



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 Monday 5th January 2015 at Swalwell Community Centre.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: - Cliff Banks, Joseph Duffy, John Twizzell, Trevor Walters, Jim Welsh, Fred Wright, Peter Yearnshire, Gerry Adcock, Richard Speirs, Dave Coates, Alan McCormick

1/1/01 Apologies for Absence:-, Clive Moth, John Williams, Jane Black, E Wilding, John Smith, Paul Watson, Malcolm Kus, Pax Garabedian.

1/1/02 The minutes of the meeting held 24th November 2014 were agreed and signed.

1/1/03 Matters arising

The President had received a reply from Libby Smith that the request from Alba to join the NCPF was to be discussed by the Scottish Federation at their next meeting on Jan 18th.

The location and list of NCPF equipment is ongoing.

1/1/04 Correspondence

The president had received an e mail from Clive Moth, informing us that the recovery from his accident for both himself and his wife is taking much longer than expected and reluctantly offered his resignation as secretary of the NCPF executive with immediate effect. The president thanked Clive for his work during his time in office and wished both Clive and his wife a speedy recovery.

The President agreed to continue to take the executive meeting minutes up to the AGM and that the vacancy is put on the NCPF website with immediate effect, Alan McCormick agreed to take the minutes of the forthcoming AGM.

Dave Coates to provide the president with procedures for running the AGM, executive reports to be provided by end February and papers sent to all clubs by 7th March.

The president had received via Peter Yearnshire a written application from Wensleydale Camera Club to Join the NCPF.

After debate the president was requested to write to the Yorkshire Photographic Federation to establish if they would grant approval as stipulated in the rules of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain.

1/1/05 Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was received and proposed by

Appendix 1

1/1/06 Future Meetings Agreed

Feb 17th 2015

22nd March 2015 AGM

April 15th 2015

May 21st 2015

Aug 6th 2015

Oct 5th 2015

Nov 18th 2015

1/1/06 Reports

Competitions Officers report

Malcolm provided a report copy attached

Appendix 2

Webmaster

The Webmaster reports was received from both Dave Coats, Gerry Adcock and were noted noted.

Appendix 3 &4

International Exhibition No report

Events Committee

All arrangements are in place for the championship being held at Beacon Lough 15th February, as last year, details on the website and all club secretaries have been informed by email.

The Events committee comprising of the President, John Twizzell, Joseph Duffy, Fred Wright, John Gilkerson, Jim & Margaret Welsh , a verbal report on the status of the Championship entries and were due to hold a meeting on wed 14th Jan

Fred requested that exec members provide raffle prizes for the Championship.

Fred and John Twizell provided written reports.

Appendix 5.

Representative to PAGB Richard gave a verbal report

The judge's event being held on 22/2/15 is only for existing judges and not prospective members as shown on the Durham PS website, Richard to contact Durham.

The pagb event held at Clara Vale in last November was very successful.

The next stage is to consider a date for November 2015 to enable entrants for the NCPF adjudication in April 2016 to have their intended panels assessed before submission. My recommendation would be that delegates intending to have potential work commented upon be charged £7 inclusive of lunch and refreshments payable in advance

It was decided not to proceed with a print workshop at this time as Stokesley cc are hosting the same event around the same time, furthermore, the cost of £35 was considered likely to put people off.

Editor Northern Focus No report

Judges Sub Committee no report

Portfolio Report Joseph is standing in as portfolio secretary in until the next AGM. Reported that 19 clubs had agreed to show the portfolio cd and that John Smith had won the Beamish trophy with the picture "Beamish Engine Driver"

Publications Officer Pax reported that a professional photographer on the NCPF lecturer list was charging excessive fees, Pax will deal with this.

14/11/09 Area Reports

Northern No report

South Tyne No report

Southern Dave Coates has agreed to cover this position until the next AGM.

