

SCARBOROUGH CAMERA CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 7.30pm Vis Zoom
(subject to approval at the next AGM, March 2022)

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Pauline Dent.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 20th March 2019

As it was not possible to hold the AGM last year due to the Covid situation, the draft minutes were not approved in 2020. It was agreed that these minutes now be accepted.

3. President's Report

Steve Wilson reported:

I would like to start by going back a year. The camera club had to be cut short due to Covid and we never managed to have our AGM. At this meeting, several committee members were standing down from their posts. I know that it's a long time ago, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work in running the club.

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Thank you.

4. Secretary's Report

Elaine Rhodes reported:

This has indeed been a strange year for the club. We have understandably seen the number of members reduce for a variety of reasons but hope this will increase when face to face meetings return.

In the October to December period last year, the club has 30 members and from January 25 members. During both periods an average of 16-17 members took part in each session, so there's a core of you that continue to support the club regularly, thank you for your support.

We've had 44 "guests" at our sessions this season, mostly paying £3 a session, mostly from the Yorkshire area.

The Facebook group is a closed group for members only and proves a useful tool for information and for members to share images, etc. Not everyone in in the Facebook group (19), hence you also get emails from me too - so everyone gets all the communications (that's if you chose to read my emails!)

Whilst we members maybe don't look at the website much, it's been accessed 1270 times over the last year, by 590 unique visitors, including some worldwide from USA and Russia.

We're trying to develop the website to include more items of interest to members. This year has included the introduction of the "Members Area" and the "Members Galleries"

The Members Area is viewable only by SCC members –the idea being that it covers anything that you might not want the whole world to access for free! It includes some competition results with scores, practical information, downloads, club minutes, etc. and – if there's anything else you might find useful – let us know. The "Guest access code is SCC2021

The "Members Galleries" pages are viewable by the public. You can have up to 10 images of your own choice on your dedicated page – so family, friends, anyone can see them - just email your images to me. So far, only Terry Andy and me have added any – so let's see some – you've all got some wonderful images.

The club has recently signed up to the Lee Filters Outreach Project at no cost to the club. We'll be giving you more information in due course. Basically, the project would include access to a range of resources, competitions, etc. and a discount for members on the Lee Filter's website.

Due to Covid, there's not been a lot of other activity possible this season but – as they say – watch this space!

5. Treasurer's Report

Terry Meads had circulated his report, below, and the balance sheet to members prior to the meeting.

What a strange year!! Traditionally the club's biggest expense has been the hire of the Meeting Hall but that has been zero this year. Our largest source of income has always been subscriptions but that is reduced this year due to (a) charging just a token fee at the start of the pandemic due to the many unknowns at that time and (b) subsequently charging a smaller fee to reflect smaller outgoings. Some expenses however were unaffected by the pandemic and remained as high as previous years, e.g., website charges and insurances. There were also some new expenditure items such as Zoom and PayPal charges.

Zoom has not only been a blessing to enable us to continue through all the lockdowns but it has also given us the added benefit of giving us access to speakers and judges from anywhere in the world, not just those within easy travelling distance of Scarborough (as was the case in the past). Obviously, it would be great to keep Zoom if things get back to normal but members must realise that the additional cost would have to be met from subscriptions. The more members we have, the less each one will have to pay so please encourage any friends/family with an interest in photography to give the club a try. I must say that Dave Brett has done a great job providing an interesting programme for us all whilst, at the same time, keeping costs down to a minimum. The end result of all the above as shown on the attached Balance Sheet is a small loss over the year of £43.89. I think this is a remarkable achievement in the circumstances and my thanks go out to all involved

There were no questions from members.

It was proposed by Elaine Rhodes, seconded by Dave Brett and unanimously agreed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

6. Competition / Syllabus Secretary's Report

Dave Brett reported:

The names of the winners and placed images in the monthly competitions were read and DB showed the results for the overall competition winner. There was a draw for both first and third places.

Joint first - John Turner and Terry Meads with 27 points each

(So, no second place)

Joint third – Dave Brett and Steve Wilson with 23 points each.

DB also added that Alison Tubbs, Marion Bets and Derry Brett had all done very well in competitions especially they were new members this year.

For these and this year's other competitions, the Kathy Underwood Trophy and the Image of the Year, trophies will be awarded to the winners and certificates awarded to placed entries.

