

Brighton and Hove Camera Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
28 November 2012
Dave Gerrard's Place

Members Present

David Gerrard (President)
Tony Crowther (Secretary)
Norman Atkinson

John Francis (Treasurer)
Paul Stillman

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jerry Webb and Claude Lester.

It was noted that the meeting was not quorate but rather than abandoning the meeting discussion would take place regarding the items on the agenda. It was agreed that no decisions could be taken.

2 Actions from previous meeting

Job Descriptions – Tony Crowther confirmed no new job descriptions had been received.

Briefing document for judges – David Gerrard confirmed this had been produced and was in use.

Archive update – David Gerrard advised that he was unaware of any progress on the image selection for the archive.

Fees for External Speakers – John Francis confirmed he had sent the relevant document to Jerry Webb

Workshops – Paul Stillman confirmed that the bookings for the macro workshop had now been made. Discussion ensued of possible topics for other workshops including “Macro Flash” and “High-speed Flash”.

Projector – David Gerrard confirmed the projector had been returned and that a new bulb had been purchased (for £230).

3 Treasurer's Report

John Francis presented an interim statement of the club's finances. It indicated the club had £12,545 in the bank. The income from subscriptions was higher than last year as we had more members than at the same time last year. (Currently 151 members). John said he was not expecting any major expenditure.

4 2012/2013 Officials

Tony Crowther pointed out that the formal list of Officials used terminology that was different from that used in the collection of job descriptions. There was a need to harmonise these titles throughout the club's documentation.

5 Job Descriptions document

Tony Crowther had compiled a single document with all the submitted job descriptions and had attempted to rewrite them in a similar manner.

6 Expiring tenure of current Committee members

This discussion seemed outside the remit of the small group present and was left for discussion at the next meeting, 13 February, 2013.

7 Future options for the exhibition and sale of members' work

Paul Stillman discussed the paper he had submitted. He felt the club could benefit from the Brighton and Hove City Council's interest in supporting start-up businesses to try to develop a photography-based workspace that could include exhibition space and possibly a retail facility. It was felt the proposal was too vague and we needed more concrete information on funding in order to develop a specific proposal.

8 AOB

Quite wide discussion took place on issues arising from the first few weeks of the new season.

A. It was felt there should be some immediate response to non-attendance to determine why members had decided to drop-out. Possibly the systematic e-mailing of non-attenders each week.

B. There was some concern that comments made and announcements of awards given were often very difficult to hear in the hall. It would be particularly useful if new members submitting (good) work could be identified.

C. Despite the form being available members leaving at the interval frequently didn't sign-out.

D. There was a brief report on the collection of prints for the Dome exhibition. There were 107 at present and more were expected. There had been no decision about a Private View.

E. David Gerrard reported meeting with John Hird, Chair of the Brighton & Hove Arts Council in relation to an exhibition planned for April at the Friends Meeting House. David felt this was a valuable opportunity but would need an organised and had to be manned for the four day duration of the show. It needed discussion with Maggi Tillotson and Chantal Lonsdale.

F. There was some concern voiced that the Mystery Portraits taken in the summer of 2011 had never been shown at the club. It was felt important that the more recent ones from the summer programme 2012 must be fitted in to the schedule. David Gerrard suggested they could be shown after the London Salon presentation on January 8 and he would discuss this with Steve Boyle, that evening's presenter.

G. David Gerrard said this year there had been 60 new members in the New Entry group but only 30 had actually joined. We do not know why.

H. There was a suggestion that members taking magazines left on the tables in the foyer could be asked to make a charitable donation. Say 20 – 50p.

Date of next meeting 7.30 on Wednesday, 13 February 2013 at Dave Gerrard's place.