



# 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 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 on ZOOM.

The President, Alan Wilson, opened the meeting at 7.00pm

**Present:** - Jim Welsh, Alan Wilson, Joseph Duffy, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Gerry Adcock, Alan Forster, Gerald Chamberlin, Richard Speirs, Trevor Walters, John Smith

**23/01/01 Apologies for Absence:** - Debra Taylor, David Brown, Phillip Dove

**Incommunicado:** - Jane Black, Stan Bewick

**23/01/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved and signed on behalf of the President.**  
Proposed by Trevor Walters – Seconded by Peter Yearnshire

**23/01/03 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**23/01/04 Correspondence**

No correspondence to report.

**23/01/05 Treasurer's Report – Peter Yearnshire**

**Appendix 1**

Peter read through his report. He explained in detail the income and expenditure. Margaret queried the figures for the Annuals as the charge for the hire of the hall had been waived by Clara Vale due to their booking error. Peter said he would look into it for his next report. It was agreed that the International Salon Account should be closed completely and any balance transferred to the NCPF Current Account. Joseph Duffy asked if a copy of the public liability insurance could be sent to Beamish. Peter said he would do this when the new certificate comes through.

Report accepted and is attached.

**23/01/06 Reports**

**23/01/06-1 Competitions Chairman – Alan Forster**

**Appendix 2**

Alan read through his report. He said that Clara Vale had confirmed the booking for the Club Championships and have sent through the invoice for £162.00 to Alan. This will be passed to Peter for payment. A meeting is arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> January to finalise the details. All of the judges have been booked for the Annuals in April and confirmed by email. Expenses for May Beth Jamieson will be confirmed in the New Year. Notification has been received from two clubs regarding duplicate entries from a member. This will be discussed at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Report accepted and attached.

**23/01/06-2 Representative to PAGB (Temporary) – Richard Speirs**

**Appendix 3**

Richard read through his report outlining the PAGB CES System to replace the PAGB Handbook. Only a handful of NCPF clubs have nominated a representative to update their details on the PAGB system. Richard proposed that a letter be sent out to all NCPF clubs informing them of these changes and asking them to register on the PAGB website. In view of this change, he also suggested that the NCPF should consider ceasing production of the Directory as all of the information will be accessible on line and is secure. Richard said he would draft a letter and asked Gerry if he would send it out to the clubs. He also said that he had compiled a list of all NCPF judges and lecturers. Gerry suggested that a form could be produced to send out to the clubs asking for the Club Committee details to keep our website up to date. Margaret asked about access to the judges list to send out information regarding the Judges Refresher Event. Jim will speak to Stephen Fowler about registering as he will need access to do this.

Report accepted and attached.

**23/01/06-3 Merit Awards Officer – Gerald Chamberlin**

**Appendix 4**

Gerald read through his report. The closing date for entries for the next assessment is the end of January.

Two certificates have been received by Margaret. Gerald proposed that they should be handed to the recipients at the Club Championships. This was agreed.

Report accepted and attached

**23/01/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson**

**Appendix 5**

Alan read through his report. He informed the committee that the Northern Focus would be issued after this meeting as additional information relating to the topics discussed this evening will be added before publication. He also informed everyone that the catalogue and exhibition for the 41<sup>st</sup> International Salon had been sent out to all relevant recipients. Gerry said that the Northern Focus was supposed to be issued at the end of the last meeting and still had not been sent out. Publication is now overdue. Gerald said that he had Issues with opening the Salon exhibition using a MAC. After discussion it was thought that this could be a WeTransfer problem and not the files. Alan said he would re-send the files.

Report accepted and attached.

**23/01/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Jim Welsh**

Jim said that the next JSC meeting was due to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to finalise the details for the Judges Refresher/Recruitment Day. In view of the short time scale after the meeting an additional meeting will now be held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Trevor Walters asked if there were any new nominations from the NCPF judges to the PAGB list. Jim said he was unaware that the JSC proposed nominees. Richard said that Federations put names forward for PAGB approval and acceptance to the PAGB Judges List. Jim said he would raise this at the next JSC meeting.

**23/01/06-6 Publications Officer –****23/01/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Phillip Dove**

No Report.

**23/01/06-8 Beamish Officer – Joseph Duffy****Appendix 6**

Joseph read through his report. Report accepted and attached.

