



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 Thursday 29th August 2024 at Clara Vale Hall, Ryton.

The President, Gerald Chamberlin, opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Present: - Alan Wilson, Gerald Chamberlin, Jim Welsh, Margaret Welsh, Jill Chamberlin, Richard Speirs, Alan Forster, John Smith, John Fare, David Brown

24/08/01 Apologies for Absence: - Dave Coates, Debra Taylor, Glen Lawson, Jo Knight, Joseph Duffy, Phillip Dove
Incommunicado: - Jane Black

24/08/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024 were approved and signed by the President.

Proposed by Jim Welsh – Seconded by John Fare

24/08/03 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

24/08/04 Correspondence

Margaret said that she had received a letter from Trevor Walters explaining his ongoing condition for which there is no cure. She has replied and wished him well from the members of the Executive. She then informed everyone that Jo Knight had also informed her of her medical problems. Due to her current condition she will not be joining the zoom meetings for the near future. It was suggested that she could join the zoom meetings without video. Margaret said she would email her with this suggestion. It was also proposed that we send her flowers. Margaret will organise this in due course.

24/08/05 Treasurer – Jill Chamberlin

Appendix 1

Jill read through her report. She said that Beamish hadn't cashed their commission cheque yet. The name plates for the Chain of Office have now been purchased, engraved and attached to the ribbon. Jill was thanked for sewing them on. 10 were purchased in total but only 5 have been used. We now have spares for future use. A discussion took place regarding re-enamelling of the Chain of Office Badge. Jill said she would see how much it would cost to have it done. Report accepted and attached.

24/08/06 Reports

24/08/06-1 Competitions Chairman – John Fare

Appendix 2

John was thanked for taking over the role of Competition Chairman. He read through his short report. He asked about the outstanding trophies. Margaret said that there were a couple still to come in but this was in hand. Report accepted and attached.

24/08/06-2 Representative to PAGB – Richard Speirs

Appendix 3

Richard read his report. The next PAGB meeting will be held on Saturday 5th October. Report accepted and attached.

24/08/06-3 Merit Awards Officer – Gerald Chamberlin

Gerald had no report at this time.

24/08/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson

Appendix 4

Alan W. read through his report. He outlined the content of the next Northern Focus stating it will be issued the first week in September. Report accepted and attached.

24/08/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Richard Speirs

Appendix 5

Richard read through his report. The next JSC meeting will be held on Sunday 13th October. Report accepted and attached.

24/08/06-6 Data Manager – Richard Speirs

Appendix 6

Richard read through his report. Report accepted and attached.

24/08/06-8 Portfolio Secretary – Phillip Dove

Appendix 7

In Phillip's absence his report was outlined by Margaret. Report accepted and attached.

24/08/06-9 Club Support & Development – John Smith

John said that he had nothing to report but a meeting would be organised in the near future. This was proving difficult as everyone had other commitments.

24/08/06-10 Beamish Representative – Joseph Duffy

In Joseph's absence Margaret reported that the Beamish Trophy Competition entry form was now on the website. She said that this would be Joseph's last job on the Executive and he would be officially retiring after this event. His time on the Executive was questioned. The conclusion was that he had been a member for quite a number of years.

24/08/06-11 Webmaster – Jo Knight

No Report.

24/08/07 Area Reports

24/08/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh

The Northern Area Competitions have all been organised. Two judges for the competitions still need to be confirmed.

24/08/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown

David said that Gosforth had competed at Warwick scoring 93 and came =22nd out of 29 clubs that competed in the plate.

24/08/07-3 South Tyne – Glen Lawson

Appendix 8

In Glen's absence his report was read out by Margaret. A discussion took place regarding his request for a contribution from the NCPF towards the replacement of Interclub Trophies. The consensus was that each area is responsible for the purchase of their Interclub trophies. The request was denied. Margaret will send Glen an email with the Executives decision.

24/08/07-4 Southern – Phillip Dove

No report.

24/08/07-5 Wear Area – Debra Taylor

Appendix 9

In Debra's absence her report was read.

Report accepted and attached.

