



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

A Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

<http://www.ncpf.org.uk>

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26th August 2014 at Swalwell Community Centre.

Meeting commenced at 19.30

- Present: -** Cliff Banks, Jane Black, Dave Coates, Joseph Duffy, Pax Garabedian, Malcolm Kus, Alan McCormick, Clive Moth, John Smith, Richard Speirs, John Twizell, Trevor Walters, Jim Welsh, Edward Wilding, John Williams, Fred Wright, Peter Yearnshire.
- 14/08/01 **Apologies for Absence:** - Paul Watson.
- 14/08/02 The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 27th May 2014, where agreed and signed subject to the following amendment:-
“Min 14/05/09-3 Adobe Lightroom –to read “noted that an RPS lecture in regard to Adobe Lightroom was being arranged for 1st February 2015”.
- 14/08/03 **Matters arising** – no matters arising.
- 14/08/04 **Correspondence** – Future Publishing – It was agreed that the contents of an email from Gordon Jenkins, PAGB Sponsorship and Fundraising Executive be noted and forwarded to Club Secretaries.
Action Clive Moth
- 14/08/05 **Treasurers Report.** **Appendix I**
The report of the Treasurer was received and noted. It was agreed that the item “Other” in the sum of £12 be moved to “Executive meetings”.
- 14/08/06 **Executive and Sub Committee Reports**
- 14/08/06-1 **Competitions Organisers Report** **Appendix II**
The Federation’s print and PDI’s entry to the PAGB Inter-federation competition has been judged. In the Open Colour Print Section, The Federation finished 14th out of 15, in the Open Mono Print Competition, 9th out of 15; in the Open PDI Competition, 3rd out of 15 and in the Nature PDI Competition, 7th out of 15. In the Open PDI Competition, Joe Grabham of Durham PS won a Judge’s medal and in the Nature PDI, Alan Walker of Keswick PS also won a Judge’s medal.
It is now the time for all recipients of trophies from last year’s annual competitions to return them so that they can be engraved for the winners of this year’s competition.
Hexham Torch Centre has been booked for the presentation of the awards in November.
Fred Wright, has very kindly offered to print the highly commended certificates from the annual competitions.
The Club Championships will take place on Sunday 15 February 2015 (venue to be announced) and the annual competitions will take place on Friday and Saturday 17/18 April 2015. The Judge’s Committee is yet to select and invite the Judges for these competitions.
Agreed that in regard to Memento trophies to reduce cost, stickers bearing the year of presentation, the award of the trophy and the name of the author to be created and fixed to the rear of the plaque, instead of having them engraved.
- 14/08/06 -2 **NCPF International Salon** **Appendix III**
Entries up to 26th August - Prints – Colour 1089 Mono 891 Total 1980
DI – Traditional 1542 Creative. 793 Nature 1187 Travel 1089 Total 4582
Grand Total 6582

There is much work to be done in unpacking prints and volunteers to help are welcome Tynemouth has cleared their large darkroom for us this year to store all the prints.
£6,000 has been moved from PayPal to the Nat West account this week.
There is much competition now from many other organisations so future entries may be down.

14/08/06 -3 **Events** - no report

14/08/06 -4 **PAGB Representatives Report**

There are 23 applicants for the Northern Counties workshop to assess and advise prospective entries. The first AV/PGAB awards will be held in Oxford during May 2015. There is demand for at least 2 more events.
Insurance premiums are being changed but the overall cost increase for Clubs is likely to be low. Jo Duffy has agreed to assist in finding a suitable venue for the Spring 2016 event

14/08/06 -5 **Northern Focus**

The form of publication was a major concern as printing and distribution costs were prohibitive. Agreed that it was important that individual members received Northern Focus direct by email for maximum impact. Dave Coates and John Smith will liaise in regard to the email address data base. Clubs will be asked to include the publication on their Web sites
Action Dave Coates and John Smith

14/08/06 -6 **Judges Sub Committee**

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Arrangements for the proposed Seminar for Existing Judges scheduled for the 22nd February 2015 are being progressed.
Trevor Walters has booked Clara Vale and arrangements are in hand for Buffet Lunch.
The Sub-Committee is yet to meet to discuss details of the days' programme which is not envisaged to be a full day one.
This may well be the opportunity to discuss the possible adoption of a performance monitoring system similar to the Welsh Federation one.

