

SCARBOROUGH CAMERA CLUB

Formerly SCARBOROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on on Monday 15th February 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 6th January 2021**

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

3 **Matters arising / Update**

- Members – TM advised that the club now has 25 paid-up members. He commented on the feedback that he had received from some members who have not attended meetings for various reasons.
- Paypal. It was suggested that the fee for non-members attending Zoom meetings should be increased from £3 to £5 next season, as many clubs are now charging this. Also, that the club should look at eliminating the transaction charge made by Paypal or maybe payment made direct to the club's bank account, and to look at the upcoming regulation changes from Paypal.

4 **Lee Filters Outreach Project**

ER summarised the project from Lee Filters and the benefits to the club and its members. The project would give access to a range of technical, educational and inspirational resources, a free monthly newsletter, 10% discount for members on Lee Filter's website, 25% discount to club if buying the Lee 100 filter system, competitions, prizes and talks by their ambassadors, at no cost to the club or its members.

All agreed that the club should join the project. ER to contact Lee Filters.

5 **Arrangements for the AGM**

It is planned to hold the AGM on Wednesday 31st March via Zoom. ER to make usual preparations. A further committee meeting to be held on 8th March to finalise the AGM and pick up on any actions or considerations needed. This will include arrangements for the announcement of Overall Winner and award of trophies and certificates, etc.

6 **Acknowledgement of Officers who stepped down during 2020**

As the formal AGM was not able to be held last March due to Covid and the current committee took over early last summer, a number of long standing committee members stood down. There was no opportunity to recognise their contributions and thank them. All agreed that there should be some form of acknowledgement /celebration at the upcoming AGM and/or when meetings can be held in person again. To be decided at the next Committee meeting.

7 Return of Trophies

A number of members and past members are on possession of trophies from last year. ER to contact them to arrange their return.

8 Next Season – Budget / Accommodation / Programme

TM had circulated the Financial Report Feb 21 to all prior to the meeting to aide discussion over the way forward, including setting the level of possible membership fees and the impact of hiring the room again.

Discussion ensued and it was, understandably not possible, to reach any conclusion about membership fees as accommodation costs would be a big factor in determining the level. If and when we can use the FMH room, we would wish to use the smaller of the two meeting rooms at a discounted rate of approximately £31. Various suggestions were made, including membership payable in two parts, as for 2020/21, which would allow for adjustment when the room hire begins.

The Programme

DB has arranged two further events, for April and May. On 21st April, there will be a three-way battle with Kirkbymoorside and Malton, hosted by us and judged by Tony McLean. On 26th May, there will be a Zoom session with Vincent Scothern on all aspects of sports photography.

DB is looking to schedule summer meets with some on weekdays and some on evenings. He would like to know what demand there may be for either, as we are aware that neither are convenient for everyone.

The plan for the main programme for the coming year is that it will include macro, portrait (with a model, over two evenings), abstract architecture, and at least three competitions each side of Christmas. The programme will be set before the summer. DB also asked if there was any interest from the committee members in producing a 4-5 week camera course over the summer to raise funds and potentially recruit more members. All asked to give this some thought.

9 Update from Officers

- a. Chairman – nothing additional to report.
- b. Secretary – nothing additional to report.
- c. Treasurer – TM presented his report about the budget, see item 8 above.
- d. Competition / Syllabus Secretary – See also DB's comments in item 8 above. In addition, DB summarised the upcoming competitions, which include battles, for which the club's entry must include a minimum of six photographers who are allowed a maximum of three entries each.
- e. YPU Representatives – nothing additional to report.
- f. Publicity Officer – AK updated on recent events. He was interviewed live by Tm Moon on Coast and County Radio. They have offered to display a mini exhibition and information about the club in their foyer (at their base on Northway). Also, AK has made a recording for "This is the Coast", another local radio station, which would be happy to air short recordings for any special events that we would like to publicise.

10 Any Other Business

There was a discussion about TM's email to the committee about the recent competition judged by Tony McLean. The major points concerned some of the judge's comments and the inconsistency of marks awarded. It was acknowledged that, as with all judges, these were solely his opinion, however unpopular they may be.

11 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm