



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 Thursday February 13th 2014 **at Swalwell Community Centre.**

Meeting commenced at 19.30

Present: - Pax Garabedian. Tony Potter, Jane Black, Alan McCormick, Dave Coates, Jim Welsh, Trevor Walters, Cliff Banks, Peter Yearnshire, Richard Speirs, John Twizell, Fred Wright, John Smith,

14/02/01 Apologies for Absence: - Stan Bewick, Malcolm Kus, David Ord, Joseph Duffy, Paul Watson, John Williams, Bob Shanks.

The President welcomed Peter Lord who had expressed interest in filling the vacancy for Secretary and had been invited come to observe the meeting.

14/02/02 The minutes of the meeting of Jan 15th 2014, where agreed and signed.

14/02/03 **Matters Arising** – No matters arising

14/02/04 **Correspondence** – No correspondence.

14/02/05 **Treasurers Report.** The treasurer presented his report which was accepted. Appendix I

13/02/06 **Executive and Sub Committee Reports.**

(1) Competitions Organisers Report - Appendix II.

1. Club Championships - A report was presented on a successful day. Report was accepted. It was also agreed that in future we adopt rules similar to the PAGB rules regarding nature entries. Thanks had been forwarded to all involved and this was endorsed by the executive.
2. Copy of Peter Yearnshire letter is to be forwarded to I Britton. **Action P Garabedian**

(2) NCPF International Salon – Mrs. Black reported that preparations for the 2014 salon where well advanced.

(3) Events Officer Report – Appendix III

The president presented his report on the 'Spectacular' and it was confirmed that in light of the financial loss there would be no 'Spectacular' in this coming year. Questionnaire regarding possible alternatives is to be canvassed from attendees at the AGM. **Action P Garabedian**
Follow up also in the Northern Focus. **Action J Smith**

(4) PAGB Representative Report – Appendix IV

1. It was noted that in April 2016 NCPF would be responsible for hosting the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit. It was agreed that at the next meeting of the new executive a team should be put together to organise the event. It was also agreed that in advance of this event the NCPF should put on a 'workshop' for those wishing to apply for a distinction. To fit in with the time table this would have to be in early autumn of 2014. Richard agreed to initially pursue this matter.
2. It was also agreed that the matter of NCPF Archive and the offer of Birmingham Central Library to house these be discussed at the next meeting.

(5) Northern Focus –

Next edition was now in preparation and article contributions were being sought.

(6) Judges Sub Committee – R Speirs reported that 16 people had enrolled for the Judges Seminar on 23rd Feb.

(7) Portfolio Secretary - No Report

(8) Publications Officer - No report

(9) Webmaster – No report

14/02/07 **Area Reports** - Report was received from Western Area – Appendix V

14/02/08 **AGM 2014** - The President outlined that arrangements for the AGM and the executive confirmed the candidates for election or re-election. Two vacant positions remain – Events Officer and Portfolio Secretary.

It was agreed that at the AGM a list of those who had received photographic distinctions in the past year be noted and that a letter of congratulation to each be send by the incoming President.

14/02/09 It was agreed that Dave Coates should receive the Meritorious Service Award of the 'Roll of Honour'.

14/02/10 **AOB**

Jane raised the need to review and formalise the manner in which candidates for the honour of APAGB were identified.

Cliff suggested a review of the arrangements for the Presentation Event with a view to reducing costs. Alternative venues are to be explored. This would be considered at the next meeting.

As this was the last meeting that the Hon Secretary was to attend, the President asked for a vote of thanks for Tony for his invaluable support and contribution during his incumbency. This was given unanimously.

14/02/11 **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday April 23rd 2014