14/08/06 -7 **Portfolio Secretary**

New "mandatory" rules will be applied from 2015
Jo Duffy and Cliff Banks will liaise about PDI's
Action Jo Duffy and Cliff Banks

14/08/06 -8 **Publications Officer**

Appendix V

The NCPF Directory update is now complete and its distribution is now in progress.
Some changes have been made to the layout and style on the grounds of aesthetics and clarity.
Postage is now a major cost factor. Single Directories for individuals cost £0.51 to post 2nd class and the Triples for the Club Secretaries £1.17.
Agreed that Members assist with distribution to reduce costs.
Action: Members of Executive Committee

14/08/06 -9 **Webmaster**

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No progress has been made with a volunteer for the post of Portfolios Officer.
Following detailed discussions with the web site designer expenditure on upgrades will not be incurred until a Webmaster successor is appointed. This is to give the new incumbent greater flexibility to decide what needs to be done. This action was agreed
Gerry Adcock CPAGB, formerly of Ryton (where managed the Club website), but who is now a member of Hexham has agreed, (subject to approval) to take over the role of Webmaster for the NCPF and to work alongside Dave Coates for the rest of the current year.
With one abstention it was agreed that Gerry Adcock be appointed to succeed Dave Coates as Webmaster and that he be co-opted to the Executive Committee as "Website Officer designate" – the November meeting being his first chance to meet members

14/08/07

Area Reports

14/08/07-1 The report from Paul Watson (South Tyne) was noted.

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14/08/08

Any Other Business

14/08/08 - 1 Plagiarism

The President sought members' views in regard to the decision of Gosforth CC to apply a lifetime ban to Peter Brogden. Mr Brogden had been found to have committed plagiarism in respect of many competition entries and indeed offering plagiarised pictures for sale.

Members were strongly of the view that there had been a breach of trust and that Mr Brogden should be banned for life from all NCPF competitions.

It was unanimously agreed that the following action be taken:-

The President obtain full and written details from Gosforth Camera Club.

The Secretary write to Mr Brogden stating that:-

The NCPF will apply a lifetime ban from entering all NCPF competitions;

He be given the opportunity to make comment in regard to the Executive Committee decision;

the decision be confirmed 14 days after the date of the Secretary's letter;

the process of confirming the decision be via e-mail among members of the Executive Committee

Action: Cliff Banks and Clive Moth

14/08/08- 2 **NCPF Ribbons** – Agreed that Tony Potter could use them within the Northern Counties.

14/08/08 -3 **Beamish Event** – Jo Duffy reported that 700 people had visited over 2 days and that 7 pictures had been sold. It was agreed that in view of its success this year the event be continued. Joe agreed to continue with its organisation.


Action: Jo Duffy

14/08/09

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1st October 2014

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

APPENDIX I

		<h1>Northern Counties Photographic Federation</h1> <p>A Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain</p> <p>Hon. Treasurer:- Peter Yearnshire LRPS</p> <p>1 Burnham Close - South Beach - Blyth - NE24 3UB</p> <p>Tel:- 01670-351404</p> <p>E-mail: - peteryearnshire@yahoo.co.uk</p>								

APPENDIX II

Competition Organiser's Report 26 AUGUST 2014

Our Federation's print and PDI's entry to the PAGB Inter-federation competition has been judged and the prints have been returned with the exception of one print that was sent in the wrong box to another Federation. This will be returned via Richard Speirs in October. I have packaged up the prints with the catalogues and would be grateful if executive members would return as many as possible.

Our Federation did not fare well overall. In the Open Colour Print Section, we finished 14th out of 15. In the Open Mono Print Competition, we finished 9th out of 15. In the Open PDI Competition, we finished 3rd out of 15, which was our best result and in the Nature PDI Competition, we finished 7th out of 15. However, in the Open PDI Competition, Joe Grabham of Durham PS won a Judge's medal and in the Nature PDI, Alan Walker of Keswick PS also won a Judge's medal. I have posted these medals to the recipients.

It is now the time for all recipients of trophies from last year's annual competitions to return them so that they can be engraved for the winners of this year's competition. However, as usual, when contacting Club Secretaries, I am repeatedly informed the Clubs do not return until September, so our next Executive Meeting must be the very last date that we can collect the trophies. This is in keeping from last year.

I am led to believe by Peter Yearnshire, our Treasurer, that the Hexham Torch Centre has been booked for the presentation of the awards in November.

As previously discussed, regarding the presentation of the Memento trophies and the identification of what they are for, it would be a far less expensive option for stickers bearing the year of presentation, the award of the trophy and the name of the author to be created and fixed to the rear of the plaque, instead of having them engraved.

I wish to sincerely say a very big thank you to Fred Wright, who has very kindly offered to print the highly commended certificates from the annual competitions. I sent a round robin e-mail to most of the Executive and Fred was the only person to volunteer his services. This is a very important job.

The dates for the Club Championships and the annual competitions have been agreed by the sub-committee. The Club Championships will take place on Sunday 15 February 2015 (venue to be announced) and the annual competitions will take place on Friday and Saturday 17/18 April 2015. The Judge's Committee is yet to select and invite the Judges for these competitions. As soon as the judges have been selected I will be in contact with them.

