

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 10 April 2018 at 7:45pm in Leverstock Green Village Hall

### Action

- 1 Present:** Vincent Stone, Brian Howard, Philip Byford, Ullly Jorimann, Roy Harris, Mike Mitchell,
- 2 Apologies for absence:** Richard Anthony, Emyr Williams
- 3 Minutes of last meeting:**  
The Minutes of the March 2018 Meeting were a true record and were signed off by the Chairman.
- 4 Matters arising from Minutes of last Meeting:**
  - i) John Marshall has not yet heard anything about the progress of the repair to the large format projector. JM
  - ii) Chairman is still considering revisions to the code of conduct
- 5 Chairman's Report:**
  - i) The Chairman presented his report which is reproduced on page 3 of these Minutes as Appendix A.
- 6 Treasurer's report:**

To end of March 2018

Bank:	£ 1641.64
Savings Account:	£ 4893.74
Cash:	£ 20.00
Total:	£ 6555.38

Attendance in the new year from March has been slightly lower than last year.  
There are 42 paid up members and about 11 life members. It was agreed that the Treasurer would circulate an up to date list of members to the committee. BH  
It was noted that from May 2018 new data disclosure regulations mean that we will require to get members' permission to contact them by post, phone or e-mail. We also need to have permission to retain their data on file. Roy Harris agreed to draft a new membership form to cover the new regulations. RH
- 7 Programme Secretary's report:**
  - i) **2018/19 programme:** The various options for changing the number of league competitions were discussed. It was agreed that we should not amalgamate the colour and monochrome print competitions as this would create too many entries for one evening. Instead it was agreed to extend the season by one week to the end of June and amalgamate the AGM and social evening creating two extra meetings. The league competitions could then be spaced out more evenly in the second half to ensure that we avoid 'back to back' competitions. A revised programme is attached to these minutes. MM

**8 PR Secretary's report:**

- i) Activity on-going

**9 Webmaster's report:**

- i) The site is running successfully. We have now established working patterns for the maintenance of the "Galleries" and for "Viewfinder". The "Events Calendar" will be populated once next seasons programme has been finalised .

- ii) **Running costs**

Askimet ( Site security) £27.00 p/a

Fasthosts (Domain Name) £ 6.00 p/a

Rochan (Host Server) £106.20 p/a paid triennially

The next payment due 01 Jan 2020.

Taking a third of Rochan, the Total running cost p/a is £ 67.00

The committee agreed that this seemed very good value for money

- iii) I have taken back the administration of the Domain name since I believe it to be prudent to have a paid up member in charge of the Society's affairs.

- iv) A discussion must now be held as to future enhancements To install a protocol for competition entries will cost Approx. £35 p/a. The reason is that the "free" forms software will **not** support file entries. File (Projected Image) entry is required for six of our competitions. As a first estimate there is a requirement for eight entry forms.

The committee agreed that Roy should discuss the above with Cathy and Richard and that the cost was very reasonable.

RH

**10 Competition Secretaries:**

- i) It was agreed that the Chairman should discuss with Cathy and Richard ways to shorten the time taken for entries, ideally to one week.

VS

**11 Studio Group:**

- i) See Chairman's report.

**12 Viewfinder:**

Philip B was thanked for another very interesting and stimulating edition of Viewfinder. Philip pointed out that images could be enlarged to get a better idea of the quality.

**13 Annual Exhibition:**

In abeyance

**14 AOB:**

- i) The Chairman read out a request from CACC for monochrome prints for their exhibition.
- ii) Mike asked the committee if they thought we should run sessions on how to enter RPS diplomas. Generally thought to be a good idea.
- iii) Chairman asked for feedback on judges. He felt that two of the recent judges had been very inconsistent with their marking. Mike pointed out that judging would always be subjective and that it would be difficult to find enough judges if we ruled out any of them who members did not agree with!

MM

The Meeting ended at 21.45.

**Appendix A Chairman's Report**

We have had another good month with no major issues. Attendance at weekly meetings seems to be consistent even if the numbers submitting entries to the league competitions are a little disappointing. The two presentation evenings were both successful, particularly the "Members Travels" presentations. This is a format that we should use again, although I caution against overworking this option.

With the lighter evenings approaching rapidly, I would like consideration to be given to re-arranging the seating arrangements to compensate for the effects of the setting sun when running projected images. Some ideas have been put forward and discussion and experimentation is encouraged in the coming weeks.

The reorganisation of the league competitions is an agenda item for this evenings meeting. I think it is essential to keep in mind the basic objectives and principles that relate to the operation of the Society. At this time, I do not see how simply slipping dates backwards in the schedule into next year's provides a solution; it is just evading the issue. We need to agree a workable and collectively acceptable solution this evening and will work effectively in future seasons. I hope we can have a useful and constructive discussion.

In the coming weeks I will be organising the issue of SA building keys to Richard Anthony and also one of the members of the Studio Group. This will probably be either John Marshall or Rob Harley.

Once again I would like to reiterate that for us to continually succeed and grow we need to take account of the members likes and dislikes in terms of activities and our program. It is essential that all the committee listen hard and sympathetically to what members are saying and give timely feedback to the committee. This is especially important in relation to new members who may attend a few meetings, and eventually drift away. Regular and growing attendance by a core of members is the key to our long term success. We must not be afraid of change where it can provide long term security for the Society.