



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Swalwell Community Centre.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Present:** - Alan McCormick, Cliff Banks, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Gerry Adcock, Pax Garabedian, Jane Black, Richard Speirs, John Twizell, Fred Wright, Jim Welsh, Trevor Walters, Dave Coates, John Williams

**16/04/01 Apologies for Absence:** - Joseph Duffy, John Smith, Edward Wilding

**16/04/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016** were approved and signed.  
Proposed by Richard Speirs – Seconded by John Twizell

**16/04/03 Matters arising**  
No matters arising

**16/04/04 Revision of the Rule Book**  
Dave Coates passed out copies of the revised Rule Book to the committee. Spare copies were given to the Secretary and a digital copy will be sent in due course.

**16/04/05 Correspondence**  
Margaret Welsh read out a letter received from Stan Bewick regarding the reimbursement of petrol expenses for members of the Executive. After a short discussion Richard Speirs said that this was not against the constitution as it is not a constitution item. He agreed to draft a reply and email it to Margaret to send to Stan.

Jane Black said she had dealt with correspondence from Fotospeed.

**16/04/06 Reinstatement of Sub Committees**  
A vote was taken en bloc to approve the Sub Committees as follows:  
**Judge's Sub Committee:** Pax Garabedian (Chair), Jane black, Alan Porrett, Richard Speirs, Jim Welsh, Alan McCormick

*Dave Coates said that some members of the Judge's Sub Committee should be replaced as they have over run their five year term. After some discussion it was agreed that the committee would remain as stated for this year but will be looked at over the next 12 months. Pax said that he has found it very difficult to find alternative judges of the calibre required.*

**Events Sub Committee:** John Twizell (Chair), Fred Wright, Joseph Duffy, Cliff Banks, John Gilkerson, Jim Welsh, Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire

**International Salon Sub Committee:** Jane Black (Chair), Cliff Banks, Dave Coates, Vince Rooker, Alan McCormick, Joe Grabham, Joseph Duffy

**16/04/07 Treasurer's Report** **Appendix 1**  
Report attached. Acceptance - **Proposed** Trevor Walters **Seconded** Dave Coates

**16/04/08 Reports** **Appendix 2**  
**Competitions Chairman**  
Report attached. John Twizell informed the committee that a replacement judge would be required for the Annuals on 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May as Mavis McCormick will be unable to attend due to Alan's imminent operation. Joseph Duffy agreed to stand in as replacement. Approval was sought for this and the proposed use of the additional trophies. Both items were agreed unanimously. The two additional trophies will be included in this year's competition. Cliff Banks said that the Annuals PDI entries were down on last year as follows:  
**2015** Myles Audas 829 images from 33 clubs      **2016** Myles Audas 692 images from 29 clubs  
**2015** Jane Black trophy 109 images from 16 clubs      **2016** Jane Black Trophy 97 images from 18 clubs  
Approval of report **Proposed** by Jim Welsh – **Seconded** by Dave Coates

**International Exhibition** **Appendix 3**  
Report attached. Jane Black reported that the Post Office arrangements had changed and the current proposals would be looked at in detail by Jane and Peter.  
Approval of report **Proposed** by Richard Speirs – **Seconded** by Dave Coates

**Representative to PAGB****Appendix 4**

Report attached. Richard Spiers explained about the PAGB's "Ask Famous Dave" requesting an article for a good club photographer from the NCPF. He will need nominations by the next meeting.

20 Mementos – 20 November – Richard asked for approval to buy 20 bottles of Lindisfarne Mead as the NCPF contribution. Approval was given. Approval of report **Proposed** by Cliff Banks– **Seconded** by Jane Black

**Editor Northern Focus**

No Report

**Judges Sub Committee****Appendix 5**

Report attached. Approval for the proposed judges as listed in the report was unanimous.

**Publications Officer**

Report attached

**Appendix 6****Portfolio Secretary**

Gerry Adcock reported that the forms had been sent out to the clubs for the Portfolio CD's. Some replies had already been received. The commentary for the Portfolio will be included again this year. (Richard Spiers).

**Webmaster**

Gerry Adcock reported that things were quiet at the minute and he was waiting for reports coming in. It was suggested that he split the images from the PAGB event over a short period.

