



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 Wednesday 15th November 2017 at Swalwell Community Centre.

The President opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Present: - Alan McCormick, Joseph Duffy, Cliff Banks, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Gerry Adcock, Pax Garabedian, Jane Black, John Twizell, Jim Welsh, David Brown, Trevor Walters, Dave Coates, John Gilkerson, Keith Kirkland

17/11/01 Apologies for Absence: - Richard Speirs, Gerald Chamberlin
Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick, John Smith

17/11/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 04th September 2017 were approved and signed.
Proposed by John Gilkerson – Seconded by Jim Welsh

17/11/03 Matters arising
No matters arising

17/11/04 Correspondence
Alan McCormick began by asking the Committee for nominations for the Roll of Honour and APAGB Awards by the middle of January to allow time for an Awards Meeting before the A.G.M. in March.
Howard Wilson of Tynemouth along with Stan Bewick moved the archive material to Tynemouth Club Rooms last month. He has recently contacted Alan complaining that the boxes were too heavy to transfer between floors. He suggested that they could be divided into smaller boxes for future use. Jane agreed to check this out. Margaret asked Peter if the storage fee of £30 had been paid. This had been done.

17/11/05 Treasurer's Report **Appendix 1**
Peter read through his report. Dave Coates suggested that the fee for Tynemouth storage should be put under its own heading rather than included in 'Area Meetings'. He then explained the mix up on the last statement regarding the cost of Publishing. Peter then ran through the travelling expenses payable to individuals and said that these would be made at the Presentation Day or by post. After further discussion regarding the payments it was agreed that the fairest way was to send everyone their cheque and they could donate it to a good cause if they wished. Dave Coates also asked for a cheque for website fees he has had to pay.
Report attached and accepted.

17/11/06-1 Reports **Appendix 2**
Competitions Chairman
John Twizell read through his report. He asked for raffle prizes for the Presentation Day on 26th November 2017. The Club Championship software is in the process of being updated for use in February. Gerry Adcock and John Gilkerson are working on this.
Margaret Welsh is in the process of printing the certificates. After checking the large ones that had been passed to her she didn't think they were good enough to use. After showing samples to the group it was agreed that she should purchase more card and print them herself, which she agreed to do.
Report attached and accepted.

17/11/06-2 International Exhibition **Appendix 3**
Jane Black read out her report. There are two spare print trophies which will be stored at Tynemouth. They are available if anyone needs additional trophies for competitions. Jane said she was willing to stick around and pass on her knowledge to potential candidates but they need to be found sooner rather than later. Gerry Adcock was asked to put an advert on the website for a replacement Chairman for the International Salon in 2019 as Jane is retiring after the 40th Salon. David Brown expressed an interest in joining the Salon Committee. This was proposed and agreed.
Report attached and accepted.

17/11/06-3 Representative to PAGB **Appendix 4**
In Richard's absence Margaret read out his report.
Report attached and accepted.

17/11/06-4 Editor Northern Focus
No Report.

17/11/06-5 Judges Sub Committee
No Report other than to say that so far 7 people have registered for the Judges Seminar. A reminder will be sent out at the beginning of January.

17/11/06-6 Publications Officer

No Report.

17/11/06-7 Portfolio Secretary

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Joseph Duffy read out his report.

Regarding the Portfolio selection, Trevor Walters said he had been given to understand that there had been an element of pre-selection before the judging took place. He said that one of the selectors had told him that several clubs, including Ryton, had been omitted before the final judging. It was explained that the low scoring entries are always removed before the selection process begins.

Report attached and accepted.

17/11/06-8 Webmaster

Gerry Adcock said that the mail forwarding system is still bouncing back BT emails. This has been compounded by the fact that the updated email addresses for Club Secretaries seem to contain more BT internet accounts. He has spent a lot of time trying to resolve this problem and has resorted to sending information directly to individual emails but some are still getting lost. He is now looking into opening an NCPF gmail account and will pass this information on to the Secretary if it works.

Area Reports

17/11/07-1 Northern Jim Welsh – Report attached and accepted.

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17/11/07-2 North Tyne David Brown – No Report

17/11/07-3 South Tyne Trevor Walters – Report attached and accepted.

