

SCARBOROUGH CAMERA CLUB
Formerly SCARBOROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
on Wednesday 19th August 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 11th March 2020

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

3 Matters arising / Update on what's happened since last meeting

SW welcomed the new members of the committee to the meeting.

Due to the impact of the Covid-19, the club's season ended early with the usual Annuals sessions, the AGM and presentation night not taking place. Consequently, there it was not possible to hold an AGM and the new committee could not be elected.

The outgoing committee members decided that in order for the club to move forward and the officers-elect to take on their new roles, the three prospective committee members should be seconded onto the committee with effect from 1st August and those wishing to stand down would do so. This would allow the "new" committee to start planning for the new season (whenever that may start) and any interim activities. Due to the Covid-19 situation and its impact on our lives, one change to the make-up of the new committee was necessary. For the foreseeable future, SW agreed to take on the role of President until AK is in a position to take on the role, as was originally intended.

a. Main objectives of the club

SW summarised his vision of what the aims of the club should be: -

- Members to be involved
- Learning / hands on experiences
- Techniques / practical activities
- Members MUST enjoy the activities

The committee concurred with this.

b. Programme Start Date and Venue

The Friends Meeting House is currently closed and may not be available for some time. When it is, will be necessary for the club to have its own risk assessment alongside the FMH's own. With the Covid-19 situation and the current regulations, the usual club face to face meetings cannot take place. The committee felt that meetings would not be possible until January 2021 at

the earliest. The accommodation and facilities required would then also depend on how many members decide to join the club.

c. **In interim - club activities before the main season starts**

There was much discussion and the main points that were agreed included: -

- A communication to members asking if they would be interested in any interim activities (or not) and what these might be.
- If so, what this might include – Zoom meetings, on-line competitions (digital only), practical demos on-line. It's intended that digital competitions would be as usual - with images sent to the Competition Secretary, and then presented/ judged on Zoom. On-line meetings may be held fortnightly rather than weekly.
- Nominal subscription to be charged (e.g.£5) for the period September 2020 to December 2020.
- Any costs would need to be covered by the club, (e.g. Zoom licence, believed to be about £13 per month)
- Facebook group to be open to paid-up members only. ER mentioned that some non-members have been allowed on the Facebook group longer than the agreed 2 months as it wasn't possible for them to join the club even if they wanted to. So, they would in future have to pay the nominal interim subscription or be removed.
- Review the whole situation in Nov/Dec.

d. **What do members want (or not want).**

Following on from the points made in c. above, the Secretary will draft an email for approval by the committee, to all current members out-lining the committee's proposal to ascertain if members (and how many) would be interested in participating. It would also invite any other suggestions, ideas, etc. This will help gauge the level of participation and whether or not this may be worthwhile, in terms of both cost and effort involved.

4 **The Syllabus**

DB gave an update on progress on the syllabus for the next season and any interim programme. Both the programmes for the new season and the interim period will depend on the number of members joining, the timescale and any feedback received. There will not be any battles in the coming year as those clubs contacted are not including any in their programmes due to the Covid-19 situation.

DB thoughts so far on the programmes: -

- In a normal season – to include competitions, practicals, speakers and outings.
- The monthlies will be as important as any other competition
- Competition subjects – to reflect the practical/techniques demonstrated to members in previous weeks and to include “Taken at Home”
- An “Altered Reality” competition where each member can enter up to 3 photographs, to encourage creativity and techniques. The Kat Underwood Trophy would be awarded to the winner.
- Entries for battles will be selected to ensure wider range of participants - aim is to give as many people as possible a chance.
- Any images placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a competition will be included in the “Photograph of the Year” competition.
- In interim – “Open” competitions held each in first week of Oct, Nov & Dec.

5 Operational Issues

- a. Membership – interim subscription proposed for period from Sept. to Dec. Review later as circumstances change.
- b. Facebook group – membership of group to be open to paid-up members only. Administrators to be primarily ER and DB.
- c. Website – the committee would like to have a “Members only” section on the website if possible. The 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.
- d. Emails and communications with members – any of a general nature to go via the Secretary. SW and TM be given access to the club email/ gmail account, in addition to ER.
- e. Club insurance and equipment – No changes required except to review list of equipment insured. TM dealing with this.
- f. Trophies – the committee had previously decided to buy more trophies so there would be one for each competition winner. Due to the current situation, the purchase will be delayed until the club returns to “normal”.

6 Any other business

AF asked if the club should have a publicity officer. The Committee felt it was a good idea and that the idea should be pursued at a later meeting.

The Scarborough News / Scarborough Camera Club - SW showed a recent example of a club photograph featured and asked how the SN receives these. It was thought that John Turner regularly sent a set of members' images to the newspaper.

AVG Anti-virus Protection for club laptop – the auto renewal has been received and the cost has increased from about £20 to £70. TM has cancelled the renewal. Alternative anti-virus protection to be sourced.

Zoom – a practice sessions for the committee would be useful to familiarise those who haven't used it before.

Equipment - In order to prepare for competitions presentations and the “Zoom” facilitated ones especially, it would be useful for the Competition Secretary to borrow the 2 laptops and the projector to trial the procedure, especially as his laptop is a Mac. When access allows, the screen and the lights will also need to be checked.

- 7 **Date of Next Meeting** – Wed 2nd September 2020, venue to be decided.
Particularly, to review the feedback so far from members on the proposals for interim.