



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 Tuesday 27th May 2014 at Swalwell Community Centre.

Meeting commenced at 19.30

Present: - Cliff Banks, Jane Black, Dave Coates, Joseph Duffy, Pax Garabedian, Alan McCormick, Clive Moth, John Smith, Richard Speirs, John Twizell, Trevor Walters, Jim Welsh, Edward Wilding, John Williams, Fred Wright.

14/05/01 Apologies for Absence: - Malcolm Kus, Bob Shanks, Paul Watson.

14/05/02 The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 23rd April 2014, where agreed and signed subject to the following omission being included:-

“Min 14/04/07-09 Webmaster - An approximate cost of £250 for Web software upgrading was **agreed**”

14/05/03 Matters arising – It was noted that several member email addresses needed amendment.

Action Clive Moth

14/05/04 Correspondence. A comment had been received about publicity for the Spectacular which raised wider issues related to competition awareness and conditions. **Agreed** that all competition information will be emailed to Club secretaries, competition secretaries and placed on the website. It was **also agreed** that clubs failing to meet all competition rules would be excluded from competing. **Appendix I**

14/05/05 Treasurers Report. No report was available

14/05/06 PAGB Ryton event. The likely ticket price would be £5 subject to Judges Committee confirmation. Details will be published on the website. The PAGB response in respect of a subsidy was awaited. It was noted that two disabled parking spaces would be available by the entrance.

14/05/07 Executive and Sub Committee Reports

14/05/07-1 Competitions Organisers Report

The Federation's print entry and PDI's have been sent to the PAGB Inter-federation competition.

Arrangements for the use of Hexham Torch Centre for the presentation event are in hand.

Following issues raised about the Club Championships, Club Secretaries will be continue to informed in the usual way regarding the notification of competitions. (See also Min14/05/04 above)

Noted that software issues were causing concern. Further enquires of Phil Stapleton to be actioned by the Competition Secretary.

Agreed that the judging dates for the Club Championships and the Annuals is to be agreed and set by the Competitions Subcommittee. Dates will be announced at the next meeting. **Appendix II**

14/05/07 -2 NCPF International Salon

Competition information was now on line with only a small number of entries to date. More publicity was planned. Mounted prints could be entered provide they were given/sent to JB and post/return arrangements could be agreed.

14/05/07 -3 Events

Lack of member support was an issue and more prints were required for the Beamish event. Club Secretaries had been contacted. 6 sections were planned for the Presentation evening.

14/05/07 -4 PAGB Representatives Report

Noted that the PAGB had adopted the PFA/NSA Nature and Wildlife definition.

14/05/07 -5 Northern Focus

Publication will be soon. Much concern about the lack of a hard copy prompted the suggestion of using a publication pattern similar to that of the Scottish PAGB. **Action John Smith.**

14/05/07 -6 Judges Sub Committee

David Stout has agreed to join the sub-committee. **Appendix III**

Agreed that Richard Speirs who has come to the end of his tenure, remain a further two years on the Sub-committee to provide continuity during a period of changing membership.

14/06/07 -7 Portfolio Secretary

Noted that Bob Shanks had stood down because of ill health. It was hoped that David Ord might stand in. Much was to be done in regard to individual portfolios and CD's. **Action John Twizell**

Agreed to inform all Clubs that the Portfolio will be available in October to give time for everything to be organised. JD will collect money and DC/JT will liaise in regard to organisation and information.

Agreed that vacancy of Portfolio Secretary be advertised.

14/05/07 -8 Publications Officer

The deadline for the Directory was the coming weekend but many responses were awaited from Club Secretaries. **Action Pax Garabedian**

14/05/07 -9 Webmaster

DC confirmed his preparation for an ongoing system to aid his successor. Approximate costs of £250 were dependant on set up and annual service implications. **Action Dave Coates**

14/05/08 Area Reports

Agreed that support be given to the Western Area with Sony to produce a Lake District day of photography at Leeming House on Wednesday 9th July commencing at 11am.

