



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 15th January 2019 at Swalwell Community Centre.

The President opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Present: - Joseph Duffy, Jim Welsh, Alan McCormick, Margaret Welsh, Gerry Adcock, Pax Garabedian, Jane Black, Richard Speirs, John Twizell, John Smith, Dave Coates, Debra Taylor, Keith Kirkland

19/01/01 Apologies for Absence: - Peter Yearnshire, David Brown, Trevor Walters, Gerald Chamberlin

Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick

At the start of the meeting Joseph Duffy reminded everyone of the passing of Joe Grabham, who had been a prominent member of the International Salon team as well as performing other 'behind the scenes' activities for the N.C.P.F for many years. He will be sadly missed. Joseph then had to inform the meeting of the passing of Ken Henderson who had died earlier in the morning. Ken was a good friend to many on the Executive and a stalwart of Washington C. C. He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

19/01/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 were approved and signed.

Proposed by Alan McCormick – Seconded by Pax Garabedian

19/01/03 Matters arising

No matters arising.

19/01/04 Correspondence

Margaret said she had received certificates from the P.A.G.B. Jim Welsh had already delivered certificates to two members at Gosforth C. C. and Richard Speirs took the remaining certificates to Penrith.

Jane then mentioned that she had been asked for information regarding the P.A.G.B. accreditations. This person had said that they could not find any information on the N.C.P.F. website relating to this. Gerry said that there should be something on but he would check it out. While the conversation was ongoing Richard Speirs accessed the N.C.P.F. website and found the information.

19/01/05 Treasurer's Report

Appendix 1

In Peter's absence Margaret read through his report outlining all changes.

Richard pointed out that the P.A.G.B. fees had been collected by Peter using last years' figures. This meant that we were £1.00 short for every club. It was agreed that this should be absorbed by the N.C.P.F. and corrected for next year.

Report attached and accepted.

19/01/06 Reports

19/01/06-1 Competitions Chairman

Appendix 2

John Twizell read through his report.

He was disappointed at the turnout for the Presentation Event and a subcommittee meeting will be organised to discuss the future of the Competition events. He said that he would be stepping down as Competition Chairman after the Club Championships and so far, no one has come forward to take over the role. This will also be discussed at the subcommittee meeting. Gerry has agreed to take over the organising of the PDI section of the Annuals after the retirement of Cliff Banks. John suggested that the lack of response to the Print Officers job is due to the fact that they would have to collect and store upwards of 35 print boxes. He suggested that maybe this section could be run as the Club Championships where the clubs deliver the entry the day prior to the competition and collect them on the final day. Pax asked if a plan could be put in place for those clubs who have a distance to travel with their entry. The suggestion was that the Area Representatives or a nominated person could deliver and collect for those respective clubs. This will also be discussed at the subcommittee meeting and added to the rules.

Report attached and accepted.

19/01/06-2 International Salon Exhibition

Appendix 3

Jane discussed her report. A discussion regarding the training of new subcommittee members took place. It was agreed that this would be addressed by the respective subcommittee officers.

Report attached and accepted.

19/01/06-3 Representative to PAGB

Appendix 4

Richard read through his report.

He indicated that he would be retiring as PAGB Representative in April 2020. Pax suggested that he MAY be interested in taking over the role but will need to look into the extent of the workload before making his final decision.

Report attached and accepted.