24/08/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin

No Report.

24/08/08 Any Other Business

Appendix 10

Alan Wilson said that the Newcastle Exhibition which was organised by Whickham PG and held in Newcastle Cathedral had been a roaring success. The event was held between 15th July and 26th August and several NCPF clubs had their work shown over the 6 week period. Due to the success of the event Alan asked if this would be something that the NCPF Executive would endorse as a future event. Several options were put forward i.e. Photography by Candlelight suggested by the Cathedral and the PAGB Masters of Print Exhibition. Alan has pursued this with Rod Whelans and asked if funding for transportation etc. by the NCPF would be available. Print stands would be required to display the Masters of Prints. Richard Speirs said he would find out about the use of print stands from the PAGB. Alan said he would be having a meeting on the 5th September with the Cathedral and if approval was given by the Executive he would be willing to project manage the event. After a lengthy discussion with a lot of suggestions, approval was given for him to take this forward. £50.00 expenses had been incurred by Whickham PG. Alan asked if this could be reimbursed by the NCPF. This was agreed.

David Brown said he was having a problem identifying A, B and C list judges of the NCPF on the PAGB CMS System. Richard said that he would raise this with the PAGB to see if this can be rectified.

Margaret raised the subject of the NCPF Directory. After the decision to stop producing the printed Directory had been approved by the Executive she had informed all of the NCPF Club Secretaries that information relating to judges, lecturers and club officials would now have to be recorded and accessed through the PAGB CMS System. After a couple of hiccups and minor complaints things seemed to die down. When looking at the last printed booklet and comparing it with the online system, a lot of essential information would be lost. The PAGB system doesn't record the individual club officials, not least the secretaries of each club which is essential for passing on information. In view of this Margaret said that she had sent out the Directory Update Form to all the current secretaries asking for details of their current committee members. All but three clubs have responded. The form was amended to include all email addresses including Treasurer's emails. She suggested that this information should be on the NCPF website in a similar fashion to the PAGB's with password protected access. After discussion it was agreed that this should be pursued further. Jo Knight would also need to be involved. The information regarding Past President's, Past Secretary's and Roll of Honour information could also be added to the website.

Margaret said that she had brought the portable printer for everyone to see. She had done a trial run and it will be adequate for the purpose it was purchased for i.e. printing additional recording sheets for the Portfolio and Alliance selections of the Annuals Competitions. Previously these were hand written taking up valuable time.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 06th November 2024 – zoom at 7.00pm

Tuesday 17th December 2024 – zoom at 7.00pm

Wednesday 15th January 2025 – zoom at 7.00pm

Monday 17th February 2025 at Clara Vale, Ryton at 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd March 2025 at Clara Vale, Ryton at 2.00pm

Northern Counties Photographic Federation

Finance report

27 August 2024

Expenditure

- Sales of prints from the Beamish exhibition have been paid to the print's owners less the 25% commission charge which I've paid to Beamish Museum. Beamish have not cashed their cheque for £18.75 and Pat Woods's cheque is also outstanding for £11.25.
- Card to print the Club Championship certificates cost £45.25
- The website software licence cost £43.20
- A portable thermal printer and paper cost £150.17
- Ten name plates for past presidents have been added to the Presidents chain cost £356.30
- Keswick Photographic Society and Gosforth Camera Club have each been paid £100 for attending the PAGB Inter Club PDI Competition.
- The Zoom licence @ £15.59 per month and the printing ink contract @ 11.99 per month have been paid.