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees		0.00	3500.00		
Club C/ships	250	-225.04	104.60	-120.44	
Annuals	1500			0.00	
Exec Meetings	300			0.00	
Publishing	90			0.00	
Equipment Insurance	700			0.00	
Judges Events	200			0.00	
Area Meetings	20			0.00	
PAGB-AGM	100			0.00	
Treasurer	58			0.00	
Gen Sec's	87			0.00	
President	35	-28.00		-28.00	
Printing for Directory	85			0.00	
Events (Beamish)	150			0.00	
Events (Presentation)	250	-4.50		-4.50	
PAGB (Connahs + Warwick)	80			0.00	
Webmaster	50			0.00	
Medals and Ribbons	200			0.00	
Other	0			0.00	
PAGB Event - 11th/12th Oct 2013	0	-835.15		-835.15	2013
		-1350.42	0.00	-1350.42	2014
Self financing Items					
Events (Spectacular)		-1838.65	1022.00	-816.65	
PLI		-2002.60	1770.53	-232.07	
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1737.50	1702.75	-34.75	
Portfolio				0.00	
Bank Balance at 31.1.14					
Current Account	5,456.78				
Reserve Account	93.54				
3 Year Postal Account	14334.48		227.58		
Bank Balance at 31.1.14					
International Salon	2411.89				

Appendix II

NCPF Club Championship 2014

We enjoyed an excellent competition, this year held at Beacon Lough Baptist Church in Gateshead. In total 17 clubs competed in the Projected Images competition, and 16 in the Prints competition. The competitions were watched by an audience nearing 100, a good turnout.

Thanks to all competing Clubs and members who turned out in support. Thanks also to the volunteers for their good work, without their support the day would not be possible.

The results of the two competitions were as follows:

Projected Images: Last year's winners Northallerton CC were again victorious, with Morpeth CC placed second. Cambois CC were awarded the Memento Tray as the highest placed club who has not previously represented the NCPF at Warwick.

Position	Club	Score	
1	Northallerton CC	243	1st
2	Morpeth CC	228	2nd
3	Durham PS	221	
4	Cambois CC	217	Memento Tray
5	Morton PS	213	
6	Cramlington CC	210	
6	Gateshead CC	210	
8	Stokesley PS	209	
9	Tynemouth PS	208	
10	Saltburn PS	207	
11	Guisborough PG	205	
12	Alnwick & District CC	204	
13	Whickham PC	201	
14	South Shields PS	200	
15	Gosforth CC	194	
16	Sunderland PA	191	
17	Castleside & District PC	174	

The award for the best PDI was won by Chris Morton of Northallerton for "Orchia Sunrise".

Prints: Sunderland PA were triumphant winners again this year, beating Stokesley PS into second place.

PRINTS			
Position	Club	Score	Awarded
1	Sunderland PA	230	1st
2	Stokesley PS	221	2nd
3	Northallerton CC	220	
3	Durham PS	219	
5	Alnwick & District CC	216	Memento Trophy
6	Tynemouth PS	215	
6	Saltburn PS	215	
8	Cramlington CC	211	
8	Whickham PC	211	
10	Morton PS	210	
10	Cambois CC	210	
12	Gosforth CC	204	
13	Morpeth CC	200	
14	Castleside & District PC	193	
15	South Shields PS	190	
16	Ashington CC	184	

Three prints were given maximum marks, with the judges' choice of Best Print being awarded to Arnold Hubbard for "Winter Teesdale".

Congratulations to all 'new' clubs entering for the first time, and thanks to our judges on the day.

Appendix III

EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

From comments and emails received the NCPF Spectacular on the 26th January at the Newcastle Novotel was enjoyed by attendees who were entertained by speakers with two contrasting approaches to their photography.

Peter Gennards' PDI presentations were supported by equivalent prints displayed around the room. His style of photography primarily involved the creation of composite images where he set out to 'photographically collect' portraits and background components which he subsequently combined to achieve the final desired image.

The lectures given by Roger & Judith Parry were Print based were primarily created in the 'studio' or on 'location', involving mainly figure studies the end result had been pre-visualised the majority of the time.

The two contrasting approaches were striking and enjoyable.

Financially the event was not a success. Low attendance figure of 47, including speakers and helpers, plus a lower than expected contribution to costs by our sponsors – PermaJet (£155 instead of the expected £210) will lead to a shortfall likely to be in the region of £650.

My sincere thanks to the Events Sub-committee members who helped in the planning and the running of the event; Cliff Banks for looking after the sound and projection; Gateshead CC for the use of their Print Light Box; Whickham PC for the use of their print stands; our sponsors PermaJet and all raffle prize donators.

