



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 16th January 2018 at Swalwell Community Centre.

In the absence of the President the Vice President opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Present: - Joseph Duffy, Cliff Banks, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Pax Garabedian, Richard Speirs, John Twizell, Jim Welsh, Dave Coates, Keith Kirkland

18/01/01 Apologies for Absence: - Alan McCormick, Gerry Adcock, Jane Black, John Smith, Trevor Walters, John Gilkerson, Gerald Chamberlin

Incommunicado: - Stan Bewick, David Brown

18/01/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2017 were approved and signed.
Proposed by Jim Welsh – Seconded by Richard Speirs

18/01/03 Matters arising
No matters arising

18/01/04 Correspondence
The President, Alan McCormick, apologised for his absence and said that he would be bringing the chain of office to the next meeting for it to be engraved for the A.G.M.

Margaret Welsh read out an email received from John Gilkerson resigning from the position as Wear Area Representative. This resignation was accepted and this position is now vacant.

Margaret then read out an email she had received from Stan Bewick in which he is querying the wording of the certificate he received at the 2017 Awards Presentation. This stated that he had been awarded a highly commended for the Bewick Trophy but he pointed out that this is a club award. After discussion it was found that this was in fact an error and should have been an open award in the Annual Competition. An apology will be sent to Stan and this will be rectified for the 2018 Awards Presentation.

18/01/05 Treasurer's Report **Appendix 1**
Peter read through his report. He explained that the recording of the Publishing and the Directory costs on the last accounts will be rectified. Travel expenses have now been paid. The £500.00 which was transferred into the International Salon account will be repaid in due course
Report attached and accepted.

18/01/06-1 Reports **Appendix 2**
Competitions Chairman
John Twizell read through his report. Ryton CC have complained that the information regarding closing dates for entries into the Club Championships is not given out soon enough for clubs to make their selections, therefore, they would not be entering the forthcoming Competition. The Competition dates for the Championships and Annuals were first published on the website and emailed to club secretaries on 27 July 2017 with a follow up posted at the beginning of September. Information was also sent out in November and December and the entry forms were published on the website and emailed to the club secretaries at the beginning of January. It was agreed that enough information had been passed to the clubs with ample time given for them to select an entry and nothing more could be done. Dave Coates said that it had been pointed out to him that the print rules for the Championships did not stipulate the number of Natural History prints that could be entered although this is stated in the PDI rules. This had been picked up by one club last year who flooded the print section with natural history entries. After discussion it was agreed that as the documents have been posted out for this year it cannot be changed but this will be implemented for future competitions.
Report attached and accepted.

18/01/06-2 International Exhibition
Jane Black has given her apologies for this meeting but asked Margaret Welsh to raise a concern for her. At the last Executive Meeting she informed everyone of her intention to retire as Chairman of the International Salon Committee at the end of the 2019 event. It was agreed at the last meeting that an advert would be placed on the website advertising for new members to join the Salon committee as more help was desperately needed if this was to continue. To date nothing has been done about this. Margaret said she would take this on board and speak to Gerry regarding a recruiting advert. Jane emphasised the need to get people on board now to allow her time to train them before she retires. Margaret also suggested that the information should be sent to the Area Representatives to be forwarded to as many of their contacts in their respective clubs as possible and not just rely on the club secretaries to pass this on to their members.