Full details are shown on the Accounts spreadsheet

Bank AccountsCurrent Account

Balance at AGM £3,889.06

Expenditure £1,573.15

Current balance £1,345.91

Business Savings Account

Balance at AGM £3,010.69

Interest £19.20

Current Balance £3,029.89

Fixed Term Savings £16,000.00 matures 04/11/24 @ 3.6% interest

Appendix 1b

NCPF Accounts 2024-25

| | Bank | Date | Statement | Detail | Income | Expenditure | |
|----------------------------|------|----------|-----------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Subscriptions 2024 | | | | | | | |
| NCPF (43 clubs) | | | | | £3,010.00 | | £3,010.00 |
| Executive Committee | | | | | | | |
| | DEB | 12/03/24 | 28/03/24 | Postage for NCPF AGM documents | | £1.55 | |
| | DEB | 15/03/24 | 28/03/24 | HPI Instant Ink contract | | £11.99 | |
| 24/03/24 - 23/04/24 | DEB | 25/03/24 | 28/03/24 | Zoom meeting licence | | £15.59 | |
| | DEB | 25/03/24 | 28/03/24 | Farmfoods AGM Refreshments | | £14.07 | |
| 2024 | SO | 01/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Annual Photographic Equipment storage | | £20.00 | (Tynemouth PS) |
| 2024 | SO | 12/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Annual Archive material storage | | £20.00 | (Empire School of Boxing - Blyth) |
| | DEB | 15/04/24 | 01/05/24 | HPI Instant Ink contract | | £11.99 | |
| | BACS | 22/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Treasurer's Lever Arch File & Dividers | | £7.75 | |
| 24/04/24 - 23/05/24 | DEB | 25/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Zoom meeting licence | | £15.59 | |
| | DEB | 20/05/24 | 31/05/24 | HPI Instant Ink contract | | £11.99 | |

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|---------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|
| | DEB | 28/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Zoom meeting licence | | £15.59 | | |
| | DEB | | 01/07/24 | HPI Instant Ink contract | | £11.99 | | |
| | DEB | 25/06/24 | 01/07/24 | Zoom meeting licence | | £15.59 | | |
| | DEB | | 01/08/24 | HPI Instant Ink contract | | £11.99 | | |
| | DEB | 25/07/24 | 01/08/24 | Zoom meeting licence | | £15.59 | | |
| | BACS | 09/08/24 | | Hive Insurance | £48.20 | | | |
| | DEB | 15/08/24 | | HPI Instant Ink contract | | £11.99 | | |
| | DEB | 27/08/24 | | Zoom meeting licence | | £15.59 | | |
| | | | | | £48.20 | £228.85 | | -£180.65 |
| NCPF Website | | | | | | | | |
| 04/05/24 - 03/05/24 | DEB | 15/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Annual fee for Domain name | | £8.26 | | |
| 06/07/24 - 05/07/25 | DEB | 07/06/24 | 01/07/24 | Annual fee to WordPress (£43.20?) | | £43.20 | | |
| | | | | | | £51.46 | | -£51.46 |
| Annals Competition | | | | | | | | |
| 20-21/04/24 | BACS | 01/03/24 | | Accomodation non NCPF Judge | | £149.00 | | (in 2023-24 accounts) |
| | BACS | 20/03/24 | 28/03/24 | Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH444 | | £464.50 | | |
| Open section judges | | | | Dave Phillips | | | | |
| | BACS | 22/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Alan Walker | | £347.16 | | |
| | | 23/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Peter Gennard | | £277.18 | | |
| Alliance selection judges | | | | Richard Speirs | | £0.00 | | |
| | | | | Arjun Nambiar | | £0.00 | | |
| | | | | Jim Welsh | | £0.00 | | |
| Portfolio selection judges | | | | Glen Lawson | | £0.00 | | |
| | | | | Dave Best | | £0.00 | | |
| | BACS | 22/04/24 | 01/05/24 | John Tillotson | | £29.25 | | |
| Beginners section judge | | | | Jim Welsh | | £0.00 | | |
| | | 18-22/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Buffet | | £117.93 | | |
| | | | | | £0.00 | £1,385.02 | | -£1,385.02 |
| Club Championships | | | | | | | | |
| Presentation Day | | | | | | | | |
| 2024 | DEB | 21/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Card - Certificates for Club Championships | | £45.25 | | |
| | | | | | £0.00 | £45.25 | | -£45.25 |
| Club Championships | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 25 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Beamish Print Exhibition | | | | | | | | |
| 11-12/05/24 | | 20/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Beamish Print Sales | £75.00 | | | |
| | 000002 | 15/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Graham Hopkinson | | £15.00 | | |
| | BACS | 20/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Jim Welsh | | £30.00 | | |
| | 000003 | 15/05/24 | | Pat Woods | | £11.25 | | Not cashed |
| | 000004 | 15/05/24 | | Beamish Museum (25% commission) | | £18.75 | | Not cashed |
| | | | | | £75.00 | £75.00 | | £0.00 |
| PAGB Championships | | | | | | | | |
| PDI's | 000006 | 04/08/24 | | Gosforth Camera Club | | £100.00 | | (£100 each club) |
| | BACS | 02/08/24 | | D Woodthorpe (Keswick PS) | | £95.64 | | |
| | 000005 | 04/08/24 | | T Marsh (Keswick PS) | | £4.36 | | |
| Prints | | | | Keswick Photographic Society | | | | |
| | | | | Saltburn Photographic Society | | | | |
| | | | | | £0.00 | £200.00 | | -£200.00 |

