

**Brighton and Hove Camera Club**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**10 April 2014**  
**Dave Gerrard's Place**

**Members Present**

Peter Charnaud (President)  
Tony Crowther (Secretary)  
David Gerrard  
David Wilsdon  
Juliana Mulvany

Jerry Webb (Vice President)  
John Francis (Treasurer)  
Paul Stillman  
Norman Atkinson  
Jo Teasdale

**1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Juliana Mulvany and Jo Teasdale were welcomed as newly co-opted members of the committee.

Apologies were received from Colleen Slater.

**2 Actions from previous meeting**

Job Descriptions – Tony Crowther reported that, with the exception of that for the Archivist, all Job Descriptions had been received, agreed and uploaded to the BHCC website.

Identification of Photographers of Images Selected for Archive – David Wilsdon confirmed the photographers of the selected images had been identified and David Gerrard advised.

Repair of Display Stands – Jerry Webb reported that he had been unable to discuss this with Steve Boyle but agreed to do so before the next committee meeting.

JW

Archivist position – David Gerrard offered to take on the role of Archivist and would in time produce a Job Description for the position. The committee was pleased to accept this.

TeamSPA on Facebook – Jerry Webb confirmed he had added this information to the page

Committee Vacancies – It was confirmed that with the appointment of Juliana Mulvany and Jo Teasdale there were now no vacancies on the committee

“Announcements” page on BHCC website – Peter Charnaud advised this had not been done but after further discussion the committee agreed this was no longer needed.

Storage of Frames – Peter Charnaud confirmed that the frames were now in store at his workshop. John Francis noted that the standing order to the former storage company had been cancelled.

Distribution of Survey Results – The committee members all confirmed they had received these and agreed that Peter Charnaud should distribute them to the membership generally.

PC

Experienced “Event” Photographers – deferred to Item 6

Brighton and Hove Arts Council – Peter Charnaud said that the BHAC had not yet been advised of a change of Contact Person in the club. Jerry Webb volunteered to contact them about this. Peter agreed to forward contact information to Jerry.

PC  
JW

### **3 Treasurer's Report**

John Francis presented an interim report and budget spreadsheet (1/6/2013 – 10/4/2014). These had been e-mailed to the committee prior to the meeting. John pointed out that the membership was lower this season than last and that, consequently, the income from member subscriptions was reduced. Jerry Webb expressed his concern about the budget for external speakers and for judges for the next season (2013/2014) and a discussion followed regarding whether or not the subscription should be increased. John confirmed that if there was a modest increase in the subscription, the reserves were sufficient to permit both of the budgets to be enhanced. Following discussion and acknowledging there had been no increase for three years, it was agreed to an increase in the subscription of £3.00. So from September 2014 the annual subscription would be £50.00. Further it was decided to remove the couples discount. The student 50% discount would be retained as would the “pro-rata” reduction for members joining mid-season.

### **4 Bill Wisden Evening**

Jerry Webb reported on the evening devoted to the work of Bill Wisden. It had been well-attended and included visitors for other camera clubs who had an interest in Bill's work. Bill presented a wide range of work over his past 50 or so years as a photographer and proved an entertaining speaker. Jerry added that it seemed as though Bill himself really enjoyed both the preparation for the evening and the experience itself. Parts of the event were capture on video; this requires editing and will be shown to the club in due course.

JW

## 5 Risk Assessment

John Francis had produced a draft document as a statement of the club's Health and Safety policy. This was accepted as a sufficient document and would be put on line at the club website along with the Fire Safety document supplied by the Methodist Hall management.

PC

## 6 Brighton Festival Fringe 2014

Paul Stillman said he had received the all-clear to proceed with this exercise from the organisers of the Fringe. He said initially he had secured about twenty members interested in such a photographic opportunity; including some willing to offer advice to novice event photographers. Unfortunately a recent e-mail seeking commitment to the project had received only three replies. The committee asked Paul to resend his message, perhaps broadly to the club rather than just the members who had formerly shown an interest. Jerry Webb agreed to add a reminder to the BHCC Facebook page.

PS  
JW

Paul then said he would like to propose photographers became associated with venues rather than particular events as this would allow them to experiment and become familiar with the environment rather than each event presenting different problems. A discussion followed regarding the need for some guidelines for this type of photography. Jerry agreed to produce some notes that may help.

JW

## 7 Programme 2014/2015

Jerry Webb stated that the programme for next season was about two thirds complete but explained that he was having some difficulty getting external speaker to commit themselves more than a few months in advance. The consequence of this was that, if we wanted him to find more interesting speakers, it may not be possible to fill the programme twelve months in advance. Jerry questioned whether the programme could be published as two halves; one in September and the other in November or December. The committee were not happy with this proposal and thought that the use of "TBA" for external speaker slots in the second half of the year would be preferable and acceptable.

JW

Jerry suggested that it would be valuable to publish a multi-page PDF introducing each of the speakers. He felt producing this as he booked the speakers would be relatively straightforward. The committee thanked him for this.

JF

Jerry believed that the club benefited more from the use of external rather than internal judges for the competitions. After some discussion it was agreed to seek five external judges for the 2014/2015 season.

JM

Paul Stillman said that using Masterclasses as Workshops this season had

been very successful but he was concerned that offering the same presenters with potentially the same material would not be so effective for next season. The committee asked if Paul could consider running the scheme again but seek other presenters or ensure previous presenters offered something new. The committee were asked to consider who could be approached.

PS  
Committee

## **8 Summer Programme**

Peter Charnaud explain what he thought Leo had been planning for the Summer Programme and the committee expressed some concern about the lack of definite activities. Few of the suggested events had leaders or specific dates. Peter noted that there had been several respondents in the survey who had offered to run events in the Summer. He agreed to try to identify these members and to put Leo Jago in touch with them. The committee felt it was important that these issues were resolved in time for the AGM when they could be presented to the members as definite.

PC  
LJ

## **9 SPA Report**

Paul Stillman reported he had attended the recent SPA meeting. Paul felt there was very little of interest for the BHCC and that the organisation appeared rather tired and unprogressive. Peter Charnaud added that he had attended the opening of the SPA Biennial exhibition and had been similarly unimpressed by the poor presentation of members' work.

## **10 AGM Planning**

Tony Crowther presented a draft agenda for the AGM and sought ideas for the non-business part of the evening. Some discussion followed on the rearrangement of items so interest was maintained. It was decided to include the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership to Audrey Marshall and this would follow the President's Review. Jerry Webb agreed to put together some images and possibly music to be run during the announcement of the competition winners. Jerry also proposed a presentation of the various Summer Programme events and agreed to produce this. There would also be a presentation of work from the Entry Group and some tasters for the 2014/2015 programme.

JW  
TC

## **12 AOB**

Tony Crowther advised the committee that he had been contacted by the English Language Centre that was being forced by its insurers to replace the entry locks with ones that were more secure. Tony had been given and signed for one of the new keys. The committee expressed some disquiet about there being only one key; at least three were felt to be necessary.

Tony agreed to contact the ELC to determine whether others could be provided, even at the club's expense.

TC

David Gerrard noted that at the end of at least one recent meeting the visiting speaker was ignored by members either leaving, putting chairs away or dismantling the club's equipment. He felt this to be unfortunate and asked if some consideration could be extended to such guests, especially if they required assistance in packing and carrying their own equipment. This will be considered again at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting** 7.30 on Tuesday, 3rd June 2014 at Dave Gerrard's place.