**23/01/06-9 Club Support & Development – John Smith**

John said that they had an initial meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January. They are in the process of producing a newsletter to introduce the group to all Federation clubs and asking for any ideas they may have to boost their club membership and interests. The next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**23/01/06-10 Webmaster – Gerry Adcock****Appendix 7**

Gerry outlined the information in his report regarding the change of web host. He said that Dave Coates wishes to hand over the responsibility of renewing the domain name as he has retired from the Executive. Gerry said he would do this if no one else came forward. Margaret asked if he would be happy to take this on. He said yes. After reporting that the job of transferring the information over from the old website Gerry said that had been a more time consuming job than he originally thought. Some features such as member profiles have not been added to the new site but are still accessible if they are required. John Smith asked Alan Wilson if he was still doing member profiles in the NF. Alan said that he had not asked for member profiles but would include them if anyone was nominated. Peter Yearnshire spoke for all of the committee when he voiced his appreciation of the work that Gerry does 'behind the scenes' and thanked him for his input.

Report accepted and attached.

**23/01/07 Area Reports****23/01/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh****Appendix 8**

Jim read through his report regarding the results of the recent Northern Area Knockout Competition.

Report accepted and attached.

**23/01/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown**

No Report.

**23/01/07-3 South Tyne – Joseph Duffy**

Joseph reported that Hexham is hosting the South Tyne Competition on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The judge TBA.

**23/01/07-4 Southern – Phillip Dove**

No Report.

**23/01/07-5 Wear Valley – Debra Taylor**

No Report

**23/01/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin****Appendix 9**

Gerald read through his report outlining the results from the recent Western Area Competition hosted by Keswick PS. Gerald said that a Western Area Club Meeting would normally be organised by Pax but in view of his health problems Gerald is taking on this task. He then said that he had received an email from Carlisle CC regarding the certificates they had received from the Presentation Event. They reported that the name on two certificates was incorrect. Margaret said she would look into and correct the error. Peter queried the involvement of Dumfries in the Western Area Competitions. Gerald said that although they had reverted back to the Scottish Federation they were still involved in the competitions held by the Western Area.

Report accepted and attached.

**23/01/08 Any Other Business**

Alan requested that both Jim and Gerald send him copies of their reports with images for entry into the NF. Trevor Walters queried the use of Bank Transfer by clubs to pay judges and speakers at the last meeting. He asked if there should be a protocol for this. After discussion it was agreed that this was a matter between the club and the judge/speaker. Gerald said that in his view this was an excellent procedure but said NOT to accept PayPal payments as they take a commission charge.

John Smith requested that Debra Taylor was thanked for her commitment and enthusiasm in her role as Secretary of the new Support & Development Subcommittee. Well done from all of the Executive Committee.

Margaret said that if we 'go digital' and all information is online for clubs/judges/lecturer's to update themselves, is the role of Publications Officer necessary. Should this now be the role of a Data Manager? Richard said that he is the PAGB Data Manager and if all the clubs etc. in the NCPF updated their own information regularly all that would be necessary would be a reminder letter to them, maybe after the A.G.M., to update their information on the CES system. After a short discussion Richard agreed to take on the role of NCPF Data Manager.

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

Signed.....

Date.....