Wear No Report

Western No Report

12/1/10 Any other business

Trevor requested that we ask for new lecturers and Judges on the website and at the AGM.

Date of next meeting 17th February 2015 at Swalwell Community Centre

Cliff Banks



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	Budget	Expense	Income	Variation	
NCPF Fees		0.00	3570.00		
Club C/ships	250.00	-234.53	104.60	-129.93	
Annuals	1500.00	-1102.56	50.00	-1052.56	
Exec Meetings	300.00	-267.00	0.00	-267.00	
Publishing	90.00	-37.43	5.00	-32.43	
Equipment Insurance	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Judges Events	200.00	-345.25	187.15	-158.10	*
Area Meetings	20.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00	
PAGB-AGM	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Treasurer	58.00	-64.52	0.00	-64.52	*
Gen Sec's	87.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
President	35.00	-28.00	0.00	-28.00	
Printing for Directory	85.00	-174.90	0.00	-174.90	*
Events (Beamish)	150.00	-203.00	160.00	-43.00	
Events (Presentation)	250.00	-249.77	242.00	-7.77	*
PAGB (National Finals)	80.00	-70.50	0.00	-70.50	
Webmaster	50.00	-117.19	0.00	-117.19	*
Medals and Ribbons	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Interest from Postal A/c	0.00	0.00	227.58	227.58	
PAGB Event - 11th/12th Oct 2013	0.00	-1390.50	2173.15	782.65	*
Other	0.00	-30.00	0.00	-30	*
<u>Self financing items</u>					
Events (Spectacular)		-1842.15	1177.00	-665.15	
PLI		-2096.34	2059.70	-36.64	
PAGB Fees (Inclusive)		-1737.50	1737.50	0.00	
Portfolio		-31.04	227.00	195.96	*
<u>Bank Balance at 31.12.14</u>					
Current Account	2231.72	-10052.18	9747.53	-304.65	*
Reserve Account	2266.77	0.00	2173.22	2173.22	*
3 Year Postal Account	14334.48			14334.48	
<u>Bank Balance at 31.12.14</u>					
International Salon	1077.00	-15649.24	11434.71	-4214.53	*
Cash in hand	360.49			360.49	
				-3854.04	*

NCPF COMPETITIONS ORGANISERS REPORT 12TH JANUARY 2015

The venue for the Club Championships will be the same as last year, Beacon Lough Baptist Church.

The time table for the day will be the same as last year. Details are on the web. Helpers and Organisers will need to be there for 12 noon.

You will recall from our last meeting that it was agreed that we should use the Touch Centre in Hexham, however it transpired that a meeting of another group had been booked later that afternoon and we could not give any guarantee that we would be able to end our meeting in time.

I will be informing the judges in the next few weeks of the time table for the day and what is expected from them.

I have booked the accommodation for 2 of the judges at the Annual Competitions that will be held in April, the rooms at Tynemouth club room have also been booked.

Malcolm Kus

NCPF Competitions Organiser.

Appendix 3

NCPF Executive Meeting 12th Jan 2015

Web-master Designate Report

I am pleased to report that the website is now up and running. I have now restored most of the content, which remains under the same menu headings as before. I am aware that the formatting of some of the transferred documents has gone a little wayward, and I am presently busy tidying them up or replacing where necessary.

In the near future I would like the site to feature more of our members work, and the site has been designed to make that possible. The most obvious thing would be to feature successful images from the Club and Annual competitions. With this in mind, it may be desirable to include in the rules for those competitions a clause whereby all members submitting entries do so with the condition that the NCPF is granted permission to use copies of images on the web site. This would hopefully avert any legal issues re use of images.

As you know part of the web-masters duties involves the dissemination of info/news to relevant parties Club Secretary's etc via e-mail. As this responsibility has now passed to me, I have given consideration as to how this can be best achieved. You may be aware that a new hosting company now hosts the site, and with this we have access to unlimited e-mail accounts and mail forwarders. This has enabled me to design a mail forwarding system, to include every member of the NCPF Exec, Club Secretary's, plus a few others on David's mailing list.