- 19/01/06-4 Editor Northern Focus**
John said that the latest copy of the Northern Focus was now online. Some members have had a problem with downloading as he forgot to resize some of the images. Most of the publication was taken up with obituaries and it seems like the next copy will be similar as we already have three. Other articles of interest are also coming in steadily. Report accepted.
- 19/01/06-5 Judges Sub Committee**
No Report. A meeting will be held on 18th February 2019. Arrangements for the training day on 19th October are going well. Stephen Fowler is taking the lead on this and has everything in hand. A report will be forthcoming at the next Executive.
- 19/01/06-6 Publications Officer** **Appendix 5**
Pax read through his report. Margaret queried the withdrawal of Trevor Woods as listed on the report. She had received correspondence from Trevor Walters stating that he had retired from the lecturer's list. Pax said he would check this and get back to me. He later confirmed this to be correct and attached an amended report.
- 19/01/06-7 Portfolio Secretary & Beamish Organiser** **Appendix 6**
Joseph read through his report. He said that the query regarding the booking forms for the Portfolio couldn't be sent out until a new Portfolio Secretary was appointed. Alan Wilson of Whickham CC has shown an interest in this job and Joseph intends to speak to him and invite him to him us at the next meeting. He has also had another two enquiries for the job but has informed them that there services would be better used as helpers for the Competitions.
Beamish – After his meeting with Shona on Thursday Joseph will be able to report whether or not we will be holding the Beamish Exhibition this year.
Report attached and accepted.
- 19/01/06-8 Webmaster**
No report.
- Area Reports**
- 19/01/07-1 Northern** **Appendix 7**
Jim Welsh read through his report.
Report attached and accepted
- 19/01/07-2 North Tyne** **Appendix 8**
David Brown's report is attached and accepted.
- 19/01/07-3 South Tyne** **Appendix 9**
Trevor Walter's report is attached and accepted.
- 19/01/07-4 Southern** Dave Coates - No Report
- 19/01/07-5 Wear** Debra Taylor read through her report. **Appendix 10**
Report attached and accepted.
- 19/01/07-6 Western** Gerald Chamberlin – No Report.
Pax informed us that a PAGB Distinctions Workshop is to be held by the Western Area on Saturday May 4th 2019. Spaces are limited and the cost will be £5.00. A flyer will follow soon. Richard then mentioned that they are also hosting an evening with Terry Abrahams on Thursday 28th March 2019. The cost is also £5.00 and a booking form can be found on Morton's website. An exhibition at the Rheged Centre will once again be held on 18 – 19 May.
- 19/01/08 Any Other Business**
Everyone present was given a copy of future meeting dates for 2019. These are to be confirmed at the next meeting.
Dave Coates referred to the forthcoming A.G.M. where, constitutionally, all subcommittees are disbanded. The next scheduled Executive meeting is not held until May 2019 where they are reinstated. Although these subcommittees continue to work throughout this period he suggested that an Ad-Hoc Executive Meeting could be held at the end of the A.G.M. (providing we have at least 10 members of the Executive to form a quorum) to reinstate the subcommittees. They would then be formally ratified at the next Executive Meeting in May. A motion to change the Constitution for next year could then be proposed and this ruling changed to allow the continuance of the subcommittees. This was agreed.
Dave then handed over some prints for the archives for David Smith. He then produced some prints by Arnold Hubbert that had been taken by the U.P.P. and passed to him for the N.C.P.F. archives. These were gratefully received.
Jim Welsh then asked how we would go about acquiring prints from Joe Grabham and Ken Henderson. Dave suggested speaking to the President of Durham PS and Washington CC. Jane Black said she would speak to Ken's daughter to see if she could have some of his earlier portrait prints.
Jane said that Tynemouth had acquired new club rooms at North Shields and the International will still be held there. She then said that they have agreed to store the equipment they hold for the N.C.P.F. After discussion it was agreed that Joseph would contact Howard Wilson to discuss this.
Joseph then asked if anyone had a set of keys for the Community Centre. Margaret said that she had but there should be a second set. After a short discussion she said that Peter may have them. She will speak to him and find out.

At this point, due to the nature of the next item on the Agenda, Pax Garabedian and Richard Speirs were asked if they would leave the room.

Joseph then referred to the updated version of the Executive Committee Rule Book and the ruling for Awards for Meritorious Service. He then said he had received nominations for Pax and Richard to be considered for the Roll of Honour. After reading through both nominations he asked those present to vote by a show of hands. They were both accepted unanimously.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed

Date

Future meeting dates: Monday 11th February 2019
A.G.M. - Sunday 17th March 2019 - Wednesday 01st May 2019



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation
NCPF Fees		0.00	3500.00	3500.00
Club C/ships	250.00	-164.93	87.00	-77.93
Annuals	1500.00	-930.49	0.00	-930.49
Exec Meetings	300.00	-242.00	0.00	-242.00 *
Publishing	90.00	-67.96	0.00	-67.96 *
Judges Events	200.00	-217.10	0.00	-217.10
Area Meetings	30.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	50.00	-47.89	0.00	-47.89 *
Gen Sec's	87.00	-7.43	0.00	-7.43
President	35.00	-42.00	0.00	-42.00
Printing for Directory	85.00	-314.00	0.00	-314.00
Events (Beamish)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Events (Presentation)	250.00	-380.02	49.00	-331.02 *
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Webmaster	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medals and Ribbons	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest from Postal A/c	0.00	0.00	213.28	213.28
Storage	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel Expenses	350.00	-304.60	0.00	-304.60 *
New Equipment 2018	0.00	-1219.64	0.00	-1219.64
Printing of Northern Focus	0.00	-391.30	0.00	-391.30
Other	0.00	-40.00	500.00	-460.00
Self financing items				
PLI (Including NCPF)		-1988.72	2090.56	101.84
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1776.00	1813.00	37.00
Portfolio		-40.42	257.00	216.58
Running Totals		-8204.50	8509.84	305.34
Bank Balance at 31.12.18				
Current Account	3391.14			*
Reserve Account	2270.99			*
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41			
Bank Balance at 31.12.18				
International Salon	3772.51			*
Paypal	0.00			
Cash in Hand				

Competition Officers Report Jan 15th 2019**Presentation**

The Presentation took place at Clara Vale as planned on Sunday 25th November 2018; The attendance was very disappointing with a total of 29 members attending. Last year we had 37 members attend the event.