**16/04/09 Area Reports**

**Northern** Jim Welsh - Report attached

**Appendix 7**

**North Tyne** No Report

**South Tyne** Trevor Walters - Report attached

**Appendix 8**

**Southern** Dave Coates - No Report

**Wear** Ed Wilding – No Report

**Western** John Williams – No Report

**16/04/10 Any Other Business**

Cliff Banks informed the committee that Keith Kirkland had asked to join the Committee. After a short discussion this was agreed. **Proposed by** Fred Wright – **Seconded by** Cliff Banks. Margaret asked for contact details to formerly invite him to the next Executive Meeting.

Cliff Banks also informed everyone that Ed Wilding was very ill in hospital. Margaret will send a Get Well card from the Executive. Trevor Walters informed us that Dave Richardson had been diagnosed with Leukaemia.

**P.A.G.B. Event** – Neil Maughan and Alan Walker were both awarded M.P.A.G.B. Tim Booth, Mark Petherbridge and Pauline Pentony were awarded C.P.A.G.B. The President will send letters of congratulations. The P.A.G.B. will send out a full list of winners in due course. Certificates and badges will also be posted. It was suggested that these should be presented at the forthcoming Presentation Event to acknowledge their achievements.

Richard Spiers proposed that a mileage refund of 10p per mile could be paid to the attending volunteers from the money allocated by the P.A.G.B. towards the organising costs. Peter said that an official registration form should be drawn up for the drivers only.

With regard to the mileage refund for Executive members attending meetings – it was suggested that an extra column could be added to the signing in form for this purpose. Margaret will look at this for the next meeting.

Cliff had received an email from Stephen Fowler regarding entry onto the approve lecturer's list for Roger Coulam, who is a commercial lecturer. As he is not a member of any affiliated camera club he is not entitled to have his name on the list or publish any information advertising his lectures. After discussion it was agreed that Cliff would email him outlining these points.

Eden Valley Camera club was also mentioned as they are not members of the N.C.P.F. but regularly use the facilities to book lecturers. After discussion it was agreed that Pax would contact N.C.P.F. lecturers to inform them of the pitfalls of attending non-member clubs, such as insurance cover etc.

A discussion took place regarding the lack of attendance at the A.G.M. with several suggestions to boost numbers. It was pointed out that Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March had several other events at the same time. It was also the date of the Newcastle/Sunderland Derby. Jim Welsh said that he had to attend an Interclub Competition and was unable to get to the A.G.M. The date of next year's A.G.M. will be Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Meeting closed at 9.35pm**

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees		0.00	3640.00		*
Club C/ships	250.00	-209.41	127.00	-82.41	*
Annuals	1500.00	-100.00	0.00	-100.00	*
Exec Meetings	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Publishing	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Judges Events	200.00	-191.20	0.00	-191.20	*
Area Meetings	20.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00	*
PAGB-Awards	0.00	-356.82	1233.50	876.68	*
PAGB-AGM	100.00	-128.75	0.00	-128.75	*
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Events (Presentation)	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Webmaster	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Medals and Ribbons	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Interest from Postal A/c		0.00	229.54	229.54	
Open New Postal A/C		653.85	0.00	653.85	
Other		21.84	0.00	21.84	
A/c Movements		-150.00	0.00	-150.00	
PAGB Event		-79.74	21.00	-58.74	
<b><u>Self financing items</u></b>					
PLI		-1925.42	1887.73	-37.69	
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1772.25	1772.25	0.00	
Portfolio		0.00	17.00	17.00	*
<b>Running Totals</b>		<b>-4267.90</b>	<b>8928.02</b>	<b>4660.12</b>	
<b><u>Bank Balance at 31.3.16</u></b>					
Current Account	<b>5746.25</b>				*
Reserve Account	<b>2267.90</b>				*
3 Year Postal Account	<b>15232.41</b>				
<b><u>Bank Balance at 31.3.16</u></b>					
International Salon	<b>36.33</b>				*

April 26<sup>th</sup> 2016

## **Competition Officer Report 26 April 2016**

### **1. Interclub Print & Digital Image Championship**

Information has been forwarded to the PAGB regarding the clubs who will be representing the NCPF in the above Championship.

They Are:

Digital Image:- Northallerton , Morton

Print :- Northallerton, Sunderland

### **2. PAGB Awards Gateshead**

The above adjudication took place over the weekend of 22/23/&24<sup>th</sup> April at the Joseph Swan Academy Gateshead.

