

**Brighton and Hove Camera Club**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**2 April 2015**  
**Jo Teasdale's Place**

**Members Present**

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| Peter Charnaud (President) | Jerry Webb (Vice President) |
| Tony Crowther (Secretary)  | John Francis (Treasurer)    |
| David Gerrard              | Norman Atkinson             |
| Paul Stillman              | Jo Teasdale                 |
| Tony Knight                |                             |

**1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Juliana Mulvany and Colleen Slater.

Tony Knight, representing the Projection Team, was welcomed to the meeting

**2 Actions from previous meeting**

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| <u>2013/2014 images for Archive</u> | David Gerrard stated that the remaining item for the archive was still outstanding.  | DG |
| <u>Calibration of Projector</u>     | Tony Knight reported that changing the lamp in the projector appeared to have solved the calibration issue. Tony felt that this was a temporary solution however.  |    |
| <u>Summer programme planning</u>    | Jo Teasdale reported that the Summer Programme was complete and that information to permit members to sign-up for the various events was now on the website. There was some discussion about whether the website should have more detailed information but it was felt adequate that this should be given as notices at the next two club meetings | JT |
| <u>Email address distribution</u>   | Peter Charnaud confirmed that members contact information had been distributed to all committee members  |    |
| <u>Canteen Stocks</u>               | Jo Teasdale advised the committee that the stocks had included several items that had passed their "Best Before" dates and these had been disposed of. Significant stocks remain and there would be no need for further purchases before the end of this season.   |    |
| <u>Dome Exhibition update</u>       | Maggi Tillotson had not reported any development on this matter but Peter Charnaud agreed to contact her to confirm. It was assumed that there would be no further exhibition at the Dome  | PC |

### Alternative Exhibition Venues

Jerry Webb said he had emailed the Brighton Museum but had received no reply.

John Francis proposed the Jubilee Library and said he believed there was a charge of £100 per week and that it was possible to display up to 80 framed prints. John agreed to investigate whether there was any availability for two consecutive weeks during October or November

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### Website Monitoring

Jo Teasdale asked to be permitted to stand down from the role of website monitor. This was agreed but all members of the committee were asked to advise the Secretary of any issues of concern they became aware of when consulting the website

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### **3 Treasurer's report**

John Francis gave his report and presented a balance sheet up to April 2. John also distributed a draft budget for the next season, 2015/2016

John's report noted all speakers had been paid to date and payment for the hire of the two venues, Methodist Hall and English Language Centre, had been paid to the end of March. He advised that sums had been spent on upgrading the memory in the club's laptop computer and the purchase of a solid-state hard drive.

John's report also raised his concern over the level of expenses claimed by to recent external judges and some discussion ensued regarding this. It was decided that expenses should be agreed with all external judges at the time of their booking and that except in exceptional circumstances, expenses should relate to transport only, not meals or accommodation.

John suggested that on the basis of the projected budget there was no need to increase the club subscriptions next season

### **4 Archive selection**

David Gerrard informed the committee that no additional items had been selected for the archive since the last committee meeting

### **5 Future technology needs**

Tony Knight, as a member of the projection team, had been invited to this meeting to discuss the likely future needs the club should be preparing for in respect of computer and display technology.

Tony suggested that before the new season the club should invest in the latest version of Lightroom. He felt £100 would be necessary. Tony also felt the we should be prepared to acquire for a similar sum the latest version of Office as soon as it was released

Tony said that he had some worried about the security of the laptop and projector in the storage space at the Methodist Hall and proposed he could construct a suitable storage container for the cost of the materials. He estimated £50

Finally Tony considered the situation regarding the projector. He felt that following a recent bulb change the current projector was satisfactory. It was old and, if it failed in the near future, repair would not be an option; it would have to be replaced. A like for like replacement would cost about £1800. A projector with a significantly increased resolution would cost about £6000. This was considered an unrealistic extravagance and it was agreed that the club will retain the present projector until it failed.

## **6 Committee and officials 2015/2016**

The committee considered the likely make up of the key posts in the club next season if the AGM confirms the nominations received. Tony Crowther confirmed there were no posts for which there was more than one nominee. The list was as below but this assumed certain members who had not indicated a desire to step down would continue. Tony agreed to contact these members (\* on list) to ensure they were happy to continue.

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### **Committee**

|                      |  |
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| President            | Paul Stillman LRPS   |
| Vice President       | David Eastley LRPS   |
| Life Vice Presidents | Bill Wisden MBE Hon. FRPS<br>Steve Boyle ARPS                  |
| Treasurer            | John Francis LRPS  |
| Secretary            | Tony Crowther  |
| Elected Members      | Norman Atkinson LRPS<br>David Gerrard ARPS<br>Jo Teasdale ARPS |

### **Other Officials**

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| Front of House        | Jo Teasdale LRPS<br>Colleen Slater ARPS       |
| Distinctions Advisers | Bill Wisden MBE Hon. FRPS<br>Tony Bowall FRPS |

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|                            | Steve Boyle ARPS      |
| Entry Group                | Audrey Marshall ARPS  |
| Conveners                  | Jo Teasdale ARPS      |
| Membership Secretary       | Norman Atkinson LRPS  |
| Competitions Team          | Bill Brandt           |
|                            | Juliana Mulvany ARPS* |
|                            | David Wilsdon ARPS    |
| Website Team               | John Hazard           |
| Exhibitions Team           | Chantal Lonsdale*     |
|                            | Maggi Tillotson ARPS* |
| Programme Secretary        | Jerry Webb LRPS       |
| Summer Programme Secretary | Jo Teasdale LRPS      |
| Projection Team            | Nick Eastham ARPS     |
|                            | Guy Harris            |
|                            | Tony Knight LRPS      |
| Workshops Convener         | TBA                   |
| Archivist                  | Peter Charnaud ARPS   |

## 7 Programme 2015/2016

Jerry Webb reported the programme was over two thirds complete and he was pleased that he was able to include more female speakers and some overseas photographers. He said all the competition dates had been set and one entailed voting by the members. A London Salon CD had been purchased to be held as a back-up in case of any "failed" evenings.

## 8 AGM planning

Jerry Webb presented an outline for the final evening of the season which was to include the AGM. It also included photo-related activities and, for the first time, a movie section.

Tony Crowther agreed to contact Bill Brandt to ensure certificates were printed for competition prize-winners. Tony also agreed to distribute the agenda to all members.

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## 9 AOB

John Francis advised the committee that as members of the Surrey Photographic Association we were required to include on the website and "other relevant documents" the statement: affiliated to the PAGB through the SPA. Jerry Webb confirmed this had been the case for most of our printed information. All committee members were asked to be vigilant in checking for this in future

Norman Atkinson asked whether the arrangement used last year for mailing programme booklets to

members would apply this year. Peter Charnaud confirmed it would

Norman further asked whether the design of the new programme booklet could include a space on the cover for him use to add the individual's membership number. Jerry agreed to include this

The committee expressed its thanks to the leaving President and Vice President, Peter Charnaud and Jerry Webb, for their work on behalf of the club over the last two years

**Date of next meeting**      7.30 on Thursday, 2nd June 2015