



Annual General Meeting 2020

Thursday 25th June 2020

Online Meeting

1. **Minutes of the AGM held on 6th June 2019:** The minutes were AGREED.
2. **Matters Arising-** there were no matters arising from the minutes.
3. **Correspondence-** The Club Secretary, Doug Thompson, had no correspondence to report.

Reports

4. **Treasurer** (Simon Shore) Simon's financial reports had been circulated to the members. The club made a profit over the season despite the end-of-season pandemic lock-down. Simon thanked Lynn Kisielowsky and Neville Tait for auditing the books. Simon set out a proposal for reduced subscription rates for next season, to be considered later the agenda. Richard thanked Simon for his report and his work over the season.
5. **Programme Secretary** (Ray McMurray) Ray's report had been circulated to members. Ray said that on-line meetings would continue until Christmas 2020 at the earliest. Richard thanked Ray for his report and his work over the season.
6. **Internal Competitions Secretary** (Ian Johnson) Ian's report had been circulated to members. Ian congratulated all the competition winners and Simon Shore and Doug Thompson for coming top in their respective league tables. Next season's set subject titles to be voted on are 'A Book Title', 'Close Up' and 'The Great Environmental Outdoors'. Richard thanked Ian for his report and his work over the season.
7. **External Competitions** (David Davies) David's report had been circulated to members. David congratulated Richard for coming a close second place in this year's Bill Dunn Competition for creative photography. David was standing down after four years in post. He thanked all members for their help and encouragement over this period.
8. **President's address** (Richard Harrison).
Richard said it had not been a particularly easy season for him as President. He had been the first President to suspend the programme for the remainder of the season. Richard thanked David Davies, the retiring External Competitions Secretary for his sterling work over the last four seasons and his for his time and dedication to the job. As for internal competitions Richard was impressed that there were ten different trophy winners this season. Richard



awarded the President's Cup to Ray McMurray, Programme Secretary, for organising online meetings after the season had been officially closed for physical meetings, and for convening committee meetings.

9. Election to Vacancies on the Committee

The existing committee is to remain except for these positions, which were agreed:

- a) External Competitions Secretary – Penny Reeves
- b) Vice President – Ray McMurray

Ian Johnson is to continue for a fifth year as Internal Competitions Secretary.

- 10. Reclassifications.** The following members are to be reclassified as being in the Experienced Group: Nick Murrall, Penny Reeves, Doug Thompson.

Proposals needing AGM Approval

- 11. Club subscriptions.** The Committee and Treasurers proposal was that subscriptions be lowered next season, and be reviewed at the next AGM: The full annual subscription £50, Concessions £40, Youth membership - £17
AGREED.

- 12. Four-year rule -** Remove the restriction on age limit of entries to competitions but retain rules about using more than twice, to be in line with EAF Championships rules. AGREED.

- 13. Term for Projected Images –** In the Club Handbook and in club business, to cease using the term 'Digitally Projected Image'(DPI) for projected images and instead to use the term 'Projected Digital Image'(PDI), to accord with standard practice amongst clubs in the EAF and PAGB. AGREED.

- 14. Scoring of Panel Competitions-** Ian Johnson moved a motion for all competitions to be scored out of 40 points, and where only single entries were to be counted, as in Print Panels and Bamber Trophy competitions, those entries should be scored out of 40 points in acknowledgement of the extra preparation (and costs) of supplying five images instead of two. NOT AGREED by 8 votes to 4.

- 15. Competition Submission Dates.** Submission dates to be moved back a further day to eight days before any competition to facilitate arrangements for the competition. AGREED.

16. Next season's set subjects:

'A Book Title', AGREED.

'Close Up', AGREED.

'The Great Environmental Outdoors', AGREED, subject to clarification being provided to members and the judge as to the intention behind including the word 'Environmental'.



17. **On-line Meetings.** Due to anticipated continued concerns about safety at club meetings during the pandemic period, it was proposed that on-line meetings should be continued next season until the Christmas break and then reviewed. Print competitions to be postponed until after the New Year. AGREED.
18. **Shared Meetings.** Online meetings may be shared next year with other clubs in the East Anglian Federation to spread the costs of speakers. AGREED.
19. **Ad-Hoc Competitions.** Motion moved by Mike Culnane. To continue with informal competitions online where the members can comment and vote on their favourite entries. This could be extended to include collaborative working and sharing of ideas and could be thought of as a critique/portfolio night. AGREED.

Any Other Business

20. **Guests at Online Meetings.** Motion moved by Ian Johnson. Guests are welcome at online meetings but should get prior clearance from a Committee member who will introduce and welcome them. Guests should pay a standard guest fee of £4 to the Treasurer before the meeting. This policy should be shown on the Club's website and Facebook page, together with arrangements for paying. AGREED.

The President closed the meeting at 9.00pm.