I would like to place on record the following volunteers, who made my job as organiser very easy. They are in no particular order:-

Fred Wright, Cliff Banks, John Gilkerson, Joseph Duffy, Jim & Margaret Welsh, Peter Yearnshire, Lynn Kerr, Gerry Adcock, and last but not least Vince Rooker.

Between them they handled on the Saturday: - 600 DPI & 255 prints

And on the Sunday: 760 prints.

The whole weekend went off very smoothly and professionally because of their hard work and were a credit to the NCPF.

Print boxes are in the process of being posted back to their respective owners.

### **3. Annuals 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> May**

The organising of this event is complete all judges have been contacted with information regarding location and accommodation has been booked. A schedule for start times and approximate finishing times has been provided.

We have 2 additional trophy`s for next year`s competition which need to be allocated.

They are: PAGB World Cup (Tray) and Eagle Trophy

It was suggested that the World cup be for Print or PDI Best Sport and the Eagle Trophy Best Creative Mono. After a long discussion at the Sub Committee it was thought that due to Creative Mono being poorly supported in current competitions it would be better allocating them both to sport, a subject which gets very little coverage.

The Committee therefore suggested the following:

PAGB World Cup: Best Sport Print

Eagle Trophy: Best Sport PDI

### **4. Beamish 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Joseph Duffy is handling this event

End of Report

Report to the Executive – International Salon – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016

1. The entry form is ready for testing and it is expected to go live on the website on 1<sup>st</sup> May
2. We are working on producing a poster advert to send out in the hope of increasing the entry on last year. Reports seem to indicate there is still a down turn, due to the large number of PDI Salons.
3. Patronage has been awarded by RPS, PSA, FIAP and GPU but only PSA and FIAP have been paid as the salon has run out of money.  
PSA cost £457 for 24 medals  
FIAP cost £473 for 7 medals  
RPS will be £531 for 20 medals and GPU will be £165 for 3 medals. There is also a few ribbons with each.
4. I have done an exploratory test, with last year's figures, to see if I can save on postage for the catalogue. This was with a company recommended by Smethwick. It does not look good.
5. The P.O. we used for the last two years has now moved into a shop [as did the Tynemouth P.O.] and the parking is impossible. I have visited another P.O. where there is parking and dangled the carrot of approximately £2,000+ some work, only to find the P.O. rules have changed. The Treasurer and I will look at the situation [a 6 page pamphlet] to see if it is workable.

Jane H. Black [Salon Chair]

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE  
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN  
TO NCPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
26th APRIL 2016

1. The Alliance AGM was held on Saturday 9th April and was followed by the normal Executive meeting on Sunday 10th. No contentious issues arose at the AGM other than a comment relating to the adoption of the new Constitution. In recognition of the comment the Executive meeting recognised that the Constitution was not hard and fast for ever and that change was inevitable. Members of the Executive are investigating the best way for any suggested modifications to be received and addressed in future.
2. Agreement was reached that the Annual subscription, inclusive of PLI, will be increased to £36 with effect from January 2017.
3. The election of officers effectively resulted in no change from those currently in post with the exception that I have now become the Alliance's Insurance Officer to take some of the work load from Gordon Jenkins in the run up to his term as President.
4. My previous report identified that the Alliance has purchased 2 new Canon projectors and is in the process of acquiring suitable laptops. It has been agreed that the new standard for projected images will be 1600 X 1200 and will now be applied from January 2018.
5. Agreement was reached that the PAGB Sponsorship Officer Clive Tanner would act as the first point of contact for Federations wishing to find sponsorship for any of their major events and that the initial approach should be via Federation's representatives.
6. I mentioned in my report to the February meeting of this Executive that each year when the PAGB renews the PLI insurance for Federations and clubs they are required to satisfy the insurers that no club is aware of any impending claims against the PLI element of insurance. Although Federations usually give an automatic negative response to the enquiry the insurers are recommending that a more diligent enquiry is made of clubs. Some Federations already take this course by asking each Club to complete a simple tick box process as part of their annual update of data. Similarly the Insurers need to have an accurate number of club members for each club within a Federation.

