



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 1st June 2021, 7:30 pm

Zoom Online

Attendance: Andy Dearn, David Davies, Doug Thompson, Ian Johnson, Maggie O'Moore, Penny Reeves, Ray McMurray, Simon Shore, Jon Watkins

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2021

2.1. Acceptance of the minutes

2.2. We checked the minutes of the May 11th meeting at V3. There were two minor corrections:

11.1 Simon has checked the cupboard at the Village College, and the trophies were not apparent. We need to follow this up. Maggie will resend an email to the members.

11.2 There was one adult winner rather than winners.

2.3. We accepted the updated minutes as V4.

2.4. Actions

2.4.1. Simon has spoken to prospective leaders of SIGs, but there have been no further volunteers. Action completed.

2.4.2. Ian has checked the status of the club laptop. Action completed.

Ian has the best of the club laptops. There are two older laptops that Simon now has.

2.4.3. The RPS model permissions form is now on the club website. Action completed.

Maggie will email the membership saying that the form is available for use. **Action, Maggie.**

2.4.4. Penny has organised the date of a friendly competition with Ely. Action completed.

2.4.5. Work is in progress to set up the club laptops to stream a live meeting. Action completed.

2.4.6. We will consider how the Club could set up COVID procedures and checks after June. This action will be held over to the next meeting, **Simon and Penny.**

2.4.7. Ian has decided that the Image of the Year competition will use images that scored 20 points. Action completed.

2.4.8. The Meridian Golf Club has refused our request to return our £100 deposit but has agreed to carry over the deposit to next year. A return to the Bourn Golf Club remains uncertain and could be too expensive for us. Action completed.

2.4.9. Simon has emailed the membership for suggestions for set subject topics for next season. Action completed.

2.4.10. We will discuss the Programme Secretary role later in the meeting.

2.4.11. Simon will continue to seek people who might help on the Committee. Formal action cancelled.

2.4.12. Maggie has sent a list of winning members names who had the trophies to Simon. Action completed.

2.4.13. Simon has checked if there are any trophies in the cupboard at the Village College; there are none. Action completed.

2.4.14. Jon has made a voucher for the winner of the adult Open Competition and sent it to them. Action completed.

2.4.15. David has added the email address of the adult Open Competition winner to the Google Group email list. Action completed.

2.4.16. Andy has put the RPS model release form onto the Club website. Action completed.

2.4.17. David has received all committee officer's reports for the AGM. Action completed.

3. Correspondence – Doug/Andy

3.1. There was no new correspondence.

4. Annual General Meeting

4.1. Simon has already received apologies from Peter Bush and Linda Brown.

4.2. Set subjects

The result of the member's ballot for set subject topics for next season are:

Blue

Metal

Fairy Tales Myths and Legends.

4.3. Committee members for next season

Simon reported that no one had come forward to take up the position of Programme Secretary to replace Ray.

Mick Culnane has volunteered to take over the treasury.

We discussed the situation regarding Programme Secretary and decided that the Club can survive without an external competitions secretary but can't survive without a programme secretary. Therefore, Doug, Penny, and Simon will jointly look after the programme for next season.

We thought that limiting external competition entries to PDI entries would lighten that role. Physical print competitions are limited to later in the season.

We discussed next year's programme as currently known. A date for the Club dinner could be 2nd June; the physical exhibition would be 2nd April, but we would also run it online. Jon will book the hall for the exhibition. **Action Jon.**

4.4. Finance and members subscriptions

Mike Culnane Anthony Clarke have audited the accounts. We have a surplus of £600 – £700. We agreed that we could eliminate the surplus with lower subscriptions for one season.

It was suggested that we stop charging for teas and coffees on meeting nights and make up the lost income by increasing subscriptions. This would make the tea & coffee queue much quicker, and we would not have to handle or account for cash in the treasury. We agreed this was a very good idea. Simon will look at how much the subscriptions would need to be increased to make up for the loss of income.

4.5. Reclassifications

We discussed and agreed on who we should invite to move up from the Improvers Group.

4.6. Internal/ external competitions reports

There was nothing further of note to discuss.

4.7. Programme report

Ray reported that he had organised some of next year's programme, but there are significant gaps yet to fill. A key question is how many people would be happy to attend physical meetings assuming that they will start in September as we plan, and how we integrate those physical meetings with Zoom. Ray noted that some clubs are not having physical meetings until after Christmas. Some speakers will probably want to continue on Zoom.

We agreed to continue our Zoom subscription into next season.

We agreed that the Committee would continue meeting on Zoom.

Doug suggested that we could think about a photoshoot in a studio. We thought that this would be a good idea for later in the season.

Ray agreed that he would copy Simon into all future correspondence with the Village College.

Ray reminded us that we have yet to finalise the technology aspects of hybrid meetings.

The minutes of last year's AGM have been circulated and are on the website.

The minutes of our EGM needs to be posted on the website. **Action Andy.**

Andy noted that the website is running short of space, and if we needed more space, we would have to move to a higher level of subscription. Therefore, we could leave one set of monthly minutes on the website and archive the remainder on Dropbox. Andy noted that the exhibition Audio Visual presentation takes a lot of website space and could be moved off.

Simon reported that he is in the process of digitising the historical Club paperwork and putting that onto Dropbox.

5. Summer Programme & BBQ

Simon said that he was happy to host a Club BBQ on 14th August, jointly with Nev and Sue Tait.

We do not know of other opportunities and won't be able to decide until after Covid announcements due on 21st June.

6. Any Other Business

Maggie sent an email to Keith Heppell of the Cambridge Independent newspaper inviting him to look at our exhibition images but has not heard back yet. We plan to leave the exhibition up until 10th June.

The popular vote in the exhibition selected Robodog and Reflections as the winning images. Jon will send copies of the winning images to Mo for forwarding to the Meridian magazine. **Action Jon.**

7. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday, 27th July 2021.

8. Summary of Actions

- 8.1. Email the membership to let them know that the model permission form is on the website. Maggie.
- 8.2. Formulate Covid policies for next season. Simon and Penny.
- 8.3. Book the hall for next year's exhibition. Jon.
- 8.4. Post the minutes of the EGM on the website. Andy.
- 8.5. Forward copies of the popular vote-winning images to Mo for the Meridian magazine. Jon.

David Davies, June 2021