

Minutes of NAPC Meeting 5th June 2023
7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Chris Brown, Alan Boothman, Dave Geeves, Mike Cowley, Pete Browning, Kirsty Peake, Kevin Bennett

Apologies:

Chris Marsham

Missing:

David Knowles (Heather on Committee until next season's Handbook is published).

Welcome:

KP thanked everyone for attending and asked that as she had written the agenda was everyone happy with her running the meeting. Everyone happy.

Recruitment/Exhibition

It was thought that an approach to Trago was worth a try. KB

DG raised the question of manning and KB would ask about possible barriers to protect stands and photographs to avoid the need for manning the photographs.

CB suggested contacting Sally Henley – NA Town Centre Manager KP

CB also suggested Kate Green at Newton's Place but MC wondered if she would be a little put out that we were not asking to use Newton's Place.

Progress would be made to the committee via the committee email address.

Dates were discussed and early August appeared to be the favourite.

MC and CB raised the possibility of the NA Trail using shops in NA but it was felt that with a small committee the organisation would be too much.

Note: KB away 2nd half of August and MC away from 20th August for 6 weeks

Update: Sally Henley has explained that the possibility of using an empty shop in the centre of NA is not achievable. Apparently we are not alone in asking to use space for a short term but the landlord (Teignbridge) is not allowing this due to insurance costs and also the possibility of letting the property before an event and having to ask organisers to cancel the event. She understood why Newton's Place was not ideal. She has sent the name of the person at Teignbridge who deals with this. She also suggested *'Had you thought about having a gazebo in town to speak to shoppers about the club? You could erect some temporary boards perhaps? Just a thought.....I could arrange for you to have the space and would not charge you.'*

KB has contacted Trago and waiting for a reply.

Zoom

DG raised the point that at the AGM Gordon had suggested that all Zoom meetings would be from members' home. It was felt that this would not work for Wendy Allard judging. DG to think about the best way for that evening (27th February)

Cindy Goedel would be a members' home based speaker as she is in the USA and it is hoped to invite other clubs and interested groups to join us.

Jo Bradford (5th March) and Molly Hollman (2nd April) are both booked as speakers via Zoom. These will be viewable only from the Courtenay Centre.

Jo Bradford lives in Okehampton and will be asked if she could attend the CC **KP**

Update: Jo has been emailed but so far no response. The Grey Room at CC has been additionally been booked for 27th Feb (Wendy Allard) 5th March (Jo Bradford) 2nd April (Molly Holman). These had been left out of the booking as originally were Zoom nights.

Programme

KP asked if she could introduce the first night and go through with members what they are looking for from practical evenings; volunteers for Members Projects; volunteers for Great Photographers. All agreed. DG suggested breaking into groups. KP has a DVD broken into 15 minute segments showing how young wildlife animals learn the behaviour they need to survive which could be used for 'Committee Entertains'. This is produced by Bob Landis, Emmy Award winning video photographer. It was decided that we are too few now to fill that evening with our own projects.

MC has available a DVD called 'Waiting For Light' by David Norton. Additionally, KP would talk about the external competitions and votes of thanks at end of meetings. AB went through all the battles – potentially 8 but definitely 5 external ones. The Kingswood Salver is for a panel of 5 photographs from 5 different photographers. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that due to our numbers and that ideally this is put together through summer months, we would give this one a miss this year.

Update: Mike, can we please use the Waiting for Light on the first evening as part of the committee entertains.

3 rd October	PDI Challenge Shield at Ivybridge (judged by representative of each club.) Date was changed to help NAPC attendance
11 th November	WCPF Kingswood Salver (Panel) – no current plans on this.
TBA November 2024	SDPL Print round will be held at Crediton
4 th February	WCPF Inter-Club Championships – Two Categories DPIC and Prints
19 th March	SDLP PDI round hosted by NAPC (refreshments)
TBA March	Paul Stephens Trophy due to be held at Paignton
TBA May	Devon Clubs' Battle but no current plans on this

KB asked if we could use a form for signing in. All agreed. This is also essential for Fire Regulations. MC also raised the point that there should be Housekeeping notes at the start of each meeting.

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AB to send KP notes on Judges

AB

Peter Fry would be a good judge. MC and KB suggested Clive Figes as a Judge
We need feedback on Judges so that we can make sure we have the right calibre of judging. KP asked if anyone knew someone who could give us a talk to let her know.

AB stressed that it is up to the Competition Secretary to explain the competition theme to Judges. CB pointed out that the NAPC is 'employing' the judge and although the amount of time spent studying the photographs is appreciated the judge should also listen to the Competition Secretary

DG felt that the programme had got into a bit of a rut and we had to think outside the box and work to be more creative.

Chairing weekly meetings should be confined to members of the committee.
Although CB pointed out that Gordon would be happy to volunteer to do this. Non Committee Members could be asked to give the vote of thanks.

DONM

7th August but if either KB or KP's enquiries re exhibition came to fruition, we would need to meet before that.

Meeting ended at 20.35