BRIGHTON AND HOVE CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 8th April 2010

Held at Hove Methodist Hall

Members Present

Colin Miller (President)	Jerry Webb
Tony Bowall (Vice President)	Claude Lester
David Gerrard (Secretary)	
Anna Christmas	

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3) Competition Entry Rules (Mk II)

After the last Committee meeting there was some further discussion between Colin & Tony and the Competitions Team regarding competition rules for next season.

It is unfortunate that sub committee members do not attend Committee meetings when their areas are being discussed. This needs to improve next season. Each separate area of the Club needs to be represented to help the Club and the Committee run smoothly & efficiently.

The changes that were agreed were that the Speciality competitions and the Projected Image competitions will be open to all members.

4) 2011 Celebration Plans

Colin reported that his plans for a joint exhibition featuring prints from both BHCC and Lee Miller have come to nothing and therefore the 2011 Celebration will now not take place.

5) Finalise AGM Plans

The agenda will be:-

- 1. Present /Apologies
- 2. Minutes of 5 May 2009 & Matters Arising
- 3. President's review of the season
- 4. Confirmation of Officials for next Season
- 5. Competition results
- 6. Treasurer's Report
- 7. Treasure Hunt Results
- 8. AOB

Jerry will check whether the Competitions Team are producing certificates for the Competition results.

Tony will check who is being promoted from the New Members' Group.

6) Organisation of Thursday Programme

David to definitely book the New Members sessions and the Workshops for next season at the ELC – if they have adequate storage.

We will charge £3 per head for workshops.

Heather Buckley was suggested as a possible Workshop convenor.

Jerry will talk to her.

The proposed workshops for next season are:-

IW

DG

IW

TB

Print Mounting
Using Your Camera
Macro Work
Portraits
Table Top Lighting

7) Brighton Festival

Jerry has been unable to get a response from the pub landlord regarding siting a projector to display images onto the wall of "My Hotel".

It was agreed that it was too risky to continue this project if there was no enthusiasm from the landlord.

Jerry will still talk to "My Hotel" about having BHCC images on flat screens around the hotel. There would be no cost for doing this.

If this is agreed then Colin will request from the membership that we can use past projected image competitions for the displays.

JW

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8) Photo Fringe Plans

Colin proposed the following ideas that he and Tony Crowther had come up with:-

- i. Projected images in empty shops
- ii. Photographic market stall
- iii. A gallery in perhaps somewhere like the Fishing Museum.
- *iv.* Street Photography workshops (e.g. walking around Brighton).

Day 1 would involve taking the images and Day 2 would be post production work on them. A winner would be selected by on-line voting and the prize would be getting the image printed by Spectrum. Contestants would pay a small entry fee.

The Committee thought (iv) was the best option to progress.

Colin and Tony Crowther to progress this option.

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9) Frame Storage

Claude confirmed that the Club now had 100 new frames and 60 older ones. We probably need around 10 boxes to store them in. £350 has already been agreed to spend on boxes but the Committee asked Tony to investigate having 10 boxes made to measure with the proviso that if the spend was more than £700 he would come back to the Committee first.

It has now been agreed that the frames will be stored (free of charge) in a warehouse in Ditchling owned by Grant Finney.

Claude will check with Grant regarding insurance.

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Claude will weed out the poor condition frames (including the old plastic ones) and arrange for these to be sold off.	CL
10) Colin's Paper on the way forward for the Club	
With the strong possibility of the Club now having the main hall (with it's	
increased capacity) at the HMH – things have now changed. The question was asked do we still need to cap membership at 150?	
It was suggested that Colin e-mails the whole membership to ask if they intend to re-new next season. In the meantime our 'new' New Member Secretary (Norman) should contact the 30 (ish) people on our waiting list and invite them to join next	CM
season. Colin to arrange. For now we should retain the message on the website that states we are not taking on new members and then assess the situation after 1 October 2010 when all the renewals should be in.	СМ
Colin still wants to investigate the "Chichester model" (having more specialised groups meeting on certain days) and he proposed that the Committee do this over the summer break.	
11) Treasurer's Report	
See attached	
12) AOB	
Claude announced that she is not booking the Grange next year as she believes that the Club should be exhibiting in Brighton. Jerry will circulate to the Committee a list of possible venues in Brighton.	JW
As the next Old Market exhibition will be in August (ie. During the summer break) it was agreed that the current Grange exhibition be transferred to the Old Market.	
Claude suggested that the Club Newsletter be scrapped. She will talk to Rich Cutler about this. Jerry suggested that it would be better to circulate a PDF promoting just one Club member and their work.	CL
It was agreed that the "Work in Progress" evenings have not gone	

particularly well – mainly because they had no format. A better idea may be to bring a print along and discuss how it could be improved.

Tony reminded everyone that Jerry & Rod were standing down as Front of House and that this important role needs to be filled.

Meeting finished at 9.30pm

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Treasurer's Committee report 8 April 2010

1. Current balances

Bank 7,359.91 Cash 56.12 Total 7,416.03

- 2. <u>Membership</u> Total membership is now 152.
- 3. <u>Rent</u> Paid to the end of March. Estimated £300 remaining to be paid for rest of season.

Current rates are £49 for the hall & £21 for Narthex room. The Church apologised for the

confusion over booking last week & waived the rent for that evening.

5. Exhibitions We made approx £300 on the Grange exhibition, although I am awaiting

confirmation as to whether the £70 balance of rent is to be deducted from this.

- 6. <u>Outstanding expenditure</u> As far as I am aware the major remaining items are:
 - Purchase of storage boxes for frames
 - Rent (see 3 above)

Ken Matthews

Treasurer