton 252

South Shields 250

3 prints were awarded 30 but the best overall was Fallen Leaves by Les Hill of Whickham.

It should be noted that the winning Whickham entry contained work by Alan Fowler submitted and selected before his untimely death and probably his last submission to any competition/exhibition.

The evening concluded with a substantial raffle and buffet during which members were able to mingle and get a close look at the prints being displayed on frames in the hall.

Happy New Year

Trevor Walters APAGB

Appendix 6

Wear Valley Report – January 2020

The Annual Wear Valley Area Battle has held on the 22nd November at Washington Camera Club. All nine of the clubs took part. Over 60 people from the region's clubs attended and were provided with a lovely buffet by Washington members. The evening also raised £255 for Macmillan Cancer research.

Our Judge for the evening was Jim Welsh LRPS APAGB. His comments were on how impressed he was with the high standard of entry and his articulate and educational comments were very well received and we thank him for judging the competition for us.

Next year's event is being hosted by Consett PS.

The results were as follows:

1st Place: Stanhope

2nd Place: Washington

3rd Place: Consett

Joint 4th Place: Durham & Sunderland

Joint 6th Place: Chester-le-street & Castleside

8th Place: Wear Valley

9th Place: Esh Winning

There was one image which scored the maximum points. This was Grey Heron Nesting by Trevor Woods of Stanhope PS

Club seasons are well underway with competitions, exhibitions and presentations around the region.

Debra Taylor