**Next Meeting Date: Monday 06<sup>th</sup> February 2023 @ Clara Vale, Ryton – 7.30pm**

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|                              | Budget  | Expense  | Income  | Variation |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| NCPF Fees                    | 0.00    | 0.00     | 2100.00 | 2100.00   |
| Club C/ships                 | 250.00  | -243.95  | 65.00   | -178.95   |
| Annuals                      | 1500.00 | -891.09  | 8.00    | -883.09   |
| Exec Meetings                | 300.00  | -99.09   | 0.00    | -99.09    |
| Publications +               |         |          |         |           |
| Postage                      | 90.00   | -752.96  | 0.00    | -752.96   |
| Judges Events                | 200.00  | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.00      |
| Area Meetings                | 30.00   | -15.00   | 0.00    | -15.00    |
| PAGB-AGM                     | 100.00  | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.00      |
| Treasurer                    | 50.00   | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.00      |
| Gen Sec's                    | 87.00   | -113.79  | 0.00    | -113.79   |
| President                    | 35.00   | -326.26  | 0.00    | .326.26   |
| Printing for Directory       | 300.00  | -333.41  | 0.00    | -333.41   |
| Events (Beamish)             | 150.00  | -80.00   | 80.00   | 0.00      |
| Events (Presentation)        | 250.00  | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.00      |
| PAGB (National Finals)       | 80.00   | -300.00  | 0.00    | -300.00   |
| Webmaster                    | 50.00   | -300.24  | 0.00    | -300.24   |
| Medals and Ribbons           | 200.00  | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.00      |
| Interest from Postal A/c     | 0.00    | 0.00     | 18.36   | 18.36     |
| Storage                      | 40.00   | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.00      |
| Travel Expenses              | 350.00  | 0.00     | 0.00    | 0.00      |
| Zoom Fees                    | 0.00    | -172.68  | 0.00    | -172.68   |
| Int - Salon Account Transfer | 0.00    | -3000.00 | 0.00    | -3000.00  |
| Business Account Transfer    | 0.00    | -49.28   | 0.00    | -49.28    |
| Other Expenses               | 0.00    | -49.28   | 0.00    | -49.28    |
| Postage                      | 0.00    | -9.14    | 0.00    | -9.14     |

## Self financing items

|                       |       |                 |                |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|
|                       |       | Paid in         |                |
| PLI (NCPF)            | 91.82 | 2021            | 0.00           |
| PAGB Fees (Inclusive) |       | -752.00         | 672.00         |
| Portfolio             |       | 0.00            | 0.00           |
| <b>Running Totals</b> |       | <b>-7185.48</b> | <b>4009.36</b> |

## Bank Balance at 31.12.22

|                       |                 |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| Current Account       | <b>2466.61</b>  | * |
| Reserve Account       | <b>1281.26</b>  | * |
| 3 Year Postal Account | <b>15445.68</b> |   |

## Bank Balance at 31.12.22

|                     |                |   |
|---------------------|----------------|---|
| International Salon | <b>2539.63</b> | * |
|---------------------|----------------|---|

Entries have closed for the 2023 Club Championships to be held at Clara Vale on Sunday 12th February 2023. Overall, clubs entering this year are slightly up on last year's competition with a total of 14 clubs entering the print competition and 22 clubs entering the PDI competition.

Clara Vale have been contacted and have confirmed our booking for the hall. Reminder emails have been sent to the judges - Alan Porrett, John Williams, George Ledger and a Competitions Sub Group meeting is being arranged to finalise planning for the day.

Judges for the Annuals competition in April have been arranged by both telephone and email as per this table.

| 2023 Annuals 22-23 April 9am-5pm |                    |                     |                         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Open Section 22/23 April         |                    |                     |                         |
|                                  | Judge              | Confirmed by phone  | Confirmation email sent |
|                                  | Gerald Chamberlin  | Yes                 | Yes                     |
|                                  | Keith Snell        | Yes                 | Yes                     |
|                                  | Maybeth Jamieson   | Yes                 | Yes                     |
| Alliance Selection 23 April      |                    |                     |                         |
|                                  | Peter Maguire      | Yes                 | Yes                     |
|                                  | Lynda Golightly    | Yes                 | Yes                     |
|                                  | Bill Broadley      | NO - done via email | Yes                     |
| Not available                    | David Ord          | X                   | X                       |
| Portfolio Selection 23 April     |                    |                     |                         |
|                                  | Veronica Congleton | Yes                 | Yes                     |
|                                  | George Ledger      | Yes                 | Yes                     |
|                                  | David Hall         | Yes                 | Yes                     |
| Beginners 23 April               |                    |                     |                         |
|                                  | John Reed          | Yes                 | Yes                     |