Appendix 7

Trevor read out his report on the recruitment of Lecturer's. A couple of names were flagged up by Pax as having been removed from the list for not updating his information and another for overcharging. Trevor said he was going to send this information out to the Club Secretaries. Margaret suggested that a form should be compiled for these lecturer's to fill in with all of the relevant information required such as name, address, lecture title and expenses. For the purpose of continuity Pax was asked to liaise with Trevor to ensure the correct information is passed to the clubs.

17/11/07-4 Southern Dave Coates - No Report

17/11/07-5 Wear John Gilkerson – Report attached and accepted. .

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17/11/07-6 Western Gerald Chamberlin – Report attached and accepted

Appendix 9

17/11/08 Any Other Business

Alan McCormick said that we should now be thinking about nominations for the next Vice President. Jim Welsh said he would like to put his name forward. Margaret asked for guidance for this nomination as she hasn't had to do this yet. Dave Coates said that the current President and Vice Presidents will need to sign the nomination form for the A.G.M. in March. Alan then asked Jane if she would compile an advert advertising the Salon position and send it to Gerry to post on the website. She said she would speak to Alec and ask for his help to do this. Jane also said that because the Salon was moving to October they would be looking at a poster to send out to the clubs. Due to the poor response from N.C.P.F. clubs at the last Salon she suggested that they could introduce a Club Entry Trophy using one of the redundant trophies to be stored at Tynemouth.

Peter said he has left two tins of chocolates in the kitchen for the caretaker. This is an annual donation that we make towards the Community Centre raffle. He then emphasised that travel expenses would only be paid by cheque to individuals. This was necessary for clarity on the accounts. Pax queried the amount that had been allocated to Gerald, Richard and himself as they car share and record their mileage on the signing in sheet at each meeting. Margaret said she would look at this with Peter.

Joseph asked when reports would be required for the A.G.M. Margaret said she would be asking for these in January.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Future meeting dates: Tuesday 16th January 2018

Monday 12th February 2018

A.G.M. Sunday 18th March 2018

Wednesday 02nd May 2018



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation
NCPF Fees		0.00	3430.00	3430.00
Club C/ships	250.00	-131.00	85.00	-46.00
Annuals	1500.00	-947.41	0.00	-947.41
Exec Meetings	300.00	-233.50	0.00	-233.50
Publishing	90.00	-662.00	0.00	-662.00
Judges Events	200.00	-170.00	0.00	-170.00
Area Meetings	20.00	-60.00	0.00	-60.00 *
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen Sec's	87.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
President	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing for Directory	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Events (Beamish)	150.00	-75.00	75.00	0.00
Events (Presentation)	250.00	-40.00	0.00	-40.00
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	-80.00	0.00	-80.00
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	8.30	8.30
Inter A/C Transfers		-500.00	0.00	-500.00
New Equipment 2017		-1000.96	0.00	-1000.96
Other		235.80	0.00	235.80
<u>Self financing items</u>				
PLI		-1899.72	1862.03	-37.69
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1800.00	1728.00	-72.00
Portfolio		-39.79	305.50	265.71 *
Running Totals		-7403.58	7493.83	90.25
<u>Bank Balance at 15.11.17</u>				
Current Account	4172.64			*
Reserve Account	2268.82			*
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41			
<u>Bank Balance at 3.11.17</u>				
International Salon	3827.09			*
Paypal	95.64			*
Cash in Hand				

November 15th 2017

Competition Officers Report

15 Nov 2017

Presentation Day (Nov 26th 2017 Clara Vale)

- a. Cups And Trophies are currently being engraved.
- b. Margaret has prepared the script and printed the Certificates.
- c. Cliff has printed the labels for the Memento`s
- d. We will require raffle prizes.

A sub Committee meeting has been arranged for Monday 20th Nov to finalise arrangements.

Club Championship.

We have decided on the software and it is currently being tweaked to meet our needs. The software we have chosen was included free in the software purchased for the International, the only cost we will incur is for the use of the server which is £50 pa.

It is my intention to make a brief announcement at the Presentation Day regarding the new procedure which clubs wishing to participate in the championship will have to use. All NCPF Clubs will receive a full set of written instructions explaining the procedures as well as being on the NCPF web site prior to the announcement of the entry date.

John Twizell

Appendix 3

NCPF Executive Meeting - 15/11/17**38th International Salon Report**

This was the first year of an all PDI Salon. The total entry was 4.958 images from 469 entrants in 45 countries. A total of 1,271 images were accepted. The judges worked in cheerful harmony, especially the visiting judges, who had praise for the high standard of the Nature section. The catalogue, on a flash card for the first time, arrived today and will be posted out promptly.