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| Equipment | | | | | | |
| | BACS | 07/05/24 | | NCPF Lightbox Repairs | £31.40 | |
| | DEB | 10/06/24 | 01/07/24 | Thermal Printer, Bag & Paper | £150.17 | |
| | BACS | 11/07/24 | 01/08/24 | 10 Name plates for Presidents Chain | £356.30 | |
| | | | | | £0.00 | £537.87 |
| | | | | | | -£537.87 |
| NCPF Area AGM Meetings | | | | | | |
| (Groups max £30) | | | | North Tyne Area AGM | | |
| | | | | | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | | | | £0.00 |
| PAGB Awards Adjudication | | | | | | |
| 12/05/2024 | BACS | 11/04/24 | 01/05/24 | Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH461 | £232.25 | |
| | DEB | 10/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Buffet | £29.08 | |
| | DEB | 12/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Buffet | £7.00 | |
| | BACS | 10/05/24 | 31/05/24 | Refreshments | £33.57 | |
| | BACS | 12/05/24 | 31/05/24 | G Chamberlin (Presidential duty) Petrol | £20.00 | |
| | | | | | £0.00 | £321.90 |
| | | | | | | -£321.90 |
| Direct Debit | DD | | | | | |
| Debit Card | DEB | | | | | |
| Bank Payments | BACS | | | | | |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lloyds Bank | | | | | | |
| Treasurers Account | 2023-24 | AGM | | | | £3,889.06 |
| | 2024-25 | Expenditure | | | | -£2,573.15 |
| | 2024-25 | Bank Balance | 27/08/24 | | | £1,345.91 |
| Business Savings Account | | | | | | £3,010.69 |
| | Interest | | 27/08/24 | | | £19.20 |
| | | | | | | £3,029.89 |
| Fixed Term Savings Account | | | | 27/08/24 | Matures 04/11/24 3.6% interest | £16,000.00 |

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27/08/24

Competition Sub Committee Report August 2024
Appendix 2

I have recently been appointed Chairman of the Committee. Many thanks to Alan Forster, Alan Wilson, Jim Welsh and Margaret Welsh for the comprehensive information on the requirements of the role. I’m very grateful that the existing Committee members are very experienced in running the competitions and the Presentation event. I’m now registered as the Federation Competition Officer on the PAGB website.

Since the last Executive Committee meeting Competition Sub-committee meetings have been held in June and August. Following the June committee meeting a portable A4 printer has been purchased to help with the production of additional paperwork during the Annuals competition.

The August Committee meeting concentrated on preparation for the upcoming Presentation event to be held at Clara Vale on Sunday 17thNov. All the arrangements have been put in place and a further meeting has been arranged for October 29th to confirm everything is in place.

Nominations for judges for the Club and Annual Championships and Beamish Competition have been received from the Judges Sub-committee and I'm beginning the process of contacting the judges.

A flyer identifying the entry requirements for the Beamish Trophy competition and the closing dates has been published on the NCPF website.

It was agreed that the details for the Club Championship will be sent out in December with the competition being held at Clara Vale in February 2025.