P A Garabedian

Appendix IV

Report from the Representative to The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB)

PAGB Executive Meeting London 1st and 2nd February 2014

1. In response to requests from Federations and clubs guidance has been drafted on Children and Young Persons attending clubs and the production of Safety Policies in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work etc Act. It is anticipated that the guidance will be issued following the PAGB AGM in April.
2. Due to a continuing healthy financial balance it was agreed that Federation subscriptions should remain unchanged for 2015 at £34-75, this is expected to be agreed at the April AGM. The financial position will also allow enable the PAGB to continue the £500 support grant for Federations hosting PAGB events. As with last year the Alliance will subsidise ticket costs to Print and PDI Championships by 50%.
3. This year's Inter Club Print Championship will be held at Edge Hill University on the 25th October instead of at Connah's Quay. The University facilities are a great improvement with tiered lecture hall seating and the location should make the event more accessible.
4. One addition to the list of Judges accredited for PAGB competitions was announced; Brian Swinyard DPAGB ARPS EFIAP/b from the Midland Counties.

Two Judges have also been added to the AV list; Howard and Suzanne Gregory DPAGB ARPS from the LCPU

5. The revision of the PAGB constitution is progressing with the ambition of producing a final draft during 2014. As part of this process it was identified that Federations must ensure that member clubs are only affiliated to the PAGB through one Federation. Problems have arisen with clubs having dual affiliation, in contradiction of the Alliance Constitution, especially where entries to Inter Federation competitions are involved. Similarly this can involve two Federations paying for a club and its insurance when only one should.
6. Draft rules for Inter-Federation Competitions have been produced following consultation with Federations last year. The uploading software is currently being tested, initially by several members of the PAGB Executive prior to testing by Federation Competition Officers during February.
7. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the definition of Virtual Camera Clubs and their relationship to both the Alliance and Federations. Agreement was reached based on the definition of a "club" issued by the PAGB's insurers as follows.

"A camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published Constitution and published programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual co-

operation, education, entertainment or competition solely from a physical location within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man”

This definition will be incorporated in the Alliance Constitution and will be applicable from January 2015. It is advised that Federations adopt this definition now when considering new applications from camera clubs.

8. A query was raised by a camera club regarding insurance for semi professional photographers and whether the current policy included this category of photographer. The PAGB insurers have confirmed that their policy is for amateur use only and Gordon Jenkins, the Alliance Insurance Officer, will issue guidance to Federations on this point. One Federation representative quoted a recent case of a club member who had camera equipment stolen from his car whilst on holiday. His domestic policy insurer refused to payout on the basis that they discovered from the claimant's website that he was selling prints of his pictures and they considered this to be commercial photography which wasn't covered on his household policy.
9. Insurance issues proved to be a hot topic and there was a good deal of discussion about the level of cover for judges and lecturers visiting clubs and using their own equipment. Clarification is being sought on this through the Insurers.
10. Guidance has been drafted for Awards in Photographic Merit for AV's and following discussion at the meeting will be revised and issued shortly.
11. Of particular relevance for the NCPF was the circulation of a draft timetable for the hosting of the combined Inter Federation Print and PDI Competition. This draft identified that the Northern Counties was scheduled for 2017, I raised concerns about this as we are scheduled to host the Awards for Photographic Merit on the 23rd and 24th April 2016. Following discussion it was agreed that further thought would be given to the hosting of the Inter Federation competition after 2016. The options being either to host it at a central location or look to Federations to volunteer to host the event. Members of this Executive are also asked to consider if they wish to host an Awards Workshop prior to April 2016 to encourage NCPF entries. The event would have to take place soon however as the waiting list for applicants for 2016 will fill very rapidly.
12. The PAGB is archiving all of its records at Birmingham Central Library and as part of this process a number of Federations and clubs have added their material to the archive. There exists the potential for other clubs/Federations to do likewise. This would have the advantage of all material being safely held under controlled conditions.

Richard Speirs DPAGB APAGB

Appendix V

Western Area Rep Report

1) The Western Area has just held its 2014 AGM at which the Chairman, Les Ayres retired from post and Pax Garabedian was elected as the New Chairman.

2) The Western Area is hosting MOMENTS IN NATURE on Saturday 15 March at Houghton Village Hall, Nr Carlisle, CA3 0DL. The lecturer, Ben Hall, is a well known professional nature photographer.

The event runs from 10-30am to 4-30pm and the ticket price is £12 including tea/coffee/biscuits.

Tickets available from John Williams, tel 01768 890334