Financially we saved on judges expenses with the flight from Ireland to Newcastle proving to be a better deal than the cost of petrol from the Midlands. I expect the post bill for the catalogue to be about £500, a third of last years bill. A CD of the Salon has been posted to every club with the request to please show it.

The present committee is small and very efficient. I record my thanks and NCPFs to them, on the successful completion of another Salon. A special thank you to Sheila Coates and Peter Gennard's wife, who manned the kitchen. If NCPF want the Salon to continue we would welcome members to join the committee and learn how to run a salon.

39th International Salon 2018

Due to the personal commitments of some committee members the 39th Salon will be held in October. Tynemouth Society have agreed to the use of their club rooms in the week of 22nd to 26th for the judging.

The judges will be – **Overseas-all sections** one of three Irishmen
Gabriel O'Shaughnessy, Michael O'Sullivan, Paul Stanley [waiting reply]

U.K. – all sections Paul Keene **NCPF – Colour & Mono** Alan Porrett

NCPF – Nature Edmund Fellowes **NCPF – Travel** Pax Garabedian

2019 will be my 40th salon and a good time to step aside. If NCPF wishes to continue with the Salon a replacement Chairman should be sort now to join the committee and learn how the Salon works.

Jane H. Black Salon Chairman

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN
TO NCPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
15th November 2017

1. Due to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to attend the October meeting of the PAGB so I am unable to report on that meeting until the minutes have been circulated.
2. I have recently received the new Insurance Rates for 2018 which appear on the attached table. The only increase is in respect of the Government's Insurance Tax which our insurers have been unable to absorb this year. They did manage to absorb the impact for the last three years so it is a minor increase by comparison.
3. As I was unable to get to the October meeting I had to cancel my meeting with our Insurance Broker that weekend however I did manage a brief discussion with them at the recent Print Championship. Our intention is still to produce Insurance Guidance Notes for Federations and Clubs and we will be working on this in the next few weeks now that the revised insurance rates have been agreed. Our Brokers will be circulating the new Insurance rates to all Federations shortly.
4. In the meantime I can confirm that Public Liability cover does remain in force for external club events provided that they are recognized as club events and not just a group of club members agreeing to go out together.

Richard Speirs DPAGB APAGB
NCPF representative to the PAGB

Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

Premiums/Rates for 2018/2019

Public Liability	
Size of Club	Limit of Indemnity £ 5,000,000
0-25 Members	£ 23.40
26-50 Members	£ 46.81
51-75 Members	£ 58.51
76-100 Members	£ 77.48
Over 100 Members	£ 99.77
Federations	£ 38.29
Includes administration charge of £5.00	

All Risks		
Section	Cover	Rate
A	Club Property	3.36%
B	Third Party Property	3.36%
C	Prints & Transparencies	3.36%
Please note that a minimum premium of £48.00 applies to each section insured		
No sections are compulsory, you chose the cover that you need		

Members All Risks	
Cover Limit	Rate
Up to £2,500	2.61%
£2,500 to £5,000	2.37%
£5,001 to £7,500	2.14%
Over £7,500	Refer to Darwin Clayton
A minimum premium of £56.00 applies	

Portfolio report 15 November 2017

Two more clubs have booked the portfolio taking the total number to 26 for both portfolios.

Joseph Duffy

Beamish trophy 2017 result

This year the beamish trophy was just pdi no prints entries and only one NCPF judge who this year was Stuart Skelsey LRPS,CPAGB,BPE1 of Whitley bay PS.

The entry for this year's competition was 53 pdi's from a total of 28 club members.

The result was:

1st place the singalong by Richard Speirs Morton PS

2nd place beardy busman by Leo Douglas Gateshead cc

3rd place heavy work by Leo Douglas Gateshead cc

HC

Travelling in style Paul Newey , Northallerton cc

Farmhouse baking Gerald Chamberlin , Morton PS

His type Chris Longley , Washington cc

Quick ! The kettle's on Simon Walton, Consett PS

2.47pm Rowley Jamie Welsh, Cramington cc

A big thanks to Stuart for all the hard work in judging this year's competition and to all the members who took time to put their work into the competition. Hope to see your work in next year's competition.