John Fare

PAGB Representative's Report August 2024

Appendix 3

There have been no Executive meetings since April, the next being scheduled for Sunday 6th October at Warwick University.

The Print Championship was held at Warwick High School on the 27th July. Subsequently there was a significant amount of argument on social media following comments posted by a member of one of the competing clubs. This led to a lot of ill feeling surrounding the event and may yet bring about the resignation of the organizing team. Hopefully not as they will be a very hard act to follow.

The next PAGB event is the Print Championship on Saturday 19th October at Blackburn.

The Autumn Awards adjudication is being held over the weekend of 23rd and 24th November at Winsford Academy in Cheshire. This event should have been organized by the Welsh Federation however they were unable to arrange a suitable venue so the PAGB has taken over responsibility.

Richard Speirs

Northern Focus Editor Report – August 2024

Appendix 4

The 96th Edition of "Northern Focus" shall be distributed next week to coincide with most clubs reopening. This Autumn 2024 document has another mix of interesting PAGB/Federation/Club and Individual stories and opinions with titles including:

- Newcastle Cathedral – Making of an Exhibition.
- Ryton and District CC - 75th Anniversary.
- Awards for Photographic Merit - PAGB workshop.
- Keswick PS at PAGB PDI Championships – Observations.
- My Journey to DPAGB.

Thank you.

Regards

Alan Wilson

Editor Northern Focus

Judges Subcommittee Report August 2024

Appendix 5

A Zoom Meeting of the subcommittee was held on Sunday 16th June. Judges for the forthcoming NCPF Competitions were finalised after adjusting the initial approval from the meeting of the 13th March. Several changes were required as a number of the potential Judges had subsequently resigned from the updated Judges List.

A further change was required when John Fare took over the role of Competitions Chairman and wisely decided that as he would need to be involved with each competition it was advisable for him not to take on any Judging responsibility. John had been nominated as one of the Alliance Selectors.

Following an online consultation, the subcommittee agreed to replace John Fare with John Reed.

Subsequently the final decisions of the subcommittee were emailed to the Competitions Chairman to invite the nominated judges for the various competitions. A copy of the minutes from 16th June is attached with subsequent amendments. It is likely that some of the suggested Judges may not be available for the competitions and the subcommittee will advise regarding replacements.

Members of the Executive are requested to approve the attached selection of judges.

The meeting also considered recruiting a further member for the subcommittee. It was decided that David Ord be invited as he has expressed an interest previously. Accordingly, I contacted David and he has agreed to join.

Members of the Executive are requested to approve this appointment.

The next meeting of the subcommittee has been arranged for Sunday 13th October at 7pm via Zoom

Richard Speirs

NCPF Judges Subcommittee Chairman

Northern Counties Photographic Federation

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JUDGES SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: 16th June 2024

Location: Hosted on Zoom

Present: Jim Welsh (Retiring Chair); Margaret Welsh (Executive) Richard Speirs (Chair)
Keith Snell; John Fare; William Broadley; Gerald Chamberlin;
Lynda Golightly (Secretary)

Apologies for Absence: None received

Minutes of previous meeting (17th March 2024)

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all members and were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Retiring Chairman Jim Welsh thanked the members of the committee for their participation and support and the Chair was handed to Richard Speirs.

Richard thanked Jim and Margaret Welsh for their hard work on behalf of the Judges subcommittee and the wider NCPF.

It was agreed Margaret will continue to set up the Zoom meetings for the group.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Changes were required to the provisional list of Judges for the 2025 season

Joe Sheridan does not wish to Judge and has asked to be removed from the list

See in red below

Provisional selection of judges for 2025 season (Revised)

Club championships

Dave Phillips (A)

Alan Porrett (A)

Keith Snell (A)

Richard Speirs as reserve (PAGB judge)

Annuals Open

There was some concern about having Alan Walker on two consecutive years and the cost associated with this selection. An alternative was suggested by Richard Speirs and agreed by the committee

There was renewed discussion on the requirement for a PAGB judge vs judge from outside of the region. An independent alternative was suggested by Richard Speirs and agreed by the committee

Bill Broadley (A)

John McVie replaces Dave Coats (PAGB)

Lynda Golightly (A) replaces Alan Walker

Richard Speirs as reserve (PAGB judge)

Annual Alliance

Keith Snell (A)

John Fare (B) **(replaced with John Reed due to John taking on role of Competitions subcommittee chairman)**

John Tillotson (B)

(all from the west so good for transport)

Annual Portfolio

John Williams (A)

Peter Maguire (A)

Peter Walton (B)

Reserve?