Arrangements were confirmed for the hosting a PAGB Awards workshop on Saturday 19th October 2014 at Clara Vale Community Centre, commencing at 10am. The workshop will be led by Rod Whelans and other members of the PAGB Awards Team. Delegates will be given the opportunity to have an initial panel of work assessed.

The cost of the event will be £5-00 to include a buffet lunch and refreshments.

14/05/09 AOB

14/05/09- 1 Exhibition Venue – JB identified the Peoples Theatre, Newcastle as venue that could accommodate and exhibition of 70 mounted prints for a one month period. International and Federation exhibitions could use the venue. Agreed in principle that the venue be considered and that members visit the site. **Action Jane Black**

14/05/09- 2 Code of Conduct. Members were reminded of the requirements of the Code of Conduct in regard to the wording of emails.

14/05/09 -3 Adobe Lightroom - noted that a lecture in regard to Adobe Lightroom was being arranged for 1st February 2015.

14/05/10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26th August 2014

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Appendix I



Northern Counties Photographic Federation 112th AGM - 23rd March 2014

As you have read in the AGM Executive Report, the Executive has decided to discontinue the NCPF Spectacular. The support for this event this year was significantly low to result in a financial loss and raise questions on its significance to Federation members as in recent years Federation Clubs have been organising events involving 'Key' national speakers to make the Spectacular appear superfluous. We are looking for new ideas.

BELOW, we welcome any suggestions on 'Events' that the NCPF could consider organising which you think may be of general interest to Federation members.

<p>I confidently believe the poor attendance at the NCPF Spectacular was due to poor advertising. Yes it was on the NCPF web, yes it was displayed on club notice boards... But we need the club members to actively 'look'. Speaking to members from other clubs as well as my own it was overlooked. 'Selling' 'Telling' from the front of the hall on club nights is paramount. This should be done by 'Presidents' frequently, up to the event. and maybe even offer a 'club discount' if more than 10 members attending.</p>	
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ANGY ELLIS	D P S.

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Competition organisers report May 2014.

I have sent our Federations print entry to the PAGB Inter-federation competition and Cliff has sent the PDI,s.

I have contacted the Hexham Torch Centre and asked them to send a contract for the room hire to Peter Yearnshire for him to sign and for him to send a cheque. To date I have not heard from Peter though I have e-mailed and phoned him.

The competition Subcommittee met on the 23rd of this month and I have replied to Howard Wilson regarding the issues raised regarding the Club Championships, my reply is attached. Most of the Issues raised at the meeting concerned problems for Cliff and John and I leave it to them to report. It was decided that club Secretaries are informed in the usual way regarding the notification of competitions. Some clubs are claiming that they had not been informed however since the majority of clubs are fully aware of the dates this can only lead us to believe that a number of club secretaries are not doing their jobs correctly for whatever reasons.

Regarding the projection of PDI,s at the Club Championships a screen will be used in future, regarding the viewing of prints we propose to change nothing, it is paramount that the judges have the best view possible.

All clubs who choose to enter the Annuals must complete their entry fully, a number of clubs are not submitting a disk of PDI's with their print entry, we propose that if they do not complete their entry in full they will not be judged.

I am at present investigating a new system of entering the competition that should eradicate these problems; I will report my finding at a future date.

It was also agreed that the judging dates for the Club Championships and the Annuals is agreed and set by the Competitions Subcommittee since these are the people who will be running the events and not the Judges subcommittee who will of course select the judges. If this acceptable the date's will be announced at the next meeting.

Malcolm Kus. NCPF Competitions Organiser.

JUDGES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT 27.05.2014

Following on from the Judges Subcommittee meeting of the 9th April, Mr David Stout was approached with a view to him joining the Subcommittee which he has agreed to do.

Looking further ahead, I would like to propose that Mr R Spiers who has come to the end of his tenure, remain a further two years on the subcommittee to see us over a period of further changes of sub-committee membership which are imminent.

PA Garabedian