

Hemel Hempstead Photographic Society (HGPS)
Annual General Meeting for 2024-2025 on Monday 23 June 2025
Agenda and Minutes

1. Apologies for absence
 - a. Apologies were received from a number of people including John Marshall, Ian Shaw, Roger Hudson, Richard Anthony, Steve Ballard, Dawn Murphy and Clare Long.
2. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM
 - a. These were approved.
3. Chairman's report
 - a. Ullly Jorimann thanked the committee and members for their support over the season.
4. Treasurer's report
 - a. Approval of accounts for 2024–25
 - i. These were approved
 - b. Annual Subscriptions and Attendance Levy per meeting for 2025–26
 - i. The proposal (given in the Treasurer's report) to increase our fees in order to cover our costs was read out and then voted on. It was carried unanimously. The key points were to:
 1. Increase the membership fee to £60.00 per year
 2. Leave the Monday night door levy fee at £3.00, except on evenings when we have an All Shoot when the fee will be £5.00p (to cover some of the cost of the model).
5. Questions relating to reports from other Committee members (issued previously)
 - a. No questions were raised
6. Resignation of 2024-25 committee
 - a. NB: The President takes over as the AGM Chair at this point.
 - i. John Humphrey thanked the outgoing committee for all their work. He also commended David Guest for his recent 5 mile charity run.
7. Election of Officers and Associates of Management Committee for 2025-26. See overleaf for the nominees. All the nominees were voted on and accepted.
 - a. NB: Once elected, the new Chair takes over as chair of the meeting
 - i. David Howard said that he was looking forward to getting to grips with his new role.
 - b. Volunteers to fill the remaining unfilled roles.
 - i. David Howard said that he had approached Roger Hudson to take on the role of Social Media Secretary, and was awaiting Roger's reply.
8. Programme for meetings from September
 - a. NB: The master version of the programme will be held on the website
 - b. Various potential ideas were discussed by members for future seasons; they will be discussed in more detail by the committee (but the views of all other members are also very welcome):
 - i. Photos telling stories (in addition to entries for competitions)
 - ii. Portfolio competitions could be reinstated. We would need to consider the number of images (e.g. 5); whether purely PDIs; whether a panel of a number of standalone images (perhaps of the range of the author's interests); positioning of images in a panel (or simple order PDIs are displayed); use of set subject themes for the porfolios.

- iii. Evenings where the images were judged by an external judge in a recent competition and are subsequently discussed by members.
 - iv. In two years it will be HHPS's 90th anniversary and it would be good to mark the occasion with perhaps a book (like for our 80th anniversary) and an exhibition
 - v. Would people like to go for accreditations?
9. Any other business
- a. Approach for the "Summer Break Images fun competition" at our first meeting of next season
 - i. Entries must have been taken on or after 1 June 2025
 - ii. Up to 3 PDIs can be submitted. They can be of any subject. They do not have to be of normal competition standard if they have a story attached or are of personal significance which the author can share.
 - iii. Entries must be submitted via the website by 25 August (in the event the web site is down, email them to Rob Harley who will be acting as the projectionist on 1 Sept).
 - b. Chair's additional length of office: Brian Howard proposed that:
 - i. If we cannot get a chair (chairperson) to follow on from the existing chair, then the existing chair be allowed to carry on for a maximum of three further years in 1-yearly increments (making a maximum of five years in all before taking at least 1 year's break). This is only if the existing chair is prepared to continue; she/he can resign at the end of any full year (i.e. season) if they wish to do so (but are asked to give one year's notice wherever possible).
 - ii. The proposal was seconded by Rob Harley. A vote was taken and it was carried unanimously.
 - c. AOB from the floor
 - i. None was raised.

Nominations for Officers and Associates for 2025-26 season

NB: John Humphrey is HHPS President.

Post	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Officers			
Chairman	David Howard	Rob Harley	Brian H
Vice Chairman	Emyr Williams	Mike	Jim
Treasurer	Brian Howard	David H	John M
Secretary	Applicants welcome		
Programme Sec	Rob Harley	Brian H	Mike
Publicity Sec	Emyr Williams	John M	Jim
Associates			
Viewfinder editor	Jim Turner	Brian H	David H
Webmaster	Brian Burgess	Mike	Rob
Internal Competition Sec - Prints	Clare Long	Rob	Brian H
Internal Competition Sec - PI	David Guest	Rob Harley	John M
Projectionist: DPs	David Guest	Rob Harley	John M
Studio Group Rep	John Marshall	Rob	David H
Members' Rep	Ullly	Rob	Mike
Programme Sec Assistant	Ian Shaw	John M	Jim
External Comp Sec	Mike Mitchell	Jim	Brian H
Social Media	Applicants welcome		
Honorary Auditor			
Honorary Auditor	Ron Smith	N/A	N/A