Annuals Beginners

Jane Morris Abson, Richmond (C) replaces Joe Sheridan

Alan Wilson as reserve

Beamish

Alan Wilson (C)

Catherine Ball, Wallsend (C) replaced Joe Sheridan

The issue raised in the previous meeting concerning the lack of women judges has been addressed with these changes.

It was confirmed that there was nothing in the rules to prevent judges entering images themselves. Protocol is to declare and abstain from scoring. An average of the other two judges scores is taken as the missing score.

It was thought that having a PGAB judge in the Annual Open comp was not a requirement and the committee agreed that one good independent judge from outside of the region (not necessarily PGAB) would be adequate.

The Judges subcommittee recommend that this be the case for future competitions

Current Business

1. It is the understanding of the committee that none of the above names judges have been invited as yet so it was proposed that the above list for 2025 is forwarded to the Executive as final (Action Richard Speirs)

The question of who will make the invitations is to be clarified.

The 'Competition Subcommittee' usually take on this task but this may now not be possible.

The 'Judges Subcommittee' would perhaps be required to jointly undertake this task.

2. A new 'judge appraisal' form has been received from Durham

Judge: Alan Wilson

Very positive feedback on his judging of their Summer competition. 33 prints.

Alan was described as positive and complementary, offering constructive suggestions and engaging with individuals.

Excellent feedback for a recently appointed judge.

3. The committee have been informed about Alexandra Prescott FRPS who has sent a letter and CV to the NCPF stating her interest in becoming a judge. It is not certain at this stage if she is a member of a camera club within the NCPF or any other federation.

She is known to Lynda Golightly through a connection with the RPS Documentary Group and more information is required to make a decision on how to progress this. (Action Lynda Golightly)

4. it was suggested that David Ord be invited to fill the current vacancy on the Judges Subcommittee. He has been enthusiastic in the past but previously been unable to take up a position. The committee agreed to having him invited to the next meeting (Action Richard Speirs)

Next Meeting Date: Sunday 13th October at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8pm

REPORT OF THE DATA MANAGER August 2024

Appendix 6

Since the last Executive the guidance note on using the PAGB CMS database, as agreed at that meeting, has been circulated to Clubs, Judges and Lecturers of the NCPF.

Subsequently I have received a small number of enquiries about accessing and using the database. All of those have now been resolved. Many of our clubs have yet to utilise CMS fully and I expect further questions will arise once clubs resume their meetings.

Problems have arisen with the main PAGB website and a thorough analysis of the programme identified that certain areas had been remotely hacked. The problems have now been rectified and as part of the process existing shortcut links to the website stopped working, including the one on the NCPF website. Once the problem was identified our webmaster speedily installed the new corrected version.

I am grateful to our Secretary for the great amount of time she has spent notifying clubs, judges and lecturers of all the changes and for all her patience and assistance during the process.

Richard Speirs

Portfolio Secretary Report August 2024

Appendix 7

The Annuals and Alliance AV's are once again well under way. A system failure which resulted in my having to replace my computer meant that some early preparation work was lost. My original plan was to distribute the AVs this week. I anticipate that they will be ready in approximately two weeks from now.

Last year the high number of HC awards required a change in format to previous years. This year there was a significant reduction in the number of HC images which has precipitated another change to the format.

The AV required for the November Awards Presentation Day is an edited version of that which will be sent out to the clubs. As such, the task of producing this will be straightforward once the initial AV is completed and checked. A running order will be provided for Gerald Chamberlain and the competitions subcommittee so that trophies can be arranged in the correct order and the President is aware of when there will be a pause in the presentation for the presentation of awards.