Thanks Joseph Duffy

Appendix 6

RESULTS OF THE NORTHERN AREA INTERCLUB COLOUR & MONO PRINT COMPETITION

The Northern Area Interclub Colour & Monochrome Print Competition between Alnwick, Amble, Ashington, Blyth, Cambois and Morpeth was held on Wednesday 18th October 2017. This event was hosted by Alnwick Camera Club and judged by Dave Phillips.

The winning club was Morpeth with a top score of 219 points. In 2nd place was Alnwick with 209 points, 3rd place was Blyth with 208 points, 4th place was Ashington with 207 points, 5th place was Cambois with 204 points and 6th place was Amble with 197 points. Two prints gained the highest score of 30 points. In the Mono section - 'Tawny Owl' by Steve McDonald and in the Colour section - 'Breakfast' by George Sudlow. Both are members of Morpeth Camera Club. Well done to the members of Morpeth who swept the board in this competition.

The host club provided an excellent buffet and raffle afterwards. Thanks to the members of Alnwick and Dave Phillips for an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

The next NA Interclub Competition is the Knockout which will be hosted by Cambois CC on Sunday 19th November 2017.

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB,
Northern Area Representative

South Tyne Area Report November 2017

I have circulated the clubs to remind them of the awards event later this month and encourage any winners of anything to attend or be represented.

Arrangements are in hand for the inter club pdi competition in a couple of weeks which will be last for 18 months as 2018 sees 2 print competitions being the transition year to reverse the timings of the prints and pdi in the calendar.

Philip Dunn of SSPS has advised a new e mail address and have asked him to notify the secretary.

Report on Lecturer Recruitment

I circulated all clubs and received a reply or acknowledgement from less than half the clubs, many of those failing to reply have prominent members who are on this executive. I wonder if the information at times actually reaches rank and file members.

On a more positive note 12 new names have come forward which when added to 3 new names from a STA initiative earlier this year and 1 from Wear area all listed in the directory this year makes a grand total of 16 new names.

I got some interesting responses!

Someone already listed as lecturer asked to be so listed!

One established lecturer/judge wondered why the executive has waited so long to launch a lecturer recruitment drive.

Two people requested a similar drive to get new judges-so I referred them to the forthcoming judges seminar the latest on many.

Some clubs advised that whilst they have nobody to offer currently but would ask members doing talks this season if they wished to offer their services to other clubs.

Two people listed below have wanted to offer their services for a while but had no point of contact and one thought he had a form to fill in.

The names are

Northern area

Ian Cartwright, Wooler

Peter Downs, Alnwick and Morpeth

Southern Area

Keith Collins, Gallery

Graeme Clarke, Gallery

Keith Blundy, Darlington

Mike Berry and John Devlin, Gallery

Paul Newey, Northallerton

Simon Allen, Stokesley

Wear Area

Jeff Teasdale, Durham

Michael Watson, Durham

Western Area

Michelle Dempsey, Workington

Dr Keith Snell, Keswick

I intend to circulate this list in the next few days

Trevor Walters APAGB

Wear Area Representative Report

Wear Area Battle

This season's battle will be held at Shiny Row on Friday 24th November, hosted by Washington CC

The judge will be Alan Porret ARPS DPAGB EFIAP APAGB

There are expected to be entries from all 9 clubs from the area

Gateshead Sunderland Interclub

This competition will be held at St Oswalds Communicare Centre on Thursday 7th December hosted by Sunderland PA

The judge will be Jim Welsh LRPS CPAGB APAGB

Sunderland PA Annual Exhibition

Sunderland PA are pleased to confirm that the Annual Exhibition will be held as usual at the Museum and Winter gardens from Saturday 3rd March to Sunday 6th May.

There had been some uncertainty about the event and it is excellent news that the event will take place.

There will however not be an official opening.

John Gilkerson CPAGB EPSA

NCPF Western Area Report November 2017

At the last WA meeting on 14th October 2017 all the WA clubs reported increases in new members.

This was thought to be due to cuts in local authority adult education classes and people are turning to camera clubs and photographic society's to learn how to use their cameras.

On the 4th November all the WA clubs and Dumfries CC came together to take part in the WA inter club competition, this year hosted by Penrith CC. The judge for this event and speaker was Leo Palmer who gave a talk before the judging entitled - A Photographers Tale.

Dumfries and Keswick tied in first place with 201 points.

All the results and winning images are now on the NCPF website.

Tickets for the Rikki O'Niell event on 3rd March 2018 at Houghton village hall are now available please see NCPF website for details.

Gerald Chamberlin

WA NCPF Rep