

Draft Minutes of NAPC Meeting 6th November
7.30pm via Zoom

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

Apologies:

Chris Brown

Opening Comments:

This was a comparatively short but highly productive meeting. There were lots of good thoughts and discussions. I may not have got everything down correctly but I think I have the important points.

Exhibition:

KP meeting with Art Teacher from Newton Abbot College via Peter Brooks on 15th November. Once we know whether or not they are joining in KP will organise meeting via Zoom with the schools and herself, KB and DG.

Visitors:

After Christmas membership fee is £25. If a visitor wishes to join after Christmas it will be £25 irrespective of number of visits before Christmas.

24/25 Programme:

There was a lot of positive discussion around this:

- KP will ask Paignton if they are interested in a club swap
- KP will contact out of the area clubs that she knows with the same question
- KP will look for two remaining judges
- Paul Stevens Trophy will be hosted by us in this season
- The word 'competition' to be removed from the Christmas Social Triptych in the current season and next season
- Monthly Challenges will be renamed 'Appreciation of Members' Photographs in the theme of:' This will not be tied into the Master Photographer Competition.
- Location Group outings will not be tied into the Master Photographer but if relevant it may be mentioned.
- Arrange Practical Evenings on topics such as 'macro' 'good composition'. KP to contact Kirsteen Titchener to see if she would do a practical evening.
- Chris M volunteered to do a speaker slot.
- Gordon also volunteered to do a speaker slot.

- We will not host SDPL next season and that evening will become Members Projects.
- We will be starting on 10th September 2024 and not 3rd September 2024 and will start the season with our first Speaker.

Reports:

It was decided to attach the reports to the Minutes.

Secretary & Programme Host Report:

Both these roles have expanded greatly during this season. On the whole I am managing to keep my head above water but am not comfortable with the current situation.

Everything is running smoothly but please don't assume I am going to continue like this. The programme for 24/25 season is coming together nicely. I have sent out confirmation forms to booked judges and speakers. Some have returned these and I will be reminding the others to return the completed form.

Treasurer Report:

Balance Sheet	1-Apr-23	Current	Increase	Bank Balance
Barclay's Current	7,048.96	7,751.58	702.62	7,616.58
Cash	5.52	129.00	123.48	
Total	7,054.48	7,880.58	826.10	
Income & Expenditure	FY22/23	FY23/24	Increase	%
Income				
Raffles & Refreshment Sales	291.38	119.77	-171.61	18%
Sponsorship	310.00	310.00	0.00	100%
Subscriptions	1,770.00	1,480.00	-290.00	84%
Total Income	2,371.38	1,909.77	-461.61	70%
Expenditure				
Competition Judges	-221.00	-83.90	137.10	50%
Donations & Gifts (Auditor)	-20.00	-20.00	0.00	40%

Equipment & Public Liability Insurance	-294.65	0.00	294.65	0%
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
External Competitions	-30.00	0.00	30.00	0%
Printing, Postage, Stationary & Engraving	-137.01	-120.00	17.01	309%
Raffle & Refreshment Expenses	-35.28	-11.37	23.91	7%
Speakers	-550.00	-157.10	392.90	23%
Travel & Hospitality	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Venue Costs & Zoom	-1,601.38	-686.38	915.00	45%
WCPF Fees & Insurance	-71.60	0.00	71.60	0%
Website & Computer Costs	-42.00	0.00	42.00	0%
Total Expenditure	-3,002.92	-1,078.75	1,924.17	37%
Surplus Income over Expenditure	-631.54	831.02	1,462.56	-559%
Equipment Purchases	-35.68	0.00	35.68	3240%
Total Income	-667.22	831.02	38.99	-559%

Publicity Secretary Report:

Heather Davies kindly spent her summer compiling the Handbook and is in the process of chasing up advertisers for payment. It is possible we will lose Specsavers net year, as they queried the circulation of the handbook. Heather also wrote the 'new season' article for the MDA, which appeared in September.

I haven't had much time to dedicate to publicity so far. However, I have sent the MDA one article based on Gordon's ICM talk (largely because he supplied 5 images and MDA like a picture story) – I'm awaiting a response (as at 04/11/2023).

Kirsty is arranging a publicity meeting with the three/four schools likely to be involved in the February exhibition, so hopefully I can drum up some interest from local press and possibly local TV news.

Membership Secretary Report

We now have 32 paid-up members – down by roughly 10 from end of last season. Attendance is actually quite good –

Date	Total		
	Attendees	Guests	Members
05/09/2023	22	4	18
12/09/2023	19	2	17
19/09/2023	19	2	17
26/09/2023	26	2	24
10/10/2023	28	4	24
17/10/2023	24	1	23
24/10/2023	23	3	20
31/10/2023	21	1	20
	Average attendance		20.375

Bear in mind that the 31/10/2023 was Gordon's ICM night, so one attendee was also the speaker, and our guest left at half-time.

I haven't contacted ex-member to find out why they didn't renew – should I?

The Facebook public group has 86 members, whilst the private group has 26 members as of 04/11/2023. Carol has carried on being the main administrator for both groups.

Competition Secretary Report

Having had an excellent 'how to' document from Alan, I have managed to grapple with Dicentra successfully (so far!), to administer the internal competitions. Alan continues to coordinate the external competitions, together with the selection committee of Chris Marsham, Gordon and Christina.

Two internal competitions have been held to date, with 16 members participating in the DPI comp. and 15 members participating in the print comp. Images have numbered in the mid-forties for each one.

An inter-club battle was held at Ivybridge between Plymouth, Kingsbridge, Ivybridge and ourselves, with Newton Abbott coming in first place.

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No date was decided

Notes:

1. I forgot to include Alan in the Reports. Here are comments from him subsequent to the meeting: [As I didn't submit a report, there were two points not raised regarding our hosting of the SDPL PDI round in March 2024. The first is that the current room is probably not big enough to include visitors from](#)

Exmouth, Dawlish and Crediton (say ~20). The second is that a raffle should be held on that night which will improve the treasurer numbers. The latter has been mentioned before, plus the fact that refreshments will be required.

I will book the Hall for that night. I will speak with Joanna and Christina about refreshments. We can ask for donations for a raffle and organise that.

2. Mike suggested contacting Kirsteen Titchener. I sent her a message but have had no reply.