

Brighton and Hove Camera Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
14 March 2016
Jo Teasdale's Place

Members Present

Paul Stillman (President)

John Francis (Treasurer)

Jo Teasdale

Wayne Grundy (for item 1)

David Eastley (Vice President)

David Gerrard

Norman Atkinson

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies from Tony Crowther

2. Club website update

Wayne Grundy gave a presentation of progress to date; his notes are attached. The Committee was impressed and asked him to pass on their thanks to the Development Team.

A summary of the presentation is attached.

Wayne pointed out that the new site was more demanding from a site hosting point of view and that our present hosting arrangements were inadequate. It is estimated that the cost of hosting the website on a more suitable platform would be in the region of £300 per annum and this expenditure was agreed

WG

Wayne was asked to speak to John Hazard about this as the current web hosting arrangement is due for renewal shortly.

It was agreed that:

1. Wayne would present the new site at the AGM on 3 May,
2. The new site would be used to support the Summer Programme
3. The competitions area would be developed over the summer so that it is ready to use in September at the start of the new season.
4. Members galleries would be restricted to 10 pictures each so that no member can overload the site and pictures will be changed from time to time.
5. Replacing the logo was discussed and it was agreed that the present logo was outdated and meaningless. Jerry had put forward a replacement but it was not clear if he regarded this as a definitive suggestion or if it was merely a place holder. PS would talk to him about this with a view to seeking ideas for a new design from the membership
6. Later in the evening it was agreed that it would be a good idea to have a new members section of the website.

PS

3. Actions from previous meeting

Advise programme team of reduced funds available for external speakers

PS had done this.

Dispose of old print stands

NA had done this.

Seek project leader for New Website project

Wayne was doing this.

Contact Methodist Hall re frame storage

JF had done this and the frames are now in the basement. PS remarked that the de-humidifier wasn't always turned on.

JF

Send possible list of judges to Competition

JF undertook to follow this up.

DE had done this.

Team		
Distribute examples of other clubs' judging guides to committee.	DE had done this.	
Draft of new judging guidelines	JF had done this.	PS
Announcement of new Publicity Manager post and the need for a new Secretary and Membership Secretary	PS to give this to the Competitions Team PS had done this, with no response. He and David will emphasise the need for these posts to be filled at the next club meetings. Two people have expressed interest in the Vice President position and PS will explore these further.	PS / DE
Addition of question re choice of subscription to AGM agenda	JF will deal with this as part of his report.	
Draft of new Introduction to BHCC booklet	It was agreed that this would not be reprinted. In future, new members would receive a pack containing a welcome letter, the programme booklet and their website log in to enable them to use the competitions area, post to their galleries and blog. NA had already recycled all stocks of the existing booklet.	

4. Treasurer's report

1. A summary of the current position was produced which showed income and outgoings to date, as well as last year's final figures.
2. Bills are paid up to date.
3. We have the equivalent of 108 paid up members at present, compared with 123 at the end of last year.

5. AGM Planning

President's report	Highlights of the year	PS
Treasurer's Report	Review of year, with increase of subs by £2. Members will be offered the choice of retaining the current arrangement of paying £3 per evening for some speakers, or adding an extra £6 to the sub to avoid door charges.	JF
Nominations	None at present; they are to be encouraged at the next couple of meetings	PS / DE
Officials 2016/17	To be confirmed after nominations received.	
Competition results	Competitions team to be asked to announce these and produce certificates for winners	PS
Summer programme	Jo has this in hand and will seek more suggestions for events at the next few meetings. The draw for the mystery portraits will take place and Leo will be contacted to see if he wants to do this.	JT
Presentations	This will be a presentation of the Treasure Hunt pictures (if it takes place) and next year's programme. Peter Charnaud and Jerry Webb ran this last year and they are to be asked if they will be running it this year.	PS
	Next year's programme will be presented. At present there is nobody	PS

has taken responsibility for preparing this and Jerry will be asked if he will do this.

6. 2016/17 Planning

Workshops

There will be no workshops run as separate events. Some (including the first Distinctions Workshop) will be incorporated into Entry Group evenings and others run if there is a need.

JT / AM

Members who have expertise in a specific area of photography can be asked to present, either as part of a Members' Showcase evening, or, if they wish, as a whole evening in a later season's programme.

Outside promotions / Paying guests

Paul rehearsed the arguments for doing this (he had contacted both SPA and the church caretakers who had all confirmed that, so long as we did not exceed fire regulation numbers and had a list of people in the building, there was no problem) and it was agreed that some meetings, would be publicised to local camera clubs (rather than circulating the whole of SPA). Visitors would be charged £3.

7. AOB

NA informed the meeting that, as part of his role as Membership Secretary, he administered the Club's Flickr feed so as to allow new members access.

8. Date of next meetings

11 April to plan / rehearse AGM – at David Gerrard's house

21 June to plan the new season – at Jo's house

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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