Phillip Dove

Portfolio Secretary.

South Tyne Representative's Report – August 2024

Appendix 8

Apologies for not being able to attend in person.

Since the last meeting emails have been sent to each club within the South Tyne regarding the purchase of new shields/salvers for the South Tyne Inter Club PDI & Print Competitions.

I have requested that clubs reply asap or no later than the beginning of October 2024.

Both the current Shield and Salver have been fully engraved on the front and some engraving has been done on the reverse.

The content of that email is below:

“Good Evening

The Arnold Embleton Salver (DPI) and the Shield (Prints) both need replaced as there is no further room at the front of each to engrave results. In fact, for several years the back of the Salver has been used and several clubs have suggested we look at replacing both.

I enclose some suggestions for Salvers and Shields and would like to have some feedback from clubs no later than the beginning of October 2024 or sooner if possible.

Do we replace the Shield and Salver, do we have two Salvers and no Shield ? What are your thoughts.

Costings the options given of a Shield and a Salver top whack would be £180.00 (Less initial engraving) divided by 6 clubs comes out at £30.00 per club. **I will also put it to the next NCPF Executive meeting to see if they would contribute towards the costs.**

As for the top Print/DPI I would suggest a Certificate to be presented to the Author that they may keep.

Finally, just a thought. We have the Arnold Embleton Salver, and a Shield do we have worthy senior members who we could name the Shield and Salver after are there any out there ? and old Print man or a canny DPI lass let me know.

Thanks”

Please note that I mentioned to those clubs that I would ask if the NCPF would contribute to those costs ?

Regards

G Lawson.

Wear Area Report – August 2024

Appendix 9

Some clubs in the region have continued to meet throughout the summer, others are preparing to return in September.

Clubs have held their exhibitions at the end of last season and Consett currently has theirs in the local Wetherspoons, The Company Row. It's in the heart of Consett and the images are being seen by many of the residents.

Wear Area competitions take place in the Autumn with the Castleside/Stanhope/Consett interclub competition scheduled for October and the Wear Area Battle taking place in Castleside in November.

Debra Taylor

Wear Area Representative

NCPF Executive Meeting – 29th August 2024 A.O.B. Photography Exhibitions – Alan Wilson

Appendix 10

Ref: Exhibition of Photography at Newcastle Cathedral and proposal for future Exhibitions

Whickham Photographic Club led an Exhibition of Photography at Newcastle Cathedral for the 6 weeks 15th July to 26th August.

Exhibition featured 13 NCPF clubs with the work of 2 clubs exchanged each Monday, totalling:

500 digital images on large monitor (a brand new MP4 video weekly)

C600 prints in main display area (2 clubs each Monday) 100 prints “in” and 100 prints “out”.

C100 themed prints in secondary display corridors + WPC work. Prints regularly “refreshed”

“Fun Competition: ”151 visitors completed voting slips for their favourite prints, most leaving their e-mail details for future contact. Details shall be in next Northern Focus with an illustrated write-up.

Multiple positive comments have been received regards the success of this Exhibition displayed in such a magnificent space, advertising and reflecting incredibly well on participating clubs and NCPF.

What Happens Next

WPC's Alan Wilson and David Richardson shall meet Cathedral management regards potential future opportunities. This could include.

Photography by Candlelight: Doors would open for a small fee per photographer. For further discussion with Cathedral.

PAGB Masters of Print: Not confirmed – but tacit agreement with both Cathedral and PAGB (Rod Whelans) date dependent:

Benefit: Brings high level Exhibition to North East.

Costs: Cathedral Free: Loan of Exhibition Material (prints and stands): Free.
Requires transport of Material from previous host (unknown), and manpower to set-up.
Cost dependent on distance (fuel) and transport (rental of Transit type vehicle?).

Question:

Should NCPF engage with these Exhibition opportunities?

Should NCPF provide transport expenses?

If Yes: Opportunity to open up facilitating team from current WPC 2-man team.

Thank you.

Regards

Alan Wilson