DB then presented the May to December 2021 Programme, which will be forwarded to members. He also outlined the Programme for early 2022. There will, necessarily, be some flexibility as some meetings maybe be in person and some via Zoom.

- Summer Meets - these will include some day and evening meets.
- All programmes may subject to change, but the competitions and speakers won't change.
- Competition Subjects

- Open – Taken in the UK
- East Coast - from Redcar to Humber/Spurn Point
- Macro
- Portrait
- Abstract Architecture
- Kathy Underwood Competition – Altered Reality
- Image of the Year
- The entries for the upcoming battle have been selected by four members.

There was discussion over the subject “Open - Taken in the UK” as some members objected to this on the grounds that it would not be a truly “open” competition if the restricted to the UK only. A vote was taken and members voted 9 - 6 in favour of keeping the restriction.

AK asked if battles should, in future, be on Zoom as these then draw a much larger audience from all the clubs participating. DB commented that this may be likely and that some speakers will only be doing Zoom sessions in future

7. Publicity officer’s Report

Andy Kent reported:

I took over the role at the beginning of 2021. To date, I have done an interview on “Coast and County” radio and sent a recording to “This is the Coast” radio to publicise the club. I have sent photos taken by club members to the Scarborough News. Where we have a prestige lecture then I have informed the YPU who have publicised it to member clubs. I think it is difficult, but not impossible, to persuade new members to join a club via Zoom as there is not the same social interaction as face-to-face meetings. Hopefully, during the summer as lockdown eases, we may be able to meet outdoors to take photos and attract some new members by publicising these.

8. YPU Representative’s Report

Alan Flint reported:

The YPU has been making progress with the Exhibition. Any accepted prints from the 2020 entries will be on display at the upcoming exhibition in Bradford. The DPI entries for 2021 are being judged and those successful with also form part of this exhibition. It may be possible for members to view the exhibition on-line and he will provide the link when it has been supplied by the YPU.

9. Election of Officers

With the exception of Terry Meads, who wished to resign from the post of Treasurer, all previous holders of the various positions had been nominated and accepted the nominations. Rex Winterbottom has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer on an interim basis. No vote was required and the nominations were approved by all present en bloc.

Election of Officers

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| a. Chairman | Steve Wilson |
| b. Vice-chairman | Alan Flint |
| c. General Secretary | Elaine Rhodes |
| d. Treasurer (Interim) | Rex Winterbottom |
| e. Competition Secretary | David Brett |
| f. Syllabus Secretary | David Brett & Alan Flint |
| g. Publicity Officer | Andy Kent |
| h. Web Master | Elaine Rhodes |
| i. Committee | Janet Hastie |

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| a. YPU Representatives (2) | Alan Flint and David Brett |
| b. Projectionists (2) | Andy Kent |

10. Subscriptions

The Committee proposes that the annual subscription for 2021/22 should be £25 per member plus an additional nominal charge per member for each meeting attended in the hired room.

The subscription would cover normal club costs, excluding room hire. If we are able to meet in person and hire the room, then this additional cost could be met by a nominal charge at each meeting attended, to include refreshments.

Non-members attending any meetings would pay a nominal charge, which would be offset against their membership subscription if they subsequently join. Prestige and Zoom events may attract a charge to non-members. Any other arrangements for charging visitors may be made at the discretion of the committee.

AK wished to highlight that due to the unpredictability of the Covid restrictions and the availability of the accommodation, it was necessary to build some flexibility into the subscription format. DB added that other clubs (e.g., Focus) are also following a similar format.

There were no objections and it was proposed by Andy Kent, seconded by Tracy Goodall and agreed unanimously that the proposal be accepted.

11. The Programme for 2021/22

DB had covered this in his earlier report (item 6).

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

The plans for the summer will be sent out to members and the committee will keep everyone up to date with the situation on the room/ face to face meetings, etc.

The next club event will be the three-way battle with Malton and Kirkbymoorside Camera Clubs on Wednesday, 21st April at 7.30pm. The Zoom link will be provided as usual.

SW congratulated John and thanked Elise again. Finally, he congratulated all the winners this year and reminded everyone to “enjoy your photography”.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Attached: Balance Sheet 2020/21
Latest version of SCC Programme May - Dec 2021