Alan Forster

Competitions Subcommittee Chairman

Appendix 3

#### REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN 16th January 2023

1. The PAGB have been continuously developing their online Competition Entry System (CES) to become a complete database of all Federations, Clubs, Judges and Lecturers. The main driver is to ensure a complete, current and secure listing for all Judges and Lecturers within the Alliance. This should allow Competition and Programme Secretaries to find speakers and judges more easily for club events
2. Ultimately the CES System will replace the PAGB Handbook which is complicated to produce, expensive and only has a limited circulation within clubs. Once fully supplied with all Federation data the CES will also allow Federations to dispose of their own Directories should they so wish. The system has been set up in such a way that in future all Judges and Lecturers listed will be responsible for maintaining their own data which will save a lot of work by Federations. The information is secure in that only nominated club officers will be able to access the data.
3. The intention is also for each Federation club to nominate officers who can update the relevant details about their clubs on a regular basis rather than having to wait until the Federation Directory is compiled and published by which time they can be out of date.
4. Since returning to the role of PAGB Rep. I have added all NCPF Lecturer details to the CES and updated and corrected the details for Judges. From this I have been able to create separate email list for both speakers and judges which can be used for direct mailings by the NCPF. I have produced a draft letter to go to all clubs, speakers and judges outlining how they can access the CES database, create their individual passwords and access their details for amendment where necessary. Executive Members are requested to consider if the Federation wants to continue with the Directory in its present form or make greater use of the PAGB CES System.
5. The next meeting of the PAGB Executive will be held on the 5th February at Warwick University. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, I will be attending on behalf of the NCPF.

Richard Speirs

PAGB Representative

## NCPF Report PAGB Merit Awards Report January 2023

The last merit awards assessment day was held last November 2022 in Northern Ireland.

5 members from NCPF clubs were entered for their awards, 4 for CPAGB, 3 in PDI's and one in prints and 1 for DPAGB in prints.

Unfortunately only one person gained there CPAGB award this was in prints.

Congratulations go to Phillip Dove CPAGB of Saltburn PS.

The next merit awards assessment weekend is in April and is been held in Kent. 2 members of the NCPF are booked in for their CPAGB award. We wish them well.

At the moment there is still some NCPF/PAGB application forms still to be returned to me.

**Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB EFIAP**  
**NCPF PAGB Merit Awards Officer**

## Northern Focus Editor Report 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Update regards 41st Salon

The 94th Edition of "Northern Focus" is ready with another full and entertaining mixture of topics

### Of interest to committee may be:

New RPS Regional organiser, whom I have contacted offering discussion regards mutual digital magazine advertising support.

PAGB CES Admin (replacing the PAGB Handbook) is now live link.

### Publishing:

I am holding back on distribution awaiting any important findings or announcements from tonight's Executive Meeting.

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### NB: Update regards 41<sup>st</sup> Northern Counties International Salon:

92-page e-catalogue created. FIAP "accepted" the catalogue in December. Review by 1 x FIAP Admin with award of 4 x stars. (Ultimately 3 x FIAP Admins will review).

Catalogue (92 pages) and 43-minute digital exhibition has been forwarded to entrants, executive and clubs.

- Some WeTransfer links have proved temperamental especially to MAC users, re-send via different route ongoing.

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This high-quality work is in addition to the Awards and Alliance Entry /and Selectors Choice presentations distributed in the Autumn along with the presentation slide show from The Annuals.

Thank you.

**Alan Wilson**  
**Editor Northern Focus**

## Beamish Report 16.01.23

At the last meeting I had with Paul Foster last year the two dates pencilled in for the Beamish Weekend were 20<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. I emailed Paul this week and he has confirmed the 20-21<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Beamish are hoping to be opening a new part of the 1950s town. Members may enjoy photographing this.

The information for the NCPF website will be ready this week.

### South Tyne report 16.01.23

**South Tyne Area Competition** - Hexham PS is hosting the PDI competition on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023. The judge to be advised.

**Joseph Duffy**  
**Beamish Officer & South Tyne Area Representative**

## Web-Masters Report January 2023

At the Exec meeting in November 2022, I reported that the NCPF web hosting was due for renewal. You may recall that the web site had been hosted by a company called Just Host since inception and they had quoted renewal at £582.16 for a 36 month term, a massive increase on the last renewal 3yrs ago.

Following consultation with the Treasurer Peter Yearnshire it was agreed that I should attempt to negotiate the price down with the present supplier, and if unable to agree suitable terms investigate changing supplier. This course of action having been endorsed at the November meeting and requiring urgent attention.

Unfortunately, negotiations with Just Host were unsuccessful and after examining the market found a deal with a company called Host Papa at £300.24 for a 36 month term with improved features to the last host. I therefore proceeded with the purchase on behalf of the NCPF. This as you can see represents a saving of £281.92 to the NCPF. All invoices / receipts were submitted to the treasurer who has kindly reimbursed me £281.92 by NCPF cheque.

