



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 7:30 pm

Note: this is the meeting originally scheduled for 27th October

Zoom online

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

1. Apologies for absence

Anita Lewis, Jon Watkins

2. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd September

2.1. We accepted the minutes of the meeting on the 23rd September.

2.2. Review of Actions

2.2.1. Ray has sent the judge details to Penny

2.2.2. Penny confirmed that the Melbourn Trophy would go ahead.

2.2.3. Jon has the organisation of the exhibition on his to-do list. He is going to try to set up an exhibition area on the website.

2.2.4. Andy confirmed that we could set up a member's area on the website.

2.2.5. David has sent out a consolidated list of the membership email addresses

2.2.6. The purchase of a Dropbox licence remains. **Action Ian continues.**

2.2.7. Andy has sent the Film Free Projection (FFP) software manual to Penny.

2.3. The club laptop should be updated with the latest Windows software. **Action Ian continues.**

2.4. Ray has contacted Gordon concerning designing a new club logo. Gordon said that he couldn't help directly but suggested that we ask the membership for suggestions and then select a preferred suggestion at a member's night club meeting. Alternatively, Gordon said that his partner's son teaches art at Long Road School and we could ask him for help.

The committee agreed that the suggestion of asking the membership was a good idea. We agreed that the logo needed to be a simple graphic with a strapline.

Simon will email the membership asking club members to have a go at designing a new logo. **Action: Simon.**

3. Correspondence - Doug/Andy

3.1. There was little to report. Doug has forwarded to Penny information from the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) on their future competitions.

3.2. Remarkably, a lady from Liverpool has contacted Andy asking if she could join the Club. We agreed that she could join if she wished.



4. Internal competitions- Ian

- 4.1. Ian thought he should explain to the judge what the “Great Environmental Outdoors” competition was attempting to achieve before the competition.
- 4.2. Ian was concerned that we were vulnerable to an equipment failure during a competition if, for example, our new laptop should fail to work correctly on the night. We agreed that we could use Andy’s laptop as a standby, but we should purchase another FFP licence to avoid any clashing licence issues. **Action Andy.**
- 4.3. Ian was concerned that the Pictures to Exe (PTE) AV presentation software wouldn’t run with Zoom. David suggested that it should work by compiling the PTE presentation to a video file (MP4 or AVI) and running that on Zoom.
- 4.4. We discussed how we might conduct Print competitions. Ray has suggested that we could prepare unmounted prints and send them to the judge. The PAGB, for example, has announced that their print competition will be conducted with unmounted prints on A4 paper. Limiting the print size to A4 would be more practical for sending prints via the post, and also means that most members would be able to print their A4 images at home. Prints with shapes other than A4, e.g. square or letterbox, would need to fit into the A4 page. The prints would not be returned but would be destroyed by the judge.

One drawback is that although the judge would get to see the printed picture, the membership would see only the PDIs on the night of the competition. We agreed that we should put the questions to the membership.

Simon will email the membership outlining the options and proposals for conducting the print competitions on our calendar. We can use the member’s evening in January for the membership to discuss the proposals and agree on a way ahead. **Action Simon.**

- 4.5. We noted that some aspects of our print competitions are written into the Club constitution. We agreed that these need to be checked and we might need to call an EGM to agree to a change to the constitution rules with regard to print competitions. **Action Simon.**

5. External competitions- Penny

- 5.1. Penny reported that our friendly competition with St Ives had been set up for Thursday. The judge has received all the files with 48 images.

Ian agreed to run the project the images on the night of the competition. Penny will host the evening.

Penny will send Ian the images to present on the night. **Action Penny.**

Sarah and Andy will keep score during the competition.

Penny will send out a list of the images in the competition to the membership. **Action Penny.**



Simon has already sent out a Zoom invitation for the meeting but will send it out again.

Action Simon.

Penny noted that there were only 17 unique authors in the St Ives entry, not 24 as stated in the rules. We've matched what St Ives has done and have picked images from 17 authors.

- 5.2. Penny has paid for our entry into the Melbourn Trophy competition. We are awaiting instruction for the knockout competition in December.
- 5.3. We have told St Ives that we wish to participate in the Interprint competition. Penny reported that St Ives is also looking for alternative means of conducting the competition.
- 5.4. The PAGB internet competitions are due in January. David will prepare a note for Penny on how to put in the entries for these competitions. **Action David.**

6. Programme update- Ray

- 6.1. The judge for our internal competition on 26th November is a new judge. Ray will send his name to Simon. **Action Ray.**
- 6.2. Ray raised the question of whether we will return to having physical meetings next year or whether we shall continue to hold meetings via Zoom. Simon thought that the way things were going, we shall continue to have meetings only via Zoom.

Ray noted that using Zoom has given us opportunities to engage excellent speakers who are not local. We could, for example, engage a famous speaker and share the cost with another club.

Ray suggested that once we return to physical meetings, using Zoom presented the opportunities to hold meetings on those nights when the Club could not meet at the Village College, such as at half term. This might be a topic for discussion at the AGM.

We might be able to hold an outside meeting towards the end of the season when evenings are lighter. As Simon noted, we are a social club.

- 6.3. Doug had a suggestion for a photographer as a speaker at a meeting and has sent Ian their email address.

7. Finance— Simon

- 7.1. Simon reported that there was little to report on finance. Our reserves are good as our major expense was the rent at the Village College, and we haven't spent that.
- 7.2. Simon reminded the committee to get receipts for any expenditures.

Penny has an email as a witness to Melbourn Trophy competition payment, and Simon thought that would be OK as a receipt.

8. Website/Facebook - Andy/Charlotte

- 8.1. Andy reported that the website is up to date.



8.2. Jon is investigating whether we can run the exhibition on the website.

8.3. We wondered whether we should make more use of Facebook to announce whether meetings are taking place, or not. One member, Clare, didn't know we didn't have a meeting at half term and asked the question on Facebook.

9. Exhibition update

9.1. We had already discussed this.

10. Technology issues

10.1. We discussed having a more formal way of setting up Zoom meetings. Simon said he was happy to call meetings and send out the Zoom link. Simon is also happy to host a meeting but noted there might be meetings where another member will host a particular meeting; we need to agree in advance who will host a meeting.

10.2. Ray noted that there are lots to do in a competition meeting and wondered if tasks could be better shared. Andy agreed that he could give the name of the author of images.

11. Any Other Business

None.

12. Date of Next Meeting

24th November, 7:30

13. Summary of Actions

13.1. Purchase a Dropbox licence for the Club. Ian

13.2. Update Windows on the Club laptop computer. Ian.

13.3. Purchase an FFP licence for the club laptop. Andy.

13.4. Email the Club membership asking for ideas for a new Club logo and strapline. Simon

13.5. Email the membership for opinions regarding conducting print competitions.
Simon

13.6. Check the Constitution for requirements for print competitions and call an EGM to change them if needed. Simon.

13.7. Send Ian the images for the St Ives competition. Penny.

13.8. Send to the membership the list of images for the St Ives Competition. Penny.

13.9. Resend the Zoom link for the St Ives competition. Simon.

13.10. Prepare a note on how to enter the PAGB competitions. David.

13.11. Send Simon the name of the judge for the competition of 26th November.

Ray.



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