

# **SCARBOROUGH CAMERA CLUB**

*Formerly SCARBOROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY*

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm At the Nags Head, Scalby**

**Present:** Steve Wilson, Alan Flint, Elaine Rhodes, Terry Meads, Dave Brett and Rex Winterbottom

### **1 Apologies**

Received from Andy Kent and Janet Hastie

### **2 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by proposed by SW, seconded by TM and approved by the committee.

### **3 Matters arising / Update**

- ER emailed all the members about the Interim Proposal on 23 August 2020. Eight members replied, so this was followed up with an email from TM to the non-responders. As at 2<sup>nd</sup> September, five members had not replied.
- Facebook Group – ER has removed EG from the administrative role but is currently unable to remove the late Kat Underwood from the role. DB to be added as an administrator.
- Club laptops and projector – AK has met with DB to handover the equipment, which DB will use for the on-line activities especially the on-line competitions and the Zoom meetings. When access to the FMH allows, the screen and the lights will also need to be checked.
- TM has now cancelled the AVG Anti-virus Protection contract for the club laptop due to excessive cost.
- Website – ER has yet to contact Charles Spencer. Matters to address: -
  - Website administrators are currently Elise Garland and Charles Spencer. This should be changed to Charles and ER, with ER to contact Charles to see if he wishes to continue being Webmaster or not.
  - Committee would like to have a “Members only” section on the website if possible.
  - DB raised an issue about the Lenovo laptop. He said that it needed to be locked he can't access he settings. It wasn't possible for him to update some of the software (e.g. Microsoft, anti-virus,) and the laptop says the administrators are CS and ER (but ER not aware of this).
- Club Emails– AF reminded all that it had been agreed that general emails to members should only be sent by the Secretary. TM had issued a follow-up email to members last week; however, ER was away so would not have been able to do this herself.
- The Scarborough News / Scarborough Camera Club - John Turner regularly sent a set of members' images to the newspaper. However, there is now a link on the SCC website for members to email an image to the Secretary (ER) for submission to the S News. The committee decided that at a later date, this will be removed and we revert to the Competition Secretary submitting a selection of suitable images.

## 4 Proposal for Interim Arrangements

### a. Consultation with Members

TM circulated updated information on members' responses. There were seventeen replies with fifteen in favour of the proposal and 2 who would not be joining again. Five people did not reply. With the committee included, that's twenty-five in favour.

### b. Prospective new members and returnees

There may be additional members including two from on-line enquiries and those non-members currently in the Facebook group.

The email received from RW was noted. The committee felt that it was not appropriate and it was proposed by SW, seconded by DB, and agreed by the committee that the application should be declined.

### c. Next steps

DB outlined the draft programme for the period up to December. It will include fortnightly sessions from 7<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> December inclusive.

*(Draft)*

23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Deadline for Competition 1 - Open
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Competition 1 – via Zoom at 7.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Speaker via Zoom at 7.30pm, Mike Bennett on the subject of “Capture the Moment”
	Deadline for Competition 2 – “Taken at Home” - which means it must have been taken in your home or garden
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Competition 2 – via Zoom at 7.30pm, judged by Mike Barnard
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Possible presentation – tbc
	Deadline for Competition 3 – Open, with an element of water
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Competition 3 - via Zoom at 7.30pm, judged by Andy Kent
	<i>Christmas Break</i>

Other actions required: -

- ER to email members with summary of planned programme, and invite them to pay the £5 subscription covering the period from October to December 2020 only. Also, to contact any prospective members and non-members in the Facebook group.
- Payment to be made by 23<sup>rd</sup> September, by bank transfer to the club's account or by cheque posted to TM's home.
- On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, anyone not subscribing will no longer be a member of the club and will be removed from the Facebook group, which will then be a closed group for paid-up members only.
- The whole situation including subscriptions, to be reviewed in late Autumn.

## 5 Longer Term

- a. **Accommodation – Friends Meeting House & Warden's email** – the Committee agreed that the club would not require a room until January at the earliest.

If circumstances allow, then the first meeting would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and then fortnightly until 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 inclusive. We would also require the room for Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March for the club's AGM and presentation

night. In normal times (i.e. no Covid-19), we'd want the smaller meeting room. However, due to social distancing, the larger room may be needed – but this all depends on the Covid-19 situation in the New Year. ER to respond to the warden accordingly.

**b. Programme – update**

The programme will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021; however, this will depend on the Covid-19 situation and whether or not face to face meetings are possible. DB summarised progress to date.

*(Draft - work in progress)*

*Christmas Break*

13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Speakers via Zoom at 7.30pm, Sharon and Robert Prenton Jones on the subject of “The Art of Composite Photography”
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Competition – Open Black and White
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Competition – “Leading Lines”
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Practical evening - tbc
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Practical evening - tbc
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Competition – “Altered Images” (digital manipulation) for the Kat Underwood trophy
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	AGM and presentation night

The subscription level should be reviewed for January 2021. If the face to face meetings/ room hire are possible, then the subsection should increase. The committee agreed that, if so, the fee should be £15 for the period from January 2021 to September 2021. If not possible, then a reduce level should apply. The committee recognised that the club may need to stand a small loss if the number of members is not sufficient to cover costs.

**6 Any Other Business**

- Zoom – a practice session to be arranged by DB for the committee.
- SW asked that details of any club equipment should be better recorded in future for avoidance of doubt over ownership. An updated list with the relevant details needs to be created.
- AF requested that the role of President, and Vice President be re-designated to Chairman and Vice Chairman to better reflect the ethos of the club. This would also leave an opportunity for the creation of an Honorary President role in future, if desired. All present agreed to the change.
- A new email address for digital competition entries has been introduced. DB asked the committee to send three images, per person, to the email address to test it and for DB to trial creating the Zoom competition files. It is [sccccompetition@yahoo.com](mailto:sccccompetition@yahoo.com)

**7 Date of Next Meeting – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm at Dave Brett's house (129 Coldyhill Lane).**

This will be primarily be a practice session on using Zoom.