Following the purchase, I proceeded with the migration of the web site to the new hosting company. This was completed on 13/11/22. As expected, the web site was offline for approx. 24 hours whilst a process called propagation took place, this being the first time the site has been down since 2015. Quite a few issues arose such as missing images & links to various documents etc. now resolved. E-mail addresses linked to the site could not be transferred & have had to be re-created manually on the new hosts server.

The transfer accounted for many hours of my time & was not a straightforward process, with the capacity for trouble should things go wrong, however I thought the savings to the organization were worth it, particularly in the current financial climate.

Over the years the site has grown and contains a very large number of images used in gallery's relating to our competitions going back to 2013. There are also many PDF files stored & linked to a back dated archive of Northern Focus issues dating back to 2010. Also, other files such as NCPF Exec Minutes. All these files, being downloadable which, all told make for a large number of files, taking up quite a bit of storage space. This precludes the use of cheaper hosting packages.

This all adds up to a site containing hundreds of links to PDFs, Images & e-mail addresses. As with every web site these links will sometimes break and should they be discovered during use please report them to me. I endeavour to post new content & effect repairs in a timely manner & usually within 48hrs except when on holidays.

The primary purpose of the site is to facilitate NCPF related news / info and to support the download of documents vital to the organization of our various events, judge's subcommittee, PAGB Awards & so on. I'm pleased to also be able to provide a section of the site devoted to reporting matters concerning club matters & happily still receive regular reports from most of our Area Reps re inter club comps etc. for posting on the site.

The NCPF domain name ncpf.org.uk has in the past been renewed by David Coates, who having now retired wishes to pass the responsibility to me. Conversations have taken place with a view to arranging that in the near future.

**Gerry Adcock, ARPS**  
**(Web-master NCPF)**

## Appendix 8

### NORTHERN AREA KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

The Northern Area Knockout Competition was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This event was hosted by Morpeth Camera Club and the three judges were Alan Porrett ARPS, DPAGB, APAGB, EFIAP, David Ord and Peter Maguire LRPS, CPAGB, EFIAP.

Alnwick, Amble, Ashington, Blyth, Morpeth and Wooler took part in the competition. Cambois were unable to enter this year's event. After the first round Alnwick, Ashington, Blyth and Morpeth competed for the Trophy. The two clubs who made it to the final were Alnwick and Morpeth with **Alnwick winning with 192 points** to Morpeth's 188.

Amble and Wooler, who were the two lowest scoring clubs from Round 1, competed for the Plate and this was **won by Amble with 173 points** to Wooler's 152. One image gained the highest score of 15 points and this was entitled 'Smoke gets in your Eyes' by Karen Broom of Alnwick CC.

The competition was well attended by all of the clubs who took part and a very nice pooled tea and refreshments were supplied by the host club. Thanks to the members of Morpeth Camera Club and the three judges for an enjoyable afternoon.

### NORTHERN AREA PRINT COMPETITION

The Northern Area Interclub Colour & Monochrome Print Competition is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The host club will be Cambois CC.

**Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB, APAGB**  
**NCPF Northern Area Representative**

**NCPF Western Area Report January 2023**

This year's competition was hosted by Keswick PS at the end of November 2022. It was held as a face to face event for the first time after the pandemic with an excellent representation from all 8 clubs in the western area.

The competition was made up of 6 prints and 6 PDI's from all 8 clubs. The judge was Dave Gibbins ARPS, APAGB, EFIAP/b, BPE5\*, CPAGB/AV from Keyworth Camera Club who did an excellent job in judging the competition.

The top two images scoring 20 points both went to Anne Greiner of Dumfries CC with a print called The Girl At No 17 and a PDI called Mr Speaker.

The winning club was: -

Dumfries CC 214  
Keswick PS 213  
Working CC 196  
Morton PS 194  
Penrith PS 194  
West Cumbria PG 190  
Carlisle CC 181  
Copeland PS 181

A big thank you goes to Keswick PS for hosting the competition. Images and scores have been sent to Gerry to go on the NCPF website. It is hoped in the very near future to hold a Western Area club meeting to plan future events and competitions.

**Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB, EFIAP**  
**NCPF Western Area Rep**