18/01/06-3	Representative to PAGB	Appendix 3
	Richard clarified that club members external events are covered by PLI Insurance as long as it is recognised by the club and not just a couple of members deciding to go on a trip to take photos. These events must be either documented as an addition to the club programme or announced as an extra event to all club members. Ideally a copy of the event list and attending member names should be given to the club secretary. Report attached and accepted.	
18/01/06-4	Editor Northern Focus	
	In his absence John Smith asked that the Treasurer be informed that he would have the information regarding the cost of printing the Northern Focus in due course and will pass this on as soon as possible.	
18/01/06-5	Judges Sub Committee	Appendix 4
	The proposed judges for the forthcoming NCPF competitions were ratified retrospectively with only one change to the Portfolio Selection – Stuart Skelsey declined the offer and was replaced with Catherine Ball. These were proposed by John Twizell and seconded by Jim Welsh. A discussion then took place regarding the correct procedure for judging a club print competition. Pax said that the correct protocol was not being followed by some clubs when booking judges for their competitions. Some clubs are now asking the judge to pass comment on the digital images displayed on the night rather than the prints themselves. It has also been reported that competition secretaries are not giving judges a copy of the rules when they are handing over prints/pdi's. He said that he would write to all competition secretaries reminding them of the correct procedures they should follow when booking a judge. Joseph Duffy agreed to provide the catering for the Judges Seminar on 25 th February but could not supply a vegetarian or gluten free option. Margaret Welsh said she would organise catering for 2 vegetarians and 1 gluten free on the day. Report attached and accepted.	
18/01/06-6	Publications Officer	
	No Report.	
18/01/06-7	Portfolio Secretary	
	Joseph Duffy said he had been making enquiries regarding credit card style recording media instead of using DVD's for the Portfolios. The cost per card was £5.00 for a blank. After discussion it was agreed to stick with DVD's. A discussion then took place as to the format of the portfolios. It was unanimously agreed that the format should remain as last year. Comments were essential for club entertainment as opposed to sitting in silence for 40-50 minutes watching a series of images on a screen. Joseph then said that as no one had come forward to take over the position of Portfolio Secretary, he would continue in this role for another year.	
18/01/06-8	Webmaster	
	No Report.	
	Area Reports	
18/01/07-1	Northern	Appendix 5
	Jim Welsh – Report attached and accepted.	
18/01/07-2	North Tyne	
	David Brown – No Report	
18/01/07-3	South Tyne	Appendix 6
	Trevor Walters – Report attached. In his absence, Trevor's report was read by Margaret Welsh. It was agreed that the comments regarding dates and requirements for NCPF Competitions had already been discussed in the Competitions Chairman's report and didn't need further debate. After discussion it was agreed that the job of recruiting lecturers did not warrant a separate role on the committee and was technically the responsibility of Pax. As Publications Officer he is responsible for the information that is published in the N.C.P.F. Directory, including Federation Lecturers and Judges. Due to Trevor's dogged determination we have now added several new lecturers to the list and he has highlighted an area that has been virtually ignored. It was agreed that ALL members of the Executive should be active in the recruiting of lecturers. It was therefore agreed that if Trevor wished to continue on a voluntary basis with his recruitment drive he is welcome to do so. Any further additions should then be passed on the Pax to be ratified. A further point was raised that there was not an official application form for potential lecturers to fill in. Pax said he would organise this and pass it on to Trevor. It was also suggested that it should be made available to download from the website. It would then be returned directly to Pax. Peter Yearnshire said he had received a cheque from Trevor for someone who presumably wishes to be listed as a lecturer. Without any other information it was decided that Pax would contact this individual to find out why the cheque had been sent and if need be return it.	
18/01/07-4	Southern	
	Dave Coates - No Report	
18/01/07-5	Wear	
	John Gilkerson – Resigned – Position Vacant	
18/01/07-6	Western	
	Gerald Chamberlin – No Report	

18/01/08 Any Other Business

Alan McCormick asked for any nominations for Roll of Honour etc. No one had any names to put forward.

Dave Coates said that he had attended Arnold Hubbard's funeral as a representative of the Northern Counties. At the reception Arnold's family had laid out all of his prints and invited everyone to take a selection. He very kindly brought back 20 of these to be added to the N.C.P.F. Archives. Joseph suggested that we display them at the Beamish Weekend as we did with Vince Rooker's last year. This was unanimously agreed.

Margaret reminded everyone that she would be sending out requests for Executive Reports for the forthcoming A.G.M.

A list of proposed dates for the 2018/19 Executive meetings was handed to everyone present. These will need to be confirmed at the next meeting.

