

Brighton and Hove Camera Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
11 April 2016
Dave Gerrard's Place

Members Present

Paul Stillman (President)
Tony Crowther (Secretary)
Jo Teasdale

John Francis (Treasurer)
David Gerrard

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Norman Atkinson and David Eastley

2 Actions from previous meeting

Contact Methodist Hall about
dehumidifier

John Francis confirmed he had spoken to Felicity and the use of the humidifier had been clarified. The matter was closed.

Announcement of need for new
Publicity Manager post and need
for replacements for Vice
President, Membership Secretary
and Secretary to regular club
meeting

Paul Stillman confirmed this had been done. John Hazard would take over from Norman Atkinson as Membership Secretary but would not be applying to join the Committee. Nominations had been obtained for the remaining Committee positions. There were no volunteers for the publicity manager role.

Addition of question of choice of
subscription to AGM agenda

John Francis considered there was no need for a separate item on the agenda and the vote on subscription options would be incorporated in the Treasurer's report

2016/2017 Planning: Workshops

It was decided that Thursday evening workshops would be aligned with the E-group programme who's members would have free access to the first of the Distinction group meetings. Jo Teasdale would confirm dates of E-group meetings. It was hoped that some impromptu events could be run, probably on Saturdays and a variety of venues, throughout the season.

JT

3 Treasurer's report

John Francis presented a current statement of the club's finances. All bills had been paid to date. John pointed out that we had 108 fully paid up members compared with 123 last season. He expressed his concern about the falling membership numbers and gave the following figures for the last seven seasons: 152, 143, 130, 140, 126, 123, 108.

John also presented a draft budget amended to account for proposed publicity costs.

4 AGM Planning

Tony Crowther presented a draft agenda and this was discussed. It was felt that there should be some report on the inclusion of this year's prints in the Sussex Archive and this should be added. Tony agreed to contact Peter Charnaud and ask him to prepare a jpg presentation of the selected images.

TC

Tony agreed to distribute the updated agenda to the members along with the draft minutes of last year's AGM.

TC

Paul Stillman confirmed he had prepared a review of the last year but sought advice on the "successes" members had achieved. He was concerned about omitting any. Paul agreed to include in his review comment on the changes to be made to the club's approach to its competitions.

Committee

PS

Tony Crowther confirmed that he had received one nomination for each of the open elected committee posts, Vice President, Secretary and Member.

Tony Crowther also agreed to contact Leo Jago to ensure he intended attending the AGM and would be prepared to run the Mystery Portrait draw.

TC

Paul Stillman agreed to contact Wayne Grundy concerning the duration of his presentation of the club's new website.

PS

Tony Crowther agreed to contact Jerry Webb regarding both the AGM presentation of next season's programme and its printing.

TC

Jo Teasdale confirmed that it was now possible to sign-up for the Mystery Portraits on the website and that as details were agreed all other Summer events would appear there.

JT

5 AOB

There was no other business