

Brighton and Hove Camera Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
22 January 2015
Dave Gerrard's Place

Members Present

Peter Charnaud (President)
Tony Crowther (Secretary)
David Gerrard
Paul Stillman
Maggi Tillotson

Jerry Webb (Vice President)
John Francis (Treasurer)
Juliana Mulvany
Jo Teasdale

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Norman Atkinson and Colleen Slater. Maggi Tillotson, representing the Exhibitions Team, was welcomed to the meeting

2 Actions from previous meeting

Briefing for the Critique meeting

Jerry Webb confirmed that he had briefed Ken Scott. He added that the evening had been successful and was worth repeating as it had encouraged members to be less cautious in selecting images for presentation

Participatory judging on 20/01/15

Peter Charnaud confirmed members advised of this event which resulted in a larger than usual submission. All agreed the experiment had been worthwhile (and surprising in some instances) and should become a regular item in the club's programme

2013/2014 images for Archive

David Gerrard stated that the remaining item for the archive was still outstanding. He would follow this up before next meeting

DG

Allocation of funds for software maintenance

John Francis confirmed that he had received information from Tony Knight and would now allocate £250 annually for the updating of software. This would appear in all future budgets. A discussion of the software and hardware needs of the club followed and Peter Charnaud agreed to consult Wayne Grundy regarding the calibration of the club's projector

PC

Tidying of hall after meetings

Peter Charnaud felt that the more specific requests for help in tidying the room after each meeting had been effective although he conceded there was an issue with the grey plastic chairs being stacked at the wrong end of the hall

Summer programme planning

Jo Teasdale reported that she had spoken to

several club members regarding ideas for summer programme events and had secured about ten (including some with dates). Jo said she hoped to get confirmation of all of these and have the information on a website by the beginning of April. There was some discussion about whether event leaders should rely on the booking and cancelling capabilities of the club website to ensure communication between members signing up for particular events or whether the direct use of members' e-mail addresses would be preferable. There was some concern that such e-mail addresses were not readily available and Peter Charnaud agreed to forward to the committee the contact information of all current members.

JT

PC

Changes to membership numbers

Peter Charnaud confirmed he had spoken to John Hazard and from the start of the 2015/2016 season the suffixes "A" and "B" would be removed from all membership numbers.

Approaching the Dome

Deferred to item 5

Incorporating Print Selection for Archive" as regular agenda item

Tony Crowther confirmed that from this meeting this would always appear as item 4

3 Treasurer's Report

John Francis presented the accounts to January 21. John said there were no serious issues although he pointed out the the canteen expenses this year to this point were higher than last year. This was surprising as the membership numbers were slightly down. He suspected that there was an over-purchase of stocks. This may be due to the fact that there was no single person with an overview of the situation and that storage in the basement was such that it was difficult to assess just what was available. Jo Teasdale agreed to monitor stocks but it was assumed Claude would continue to undertake the purchasing.

JT

John then confirmed that he had satisfactorily traced all items on the clubs equipment list, a requirement for the renewal of the insurance.

Discussion about certain items of the club's possessions then followed and this resulted in Peter Charnaud agreeing to contact Steve Boyle regarding the repair of some of the storage boxes for our exhibition frames. Peter also agreed together with John to check the storage space in the Lower Hall and, in particular, assess the library stock. Obsolete books would be offered to members and then distributed to charity shops. Jo agreed to do this.

4 Print Selection for Archive

There had been no selection since the last meeting. Following discussion Peter Charnaud proposed that a new rule be added to those governing competitions that would permit the retention

of prints by the club for archival purposes. The committee agreed to this. Peter said he would announce this at the next meeting.

5 Exhibition Policy

Maggi Tillotson had approached the Dome and was offered an exhibition slot from the 8th to the 16th October. This would include set-up and take-down which suggested a seven day exhibition period. Maggi felt this was rather short so, on December 4 made a request for an extended period. There had been no response from the Dome so far. The committee agreed that one week was insufficient for the effort needed to put the show together and Maggi was asked to contact the Dome and accept the exhibition offer only if we could have the space for two weeks.

(MT)

The committee felt it was important to seek alternative exhibiting opportunities and all committee members were asked to explore possibilities. After some discussion Jerry Webb agreed to approach the Brighton Museum to see if it would be possible to exhibit in the old local history research library.

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JW

There was some discussion about the title or theme of an exhibition. The Dome had proposed something based on the seasons but there was concern that this may limit the show to landscape photography. A broader title such as "Life through a lens" may give more members a chance to show their work.

6 Website Maintenance

It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting were incomplete. In particular, Jerry Webb had agreed to monitor the website to ensure it was current for all issues relating to the programme. Jo Teasdale agreed to monitor all other areas. Tony Crowther said he would update the documents relating to the committee including minutes and AGM documents.

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TC

7 Committee Membership

Peter Charnaud confirmed both he and Jerry Webb were standing down from their positions as President and Vice-President and Paul Stillman and David Eastley had agreed to put themselves forward for these posts. Paul said that, if he took on the President role, he would not wish to continue as workshop organiser and needed to find someone willing to take this on. The committee were asked to consider alternatives. Tony Crowther said he would like to give up the Secretary position and wondered whether any suitable candidate could be found. David Gerrard suggested he may be willing to do a year if no-one else was available.

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Tony Crowther agreed to ensure the downloadable nomination forms on the website had the correct dates.

TC

8 Member-judged Competitions

Juliana Mulvany reported on behalf of the competitions team their support for the idea of competitions where the membership take an active part. Juliana asked whether, as a matter of policy, this could be repeated for any projected image competition where a judge was unable to attend. It was acknowledged that this

would not work for a print competition. The committee agreed to this.

Juliana also questioned whether one projected image competition each season could be themed although there would be no obligation on members to submit to that theme. There was no agreement on this matter but the committee was asked to consider the possible benefits of such an approach.

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9 AOB

No issues were raised

Date of next meeting 7.30 on Thursday, 2nd April 2015 at Jo Teasdale's place.