When you consider the work and organisation that is involved to put on such an event it is very disappointing for the members of the subcommittee to see their hard work ignored.

I don't know where we go from here, but I feel the problem needs to be addressed ASAP as it seems pointless to proceed with this event as members don't seem to be interested in its current form.

Club Championship

Entries are still being received for the club championship with the final date for acceptance being January 27th 2019.

Annuals

The Annuals are due to take place on Fri 5th & Sat 6TH April 2019.

Unfortunately we have a major problem. Both Cliff and myself have been forced to resign due medical problems, Cliff due to Severe Arthritis and myself having a second knee replacement. I have spoken to Gerry and he is willing to stand in for Cliff so that's the digital competition taken care of. Everything is in place regarding the judges with the exception of booking the accommodation at the Premier Inn. This information has been circulated to members of the subcommittee and in Northern Focus but to date we have not received any volunteers.

I think the main reason for the lack of volunteers is due to the transporting and storage of 30+ boxes of prints for 3months which is a daunting task.

One way to consider overcoming the problem would be to use the same principle for the prints as we do in the Club Championship, have clubs deliver their entries on say the evening before (ie Thursday) and then collect them on the Saturday evening after the event. This would mean a total commitment from submitting clubs but if they wish the competition to continue it may be their only choice.

We will need to inform Roy Lambeth of the PAGB as to who is taking over the position of Competitions Officer.

I will be available to help with the club championship, but once this competition is over I will resign from the NCPF Exec Committee.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and assistance during the time I have served on the Exec Committee, and a special thanks to the members of the Comps subcommittee because without them nothing would have been possible.

End of Report

John Twizell.

NORTHERN COUNTIES 39th INTERNATIONAL SALON 2018

Report to the Executive

The salon committee has had a very tough year due to members health problems.

With great sadness I report the death in hospital of Joe Grabham on 6th January. Joe was a great supporter of the salon and won several awards. During the last few years, when he was receiving treatment, he used his excellent computer skills for the benefit of the Salon. He was excellent to work with and although I knew it could not last, this sad news I find very difficult.

Thanks must go to Cliff Banks, who also has a health problem, for all the work he has done for the Salon over the past years. He is presently preparing the DC for the clubs at his home helped by Joe Finlay.

The catalogue is not as comprehensive this year as usual because a health problem curtailed the work involved. Thank you Alec for many years of catalogues and best wishes.

I met the required deadline with 48 hours to spare thanks to cooperation from the print company, the designer and Keith who printed out the address labels. Many thanks. The CD for the clubs should be ready by the end of the month. Please clubs be patient

I am presently assembling the finance details for Peter. I know that there is a profit but not the exact figure.

Jane H. Black

Appendix 4

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN TO NCPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 15th January 2019

1. The PAGB held the second Master's of Print Exhibition in London at the beginning of December. The event was well supported by many of the PAGB sponsors such as Epson, Fotospeed, Permajet, Canon and Sony and received many favourable reviews from the public visitors during its run at the Burt Gallery in London. A decision regarding a repeat for 2019 has yet to be made
2. The Awards for Photographic Merit November event, hosted by YPU, in the magnificent Pontefract Town Hall was a great success due to the hard work of the YPU organising team. Two members of an NCPF club, Penrith and District, were successful with David Connell gaining his CPAGB and Jo Knight her DPAGB a year after she achieved her CPAGB. Jo was also successful in getting one of her prints accepted and displayed in the Masters of Print Exhibition.
3. The next Awards adjudication will be held in North Wales in April and entries are virtually full at the time of writing. The November event will be taking place in Watford and spaces for CPAGB are already starting to fill up although there are still plenty of spaces for both DPAGB and MPAGB.
4. There has been a reasonable response for the Awards in Audio Visual this year, numbers are not yet sufficient to run the event and the deadline for entries has been extended to the end of this month. Should sufficient entries be received the event will take place over the weekend of 18th and 19th May at Wilmslow Guild.
5. The next meeting of the PAGB Executive will be held on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd February. Barring any unforeseen circumstances I will be attending on behalf of the NCPF.
6. I have decided that 2019 will be my last year to act as the Federation's representative to the PAGB and I have forewarned the Alliance Executive of my intention to resign from that role as from the 2020 AGM in April of next year. I will be more than willing to assist any new Representative from the NCPF as much as I am able.