Malcolm Kus

NCPF Competitions Organiser.

APPENDIX III

International Salon Report

- 1, Entries up to today AM Prints – Colour 1089 Mono 891 Total 1980
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2. We have at least two days of print unpacking to do possibly three due to the label machine being temperamental.
3. If anyone want to come and help with the prints they are welcome. I am about to do the rota of jobs. We need more help on Sunday 7 Sept.
4. Tynemouth has cleared their large darkroom for us this year to store all the prints. At my request they are prepared to also clear the small darkroom and provide secure locking so that all the salon gear can be stored there in future. I have suggested that there is only two key holders myself and Howard. It is unlikely they will charge. This will take time to achieve but it solves a problem. I will notify the treasurer for the insurance as soon as this is set up.
5. £ 6,000 has been moved from Paypal to the Nat West account this week.

Jane H. Black - Chairman

APPENDIX IV

JUDGES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT 26.08.2014

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PA Garabedian

APPENDIX V

Publications Officer's Report

The NCPF Directory update is now complete and its distribution is now in progress. My thanks go to John Smith who looked after the printing and production side of the process and to Dorothy (my other half) for putting them in envelopes, labelling and sorting out distribution sets.

You will see that I have made some changes to the layout and style on the grounds of aesthetics and partly for clarity.

Postage is now a major cost factor. Single Directories for individuals cost £0.51 to post 2nd class and the Triples for the Club Secretaries £1.74.

Exec Members are urged to assist in the distribution. The Directories have been sorted out into sets by Area / Club / individuals within the Club.

P A Garabedian
26.08.2014

APPENDIX VI

Webmaster's Report to the Executive meeting on Tuesday 26th August 2014

1. The web site has continued to be updated throughout what might be called the quiet season, but inevitably there are a number of items that keep coming in, which is pleasing as it keeps the site refreshed and topical.
2. As requested, items have been placed on the site in relation to the problems with the Portfolios Officer and that post. I have to report that there has been nothing forthcoming in respect of a volunteer to take over the post.
3. In previous reports I have sought and gained permission to spend funds on updating the Computer management System (CMS) so that everything was up to date for the new incumbent as and when identified. Following detailed discussions with the web site designer I have had a re-think and am now proposing that I do not involve the Federation in any additional expenditure during my tenure. The reason for this is that the current CMS will continue to function regardless of upgrades that are available. I now think that it would not be reasonable to incur expenditure at this stage, which might then restrict my replacement from making changes that he or she feels necessary. In effect I would like to ensure that my replacement has a free hand rather than being tied to recent expensive changes that I have made. I so propose.
4. I also posted a notice regarding the web master's post. However in this case we have met with more success. I was contacted by a volunteer July, Gerry Adcock CPAGB, formerly of Ryton, but now a member of Hexham. We held a meeting earlier this month, when we went through the whole site, the workload and responsibilities involved. He has agreed to take over the role of webmaster for the NCPF and to work alongside me for the rest of the current year. Gerry has for some time run the Ryton Club web site and from what I can glean is more than capable of doing the same for the Federation.
5. I have supplied him with my usual document "A year in the life of" together with the job description, policy documents and he holds the pass words so that he can access the site alongside me and to get to understand the system more thoroughly. He would have attended this meeting with me, but for the fact it has coincided with his annual holidays. As I am unable to attend the October meeting, due presenting the International Exhibition to York PS, the first opportunity to introduce him to you formally will be the November 24th meeting. However we are hoping that by that time he will be working in harness with me and involved with running the site. He is incidentally fully aware of my proposals at paragraph 3 of this report and fully supports them.
6. What I am therefore proposing tonight is that, to regularise that situation and to ensure he is able to function, this meeting co-opts Gerry Adcock CPAGB on to the NCPF Executive from today as "Website Officer Designate".

Dave Coates

APPENDIX VII

Report from STA Rep : Paul Watson.

Unfortunately I'm unable to attend the Exec meeting taking place on Tuesday, August 26th
(As its a Tuesday I will be at my own club)

Report.

Just as the camera club season came to a close in May I received an email from one of the seven clubs that make the STA. They wished to make a proposal that the entry to the two competitions (Prints & PDI) be increased from an entry of 8 per club to 10.

All seven clubs were asked to declare the option to remain as we were or to follow the proposal and increase the entry.

To date four clubs have returned with their preferred option. One club has given an 'unofficial' opinion and promised to discuss at their next council meeting once the new season starts. The remaining two clubs have yet to respond - reminder emails have been sent.

If the proposal were to be accepted, then I would look to the new ruling be in place for the PDI competition held in November 2014.

Paul Watson.