

SCARBOROUGH CAMERA CLUB

Formerly SCARBOROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on on Monday 8th March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Steve Wilson, Dave Brett, Alan Flint, Andy Kent, Terry Meads, Janet Hastie, Rex Winterbottom and Elaine Rhodes

1 **Apologies** None

2 **Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 15th February 2021**

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

3 **Matter Arising / Update**

ER is contacting non-committee members who may have trophies awarded last year to arrange for their return.

TM will be standing down as Treasurer and committee members at the next AGM. SW thanked TM for his work on the committee and contributions to the club. A volunteer is sought to take on the role of Treasurer as there have been no nominations so far. Other committee members are willing to continue on their roles next season.

4 **Competition Rules Revision**

The issue of the three-year rule was discussed and, overall, it was felt that this should be retained so that the club rules align with those relating to the YPU, the PAGB and inter-club battles.

The Altered Images competition will be an exception to this, so that when creating composite images members can draw from images older than three years, provided these are their own work. ER to amend rules accordingly.

5 **AGM**

The AGM will take place by Zoom on Wednesday 31st March. The draft agenda was discussed and the final version will be circulated to members.

No new nominations for officers' posts or items for the agenda have been received.

The annual subscription was discussed later (see 6 (d) below) after the programme for the current year was discussed.

6 **Updates from Officers**

a) Chairman – nothing additional to report.

b) Secretary – ER has replied to Lee Filters re their Outreach Programme and awaiting more information.

c) Treasurer – TM shared the balance sheet which shows a provisional loss of £43.89 for this year.

d) Competition Secretary / Syllabus Secretary – DB outlined two draft programmes for the period to December 2021 and for January to April 2022. These include battles, speakers, practical sessions and competitions (incl. Portrait, Abstract Architecture, Macro and Altered Images). All images should be taken in the UK. The programme will be announced at the AGM and available afterwards.

The definition of Portrait was discussed and, for the purposes of next year's competition it will be limited to human models.

AK asked if feedback from members on what they liked, didn't like and what they wanted to see in future was sought. DB said that proposed programmes incorporated a wide range of subjects which should have something to suit everyone.

The club hopes to be able to hire the room again from September but this and the subscription level will depend on the Covid situation.

Consequently, it was agreed that the committee propose that subscription for 2021/22 should be £25 per member plus an additional nominal charge (e.g. £2 - £2.50) for each meeting attended in the room. The rationale being that if the room cannot be used/ is not required members will not be required to fund the additional cost of room hire.

e) YPU Representative – AF has attended the YPU AGM and presented his report:

YPU AGM, held by zoom, started at 10.30am. Present YPU committee and 67 club reps. After the normal agenda items passed the items of interest to us commenced,

- The new president was elected Marilyn Roberts, DPAGB BPE3* for the next 2 years
- The new president elect (vice) to take over in 2 years, will be Mrs Chris Hodges, BA(Photo) ARPS, CPAGB
- The Secretary, Stephen Dean, stood down after 8 years.
- The new Secretary is Shelley Knight, LRPS.
- The method of clubs informing YPU about forthcoming events to be circulated is being upgraded and the new procedure will be circulated when available.
- A brief description was given on the judging system, results for this year by the 24th April. 3,168 PDI images had been received. With 479 accepted for the CD's. These should be available to clubs by mid-August.
- The return of last years' prints are still pending re Covid 19
- The print folio should be available around Sept.

Zoom.

An article was shown on the YPU Facebook site, claiming that visitors from other clubs could attend meetings FOC, this was quickly taken down and the matter put on the agenda at the AGM. It seems that this was an old recommendation for YPU committee members.

After discussion and unanimous vote, clubs can charge non-club members to attend Zoom club meets. The general consensus of opinion on Zoom is that clubs love it and will continue to use Zoom whenever possible as it offers such a wide range of speakers, subjects and judges and prevents small isolated clubs being stuck in their own bubble.

The following is my (AF's) opinion although it has been used by the PAGB.

The problem with Zoom for competitions is with prints, the way round this problem is for enterers to submit 2 A4 unmounted prints per image to the comp sec. One copy will be sent to the judge and the other retained for display on the comp night (if we are in a hall) so members can see the prints being judged. Members can still see the judge and discuss points (not score) over Zoom projected on the screen.

The AGM closed at 1.05pm.

f) Publicity Officer – AK is waiting for Shelley Knight of the YPU to notify clubs about the new procedure for publicising club events through the YPU. If this information is not available by the time that we have another speaker, he'll contact local clubs to publicise our speakers.

7 **Any other business**

All matters were covered in the items above.

8 **Date of Next Meeting** – to be arranged after the AGM