The proposed dates are as follows:-

Tuesday 5th June 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018

Wednesday 14th November 2018

Tuesday 15th January 2019

Monday 11th February 2019

A.G.M. – Sunday 17th March 2019

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed

Date

Future meeting dates: 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	-425.50	0.00	-425.50 *
Publishing	90.00	-662.00	0.00	-662.00
Judges Events	200.00	-170.00	0.00	-170.00
Area Meetings	20.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00 *
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	58.00	41.31	0.00	41.31 *
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	-312.49	68.00	-244.49 *
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	-80.00	0.00	-80.00
Webmaster	50.00	-7.90	0.00	-7.90
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 *
Storage	30.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00 *
Travel Expenses	650.00	-651.50	0.00	-651.50 *
New Equipment 2017		-1000.96	0.00	-1000.96
Other		235.80	0.00	235.80
Self financing items				
PLI		-1899.72	1862.03	-37.69
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1800.00	1728.00	-72.00
Portfolio		-39.79	316.50	276.71 *
Running Totals		-8486.16	7572.83	-913.33
Bank Balance at 15.11.17				
Current Account	4172.64			*
Reserve Account	2268.82			*
3 Year Postal Account	15232.41			
Bank Balance at 31.12.17				
International Salon	382.04			*
Paypal	0.00			*
Cash in Hand	108.83			*
January 16th 2018				

Competition Chairman's Report January 16th 2018

Judges

All Judges on the list provided have been contacted and agreed to officiate at the respective competitions with the exception of Stuart Skelsey who declined as he didn't agree with the marking system used, the reserve judge Catherine Ball had taken over Stuarts place.

Club Championship

We were hoping to use new software this year but unfortunately it has not performed as we hoped so we have reverted back to the original but with a number of small changes to the spread sheet which should make it easier to operate.

We were requested last year to give clubs more notice of the dates of the forthcoming Club Championship & Annuals Competitions. The dates for both these competitions was published on the NCPF Web Site in Sept 2017 informing everyone that entry details would be posted nearer the date.

On the 3rd Jan 2018 Gerry emailed all Clubs informing them that the information for entry's for the Club Championship had been posted on the Website.

To stop any confusion details for entry for the Annuals will be posted after the Club Championship closing date.

A Subcommittee meeting is arranged for Feb 5th to check all entry's and the running order to iron out any problems with the software before the Competition.

Despite all our efforts we have had a complaint from David Richardson of Ryton C.C. stating that they won't be entering this year as we didn't give them enough notice after the Xmas break to allow them to choose their entry. I have attempted to explain to them that their reason for not entering are unfounded and that if they read and digest rules they will see that they in fact do have adequate time to enter.

After almost 15 emails I gave up.

John Twizell

Appendix 3

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN TO NCPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 16th January 2018

1. This is an update report regarding various topics within the PAGB. As reported to this Executive in February 2017 the subscription to the PAGB has risen to £37 for 2018.
2. Likewise Insurance Premiums have risen to take account of the latest increase in Insurance Tax. Our insurers, Royal and Sun Alliance have absorbed the last three increases in Tax due to the good work of our brokers Darwin Clayton. The full figures were included in my previous report to the November meeting of this Executive. Darwin Clayton have been busy sending out the relevant notifications to all Federations. The new Public Liability cover note has not yet been provided by our insurers and it may not become available until March as with the 2017 certificate. All relevant documentation regarding the various policies are available on Darwin Clayton's website.
3. In October I took on the Chairmanship of the Inter Club Print Championship. The event seemed successful apart from the medals being unavailable for presentation on the day and them having to be posted out subsequently. A problem did however come to light in the week after the event when we received a complaint that a print entered by one of the finalist clubs contained purchased clip art. Subsequent investigation revealed this to be true although it was evident that the photographer had incorporated the clip art by accident rather than by design. The print was therefore disqualified resulting in the club being demoted and another club was therefore promoted to the finalist list with automatic entry into the 2018 competition. Interestingly the clip art only formed a small part of the print in question but was spotted because the complainant had encountered the image as a work piece in an on line tutorial he was completing. Just goes to show how careful you have to be.
4. The PAGB held the first Master's of Print Exhibition in London at the beginning of December. The event was well supported and received many favourable reviews. It is hoped that more entrants will be encouraged to take part in the 2018 event.

5. The Awards for Photographic Merit continue to be very popular, the April event hosted by L&CPU in Chorley is full and places for the November event hosted by YPU are already filling quickly. Pleasingly there has been a good response for the Awards in Audio Visual this year, sufficient to run the event over 2 days. The adjudication will be taking place on 26th and 27th May at Wilmslow Guild. A small number of spaces are still available at the time of writing.
6. The next meeting of the PAGB Executive will be held on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th February. Barring any unforeseen circumstances I will be attending on behalf of the NCPF.

