

Brighton and Hove Camera Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
12 October 2015
Jo Teasdale's Place

Members Present

Paul Stillman (President)	David Eastley (Vice President)
Tony Crowther (Secretary)	John Francis (Treasurer)
David Gerrard	Jo Teasdale
John Hazard	

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

John Hazard was welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from Norman Atkinson

2 Actions from previous meeting

<u>Hanging system for Jubilee Library exhibition</u>	Paul Stillman reported that Steve Boyle had devised a suitable hanging system and its construction was in hand	
<u>Procedures for Jubilee Library exhibition</u>	Paul Stillman reported that Maggi Tillotson had produced agreed procedures and members had been advised	
<u>Image Selection for Archive</u>	Tony Crowther reported that he had not spoken to Peter Charnaud regarding this	TC
<u>Projection Software and Screen</u>	Tony Crowther confirmed he had contacted Tony Knight regarding the purchase of a spare projection screen. Tony Knight had said he believed there was already one in store. David Gerrard and John Francis believed the one in store was an old one being retained for emergency use and a new screen should be purchased. Tony Crowther agreed to pass this information on to Tony Knight	TC
<u>Update of Website</u>	Tony Crowther stated he had not undertaken a review of the website but would do so before the next meeting and try to ensure any updating requirements are communicated to John Hazard	TC
<u>Mystery Portrait images</u>	These had been received by Jerry Webb	
<u>RPS presentation on opening evening</u>	This had taken place	
<u>Summer programme images</u>	These had been received by Jerry Webb	
<u>Workshops programme</u>	David Eastley confirmed that there was a full programme of workshops in place but requested the committee to propose ideas for new ones at any time	
<u>Venue bookings</u>	Tony Crowther confirmed that the Methodist Hall and	

English Language Centre had been booked for all events in the published programme other than those occurring at weekends

Invitation to opening evening on Face book

Jo Teasdale confirmed that an invitation for the first meeting had been posted on Face book

Promotional press release

No press release had been produced for the exhibition but Paul Stillman reported that the production of postcard-sized flyers was in progress and these would promote the club generally

3 Treasurer's report

John Francis gave a brief report identifying expenditure since the last meeting and confirming that he had received invoices from both the Methodist Hall and the English Language Centre for room hire. In both cases, the rates were the same as last year.

John stated that there were currently 94 paid-up members compared with 100 at the same time last year.

4 Club Website

(This item was taken as the first of the evening as John Hazard, who had attended solely for this item had commitments later in the evening and would have to leave early.)

Paul Stillman outlined the concerns of the committee that the website was no longer serving the needs of the club. It was felt that its role and that of the club's Face Book site were not clear enough. Also it did not seem to act effectively as a device for encouraging new members. Maybe it was a little dated or the information it carried was inadequate or concealed. It was also very clear that the website depended exclusively on John Hazard for its management and updating. John agreed there were issues and said he would very much like to update the site which was operating on a very old platform. He said there were many much simpler templates available now but there would be a great deal of work necessary to get any new site up and running. John did say he would welcome the opportunity to share the load of both development and maintenance of any new site. It was decided that the best way forward would be to determine whether there was enough interest among members to the setting up of a website development team and to use this to establish the criteria for both the appearance and content of the site and also the management and maintenance of it once it was live. John agreed to make an announcement to the club at its next meeting.

(JH)

5 Christmas Party

Paul Stillman reported his difficulties in making contact with the management of the Westbourne public house but had been able to book the venue for December 10th (not the 17th as in the programme). It was agreed that tickets would be necessary and that members would be asked to pay for these in advance of the event. Paul said he would arrange this and ensure the members were informed.

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6 AOB

Jo Teasdale asked, on behalf of the Competitions Team, whether it would be possible for the scores of both Print and Projected Image competitions to be merged to produce an overall winner. The committee were not in favour of this proposal and preferred to maintain the separation between the two competitions.

Paul Stillman expressed his concern at the low numbers of submissions to the Projected Image competition and feared this would translate into even fewer entries for the Print competition. Paul proposed that, for the next competition, members be permitted to submit two prints. One, identified by the member, would be conventionally evaluated and the grade contribute to that member's overall score. The other would be for critique only. It would be hoped that this may encourage members to show less "safe" imagery and be more experimental. The committee agreed to this.

John Francis expressed his view that there was no effective publicity system for the club. This was suggested to be partly why there were fewer new members than in recent years. David Eastley felt it was important to resolve the issues around the website first and then consider deciding how a publicity group could be developed. Jo Teasdale suggested it would be straightforward to set up an Events page on the Facebook site to promote the current exhibition and to invite people to the Private View. Jo agreed to undertake this.

JT