***Members of the Executive are recommended to approve and introduce a system to cover both PLI information and club numbers.***

7. As members of this Executive are hopefully aware the PAGB eNews carries an "Ask Famous Dave" article in each issue. The PAGB are requesting that each Federation supplies an article about a good photographer from their region for a profile article. The AGM of the Alliance will be held on the weekend of 9th and 10th April 2016. As part of the meeting all Federation representatives give a short update on what has taken place in their Federations during the past 12 months and anything of note planned for 2016.

***Members of the Executive are requested to nominate a suitable photographer from within the NCPF***

Richard Speirs DPAGB APAGB  
NCPF representative to the PAGB

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## **JUDGES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT To the Exec Meeting of 26th April 2016**

### **Judges Recruitment Seminar - 21.02.2016 at Clara Vale Community Centre.**

36 out of the 37 registered candidates attended with the below listed being invited to join the Judges' C list subject to this Committees' approval. All have accepted conditionally.

1.	Mike Allport		Wooler & District CC
2.	Catherine Ball	BA(Photo)	Wallsend PS & North Shields PS
3.	David Boath		Richmond CC
4.	Malcolm Boyd		Castleside & District PC
5.	Graeme Clarke		Gallery PG
6.	Keith Collins		Gallery PG
7.	Peter Downs LRPS		Morpeth CC
8.	Lynda Golightly		Consett & District PS
9.	Simon Green		Consett & District PS
10.	John Halocha		Wooler & District CC
11.	Peter Maguire		Gosforth CC
12.	Jo McIntyre MPAGB		Morton PS
13.	Patrick Sheard		Wooler & District CC
14.	Stuart Skelsey	LRPS CPAGB BPE1*	Whitley Bay PS
15.	Tom Stenhouse		Keswick PS
16.	Martin Vickerman		Richmond CC

I will be circulating the approved list of new judges to all Competition Secretaries ASAP after this meeting.

Copies of the JUDGES HANDBOOK have been distributed to all currently listed Judges. Copies are being made available to 'non Judge' members of this Executive.

Appointment letters for newly recruited Judges will be accompanied by a copy of the Handbook and a List of Mentors (current members of the Judges Subcommittee).

**PAG**

**18.04.2016**

## **Publications Officer's Report**

### **Report to the Executive 26.04.2016**

The Directory update is underway with closing date for return of update forms set for 31.05.2016.

At the time of writing this report Lecturer/Judge response has been 73% approx. and club response 20% approx.

P A Garabedian

18.04.2016

## **Appendix 7**

### **RESULTS OF THE NORTHERN AREA PROJECTED IMAGE THEMED COMPETITION**

The Northern Area Projected Image Themed Competition between the Northern Area Clubs was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Alnwick & District Camera Club were the hosts and the judge was Dave Phillips of Hartlepool.

Once again Morpeth was the winning club with a score of 277 points. In joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Amble and Blyth with 275 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place was Cambois with 272 points, Alnwick came 5<sup>th</sup> with 266 points and Wooler came 6<sup>th</sup> with 258 points. Ashington couldn't raise an entry so didn't compete.

Congratulations to Morpeth and commiserations to everyone else as the scoring was very tight between all of the placings. A total of six images gained the highest score of 30 points. They were Snowy Beach Huts from Blyth PS, Tewksbury Abbey Interior and Montbretia in Ice from Morpeth CC, Faith, Puffin with Sand Eels and Barter Books Then and Now from Amble PG. Congratulations to the six authors.

This was the last Interclub event of the season and was once again held on the same day as the N.C.P.F A.G.M. The attendance was moderate. Blyth PS will be the hosts next season and the event will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

Thank you to Dave Phillips for his constructive comments and the members of Alnwick Camera Club for their hospitality.

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB  
Northern Area Representative



## South Tyne Area Report

1) On the night of our last meeting the long serving Treasurer of Ryton CC Alan Spoor was presented with an APAGB award by Vice President Alan McCormick who happened to be at Ryton that night with his wife Mavis who was judging a competition.

2) The annual area inter club print competition was hosted by Whickham PC on February 26 and 6 of the 7 clubs each entered 10 prints and the judge was Dave Illingworth.

### Results

Ryton 250

Whickham 240

Hexham 239

Gateshead 238

South Shields 234

Winlaton 226

The result meant that Ryton achieved the rare double of winning both area print and pdi contests in the same season. The best print gaining 30 was Newcastle by Barry Turnbull of Hexham.

3) South Shields PS have advised a new abode for commencement of the new season in September.

Trevor Walters APAGB  
Area Rep