Richard Speirs

Appendix 4

JUDGES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT To the Exec Meeting of 16th January 2018

1. Apology – Proposed Judges for NCPF Comps / Events.

This should have been presented at our last Exec Meeting on 15th November 2017 having the Judges Subcommittee discussed these at our 7th September meeting.

To expedite the Competitions Subcommittees plans I passed the proposals on to John Twizell without this committee formally approving the list. I hope you will do so retrospectively.

I list below the original list. Some changes have been necessary due to unavailability of some of the Judges.

1.1 ANNUALS.

1.1.1 OPEN

Libby Smith MPAGB APAGB EFIAP HonSPF	Reserve	Tom Dodd FRPS DPAGB FIPF
David Stout DPAGB EFIAP PPSA		
John Williams DPAGB EFIAP/b MPSA		

1.1.2 BEGINNERS

Mavis McCormick

1.1.3 ALLIANCE SELECTION

Alan Walker ARPS DPAGB EPSA EFIAP
Jack Bamford DPAGB AFIAP APAGB
David Coates ARPS EFIAP/p APSA EPSA MPAGB APAGB ESFIAP

1.1.4 PORTFOLIO SELECTION

Keith Snell LRPS AFIAP PPSA
Jed Wee MA(Photo) ARPS AFIAP
Stuart Skelsey LRPS CPAGB BPE 1*

1.2 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.2.1 Stephen Fowler

1.2.2 David Hall ARPS EFIAP DPAGB BPE3*

1.2.3 Simon Allen EFIAP MPAGB APAGB

1.3 BEAMISH

1.3.1 John Tillotson CPAGB PPSA

1.4 NCPF INTERNATIONAL

JHB to advise

2. Judges Recruitment Seminar – 25th February 2018 at Clara Vale

We have to date 13 registrations for this event with a closing date of the 31st January.

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NORTHERN AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT 18th January 2018

The Northern Area Projected Image Knockout Competition between six of the Northern Area Clubs was held on Sunday 19th November 2017. Cambois Camera Club were the hosts and the judging panel were Alan McCormick, Alan Porrett and Joseph Duffy.

After the first round, Amble, Blyth and Cambois were eliminated from the Knockout Trophy but would later compete against each other for the Digital Plate. Three images scored 15 points at the end of the first round - Dominique and Blade (Cambois) and Power of the sea (Alnwick). Alnwick left the competition after the Trophy semi final leaving Ashington and Morpeth to compete against each other in the Trophy final. The battle for the Plate between Amble, Blyth and Cambois was won by Cambois with 183 points. Amble came second with 172 points and Blyth was third with 169 points. Two images scored 15 points in this round - Blade by Paul Knight of Cambois and Gothic Girls by Alison Leddy of Blyth. The Trophy final was won by Morpeth with a score of 185 points and Ashington were the runners up with 181 points. Two images also scored 15 points in this round - Breakfast by George Sudlow and 2wits by S. Dowson both of Morpeth Camera Club.

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

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

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB
Northern Area Representative

South Tyne Area Report

The Area Interclub PDI Competition was held at Winlaton on November 28th 2017. Unfortunately I was unable to attend having been admitted to hospital earlier in the day for an emergency operation.

All clubs entered 10 images each to be judged by Malcolm Kus ARPS DPAGB EFIAP. The result was close:-

Hexham 262
Ryton 260
Winlaton 260
South Shields 258
Whickham 258
Gateshead 255

3 images received 30 with the judge selecting one by Alec Jones of SSPS as the best of the night.

I would like to express my concern regarding the lack of protocol in some competitions and wonder if we need to remind clubs of the correct procedures that should be adhered to when booking judges and lecturers so that many are not put off from going the rounds? i.e. giving an acceptable introduction and a vote of thanks at the end of the evening.

I have also received a suggestion that dates and requirements for the events such as club championship, annuals should be sent to clubs much earlier than they are currently so clubs can plan properly and incorporate them into their programme.

Lecturers report

I have circulated the clubs with names as mentioned in my last report except for Keith Blundy who has not confirmed membership of a member club and his wanting to charge over and above expenses, and also Michelle Dempsey of Workington who has failed to respond to request to confirm expenses only.

Can I have guidance as to whether you wish me to continue in this role after the AGM as I can then decide as to whether to continue as an area representative or stand from the floor. I would like to continue in this role to try to recruit even more new lecturers.

Trevor Walters APAGB