

Draft Minutes

Meeting of the Newton Abbot Photographic Club

Via Zoom at 7.30pm on 15th January 2024

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

Apologies

None

Matters Arising from Last Meeting

KP had already advised that Kirsteen Titchener was not available to give a talk.

AB had recommended that the Hall be booked for SDPL PDI round on 24th March. Unfortunately the Hall was already booked for that evening. It was felt that the Pink Room would be able to cope with the extra numbers. KB advised he would get there around 6.30 that evening to get chairs from the Hall. The Hall is booked from 7 to 10pm

Website

Kevin gave a brief background to the problem. He didn't know how long we had had the problem. He commented that security was dire and he was unable to update and eventually our site took people to pornographic sites. He has done an enormous amount of work to get an outline website back up. Currently it has 9 pages but only 3 are active – Home, Programme and Pop Up Exhibition. KP to advise Pop Up group that website is live again.

A vote of thanks from the Committee to Kevin was asked to be recorded in the Minutes. All agreed.

Master Photographer and IOY

AB recommended that the MP be purely PDI with no prints. All agreed
AB recommended that IOY be as in the handbook. To be any image from this year's competitions. Can be altered by member for any reason the member wishes. All agreed

Committee Situation for 24/25

We currently have 32 paid up members and a weekly turnout of approx. 25 members. There followed a discussion about other clubs ceasing to exist and others amalgamating. Apparently the WCPF used to have 140 clubs but it is now down to 80. Everyone agreed that this was not the way we wanted to go at this time. We need somehow to 'sell' being on the committee to members. It would be good if they

could join and just see what we do. There is no guarantee that there will be a programme for 25/26. Chris B suggested that we have to 'sell' the benefits of being on the committee, i.e. fun/enjoyment/satisfaction/ pleasure rather than the 'press gang' approach. He offered to put a bit more thought into this based on tried and tested sales techniques. We need to find out why people have joined the club. Is it for the competitions, critique evenings, both of which help to improve the photographer. Do some people just want to come and look at photographs and listen to speakers as a form of entertainment rather than improve their skills?

We need to 'put cards on the table' and it was felt that the 30th January Great Photographers was an appropriate time.

Pop Up Exhibition

We agreed to increase the number of prints from 2 to 3 for members. Chris M very kindly offered to print off photographs for members and also to prepare mounts. A very generous offer. KP and KB also have mount cutters if required.

Chris B is going to advise RPS SW of the exhibition.

KP going to advise other clubs of the exhibition and ask them to put poster on their Fb pages.

DoNM

No date was agreed. The meeting ended at 8.30pm