Richard Speirs

PUBLICATIONS OFFICER**Report to the Executive – 15th January 2019**

The 2019-20 NCPF PAGB Handbook update currently underway. The deadline for the first draft was the 14th which was met with one lecturer not having bothered to reply. He is currently been taken off the listing.

There have been no 'drop-offs' from the Judges listings. We have had 5 resignations off the Lecturers.

Simon Allen, Trevor Walters, JRP Hunt, Paul Newey and Ian Cartwright.

P A Garabedian

13.01.19

Appendix 6**Portfolio Secretary Report - January 2019**

I received a phone call from Northallerton CC about the booking forms for this year's portfolio;. I told Miles Langthorne no forms will be sent to the clubs until something happens to find a replacement Portfolio Secretary. We also need someone to help with the prints at the Annuals Competition.

Beamish

I will be having a meeting with Shona from Beamish this Thursday to see what is going to happen. Up to now I have two dates pencilled in - 18th May and the 1st June.

Joseph Duffy

Appendix 7**RESULTS OF THE NORTHERN AREA PROJECTED IMAGE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

The Northern Area Projected Image Knockout Competition between six of the Northern Area Clubs was held on Sunday 18th November 2018. Amble Photographic Group hosted the event and the judging panel were Alan Porrett, Gerry Adcock and David Ord.

After the first round, Morpeth, Blyth and Cambois were eliminated from the Knockout Trophy but would later compete against each other for the Digital Plate. Alnwick, Amble and Ashington competed for the Trophy resulting in Amble and Ashington tying for 1st place with 172 points and Alnwick coming third with 170 points. A count back took place between Amble and Ashington to determine the winner of the Trophy. Ashington had one 15 point score and Amble had one 15 point score and two 14 point scores, resulting in Amble being declared the winners of the Trophy. The battle for the Plate between Morpeth, Blyth and Cambois was won by Morpeth with 166 points. Cambois came second with 164 points and Blyth was third with 147 points. Two images scored 15 points – I've got my eye on you by David Jones of Amble and Stairs to Chairs by Christine Henderson of Ashington.

Congratulations to Amble and Morpeth for their respective wins and congratulations to those members who attained the highest scores.

The event was well attended by the clubs that took part and the host club provided an excellent buffet afterwards. Thanks go to the members of Amble and the three judges for an enjoyable afternoon.

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB, APAGB
Northern Area Representative

North Tyne Area Report: January 2019

The North Tyne Area Annual Interclub Prints Competition 2018 was hosted by Whitley Bay Photographic Society, and was held on 27th November at King Street Social Club, North Shields. The judge was David Ord, of Ryton & District CC; and all 7 clubs participated. The Event Trophy was won by Whitley Bay PS; and the trophy for best print in the competition (achieving the full 30 points) went to Joan Sheppard of Gosforth CC for her monochrome print '*Buffalo at Waterhole, Night-time*'. Club positions and scores were as follows:

1 st	Whitley Bay PS	219
2 nd	Gosforth CC	215
3 rd	North Shields PS	210
4 th =	Cramlington CC	209
	Tynemouth PS	209
6 th	Ponteland PS	207
7 th	Wallsend PS	206

After the event, we enjoyed social chatter over an excellent spread of cakes baked by Whitley Bay PS members.

David Brown ARPS CPAGB
North Tyne Area Rep
4/1/2019

Appendix 9

STA REPORT January 2019

The Area Interclub Print Competition was held at Hexham PS on November 27th 2018 and was judged by John Williams DPAGB, EFIAP, MPSA of Penrith. I was not present being only 10 days after my operation.

The results were:

Whickham 258

Winlaton 248

Gateshead 241

Ryton 239

Hexham 235

South Shields 234

The Best print was from a Gateshead member.

Following 2 such competitions in 2018 to allow for the reversal of prints and pdi in the calendar the event reverts back to an annual event

Happy New Year

Trevor

NCPF - Wear Valley Report – January 2019

The 40th annual Wear Area Battle took place on the 23rd November. There were 9 clubs competing: Stanhope, Durham, Consett, Sunderland, Castleside, Washington, Esh Winning, Chester le St and Wear Valley.

Durham PS achieved 162 points to win the trophy outright.

The competition was judged by Dave Coates and the trophy was presented by Jane Black. Congratulations to Neil Maughan for his 'Frozen Copse' image which achieved the maximum of 30 points and awarded for the best image in the competition.

Debra Taylor

13th January 2019