What this means is that any e-mail sent to the designated e-mail address, would result in a copy of the message being sent to those assigned a mail forwarder. This can be refined so as to send to everyone on the NCPF Exec, or all Club Secretary's or both. There is no reason why this could not also be expanded to also include those on the Judges and Lecturers lists.

This facility could be used by anyone deemed appropriate for its use. I imagine for example that this would be of use to those involved in organizing the competitions, and if expanded those involved with the Judges sub committees etc.

Where security/privacy issues are concerned the e-mail addresses are held on the server and can only be accessed with the appropriate passwords, which presently are held only by myself. Users of the system do not know or need to know the e-mail addresses of the recipients. Recipients of the e-mails do not see the e-mail addresses of the other recipients. All of those assigned a mail forwarder have their e-mail addresses published in the NCPF Directory, and are therefore contactable by anyone with access to a copy irrespective of the existence of this system. Because of the systems cascading design it avoids triggering spam software.

I propose the opening of a free Dropbox account, which I anticipate would be of use in facilitating the movement of large files, multiple images etc, between members of the Exec.

Gerry Adcock
Web-master Designate



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Webmaster's Report to the Executive meeting on Monday 12th January 2015

1. In my November report I commented upon a problem with the web site. In the event it turned out to be very serious, in that the bespoke theme structure for the web site had somehow become corrupted. The effect was to make the site unusable.
2. After consultation with both the Webmaster Designate (Gerry Adcock) and the President, we conducted an email vote with the rest of the Executive, outlining the problem and the possible remedies. Whilst an number of members did not bother to vote, sufficient did to give an overall majority in favour of a new site being constructed by the Webmaster Designate, in fact the vote was 15 to 0 for that option. It is now my duty to ask this meeting to formally ratify that decision.
3. Since that date a new site has been constructed and I feel that I must first of all ask the Executive to thank Gerry Adcock, for getting a workable site up and running in such a short space of time.
4. Whilst it was always inevitable that some items would fall through the 'gap' so to speak, the vast majority of items have been caught and no doubt any others will if possible be dealt with. Please bear in mind that the site is still subject to development.
5. This therefore will be my last report to this Executive as I hand over full responsibility for the Federation's web site to Gerry. I would like to register my thank to the Executive and far too many members of our clubs for the support I enjoyed during fourteen years as web master for the Federation.

Dave Coates

NCPF Club Championship 2015

Situation Report:

All Clubs were emailed with notice of the competition and were sent Rules and Entry Forms starting 2 December 2014. Initial problems were found due to BT Internet limiting the number of addresses with an unspecified limit that I had to find out by trial and error. Eventually I started limiting each mail to 25 or so addresses. The emails were sent to the Competition Secretaries listed in the 2014-15 Directory. Where there were reported delivery failures I expanded the distribution to include the Club Secretary. Despite this there are still Clubs claiming that they haven't been advised about the competition.

Not all Clubs bother to advise us in advance of their intention to compete. To date I have indication from 14 Clubs who confirm that they will compete (although some will not enter prints):

- Stokesley
- Whitley Bay – entry received
- Durham
- Sunderland
- Northallerton – entry received
- Castleside
- Ryton
- Tynemouth
- Whickham
- South Shields
- Bishop Auckland – entry received
- Ashington – entry received
- Morpeth
- Saltburn

Only two Clubs have advised that they do not intend to compete, these being Hexham and Penrith, others haven't done us the courtesy of replying either way yet, the deadline day is 22 January.

I have had to ask Northallerton to review their Print entry as it appears to have more than the 5 Nature entries allowed. I did query some of their image file sizes, but it was a scare raised by what I presume must be the attachment process adding a surprising amount to the size of the attachment.

I would like to have a sub-committee meeting soon to sort out activities and equipment needs.