



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 25 April 2012

Action

Present: R Cowley (Chairman), C Hubbard (Treasurer), J Whittaker (Secretary), S Pankow, J Doyle, A Schofield, P Schofield, C McGinley, D Stead, A Howarth, A Black.

Apologies for absence were received from: D Entwistle, C Ellison and I Bramwell.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

1.1. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 27th April 2011 and the Special General Meetings held on 16th November 2011, 11th January 2012, 29th February 2012 and 14th March 2012, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and accepted as correct records.

2. Matters arising.

2.1. The club does not have a Vice Chairman (6.1).

2.2. The proposal to display merit entries individually was tried but it was felt that this was not satisfactory (11.2).

3. Treasurer's report.

3.1. The Treasurer presented the interim financial statements (Previously circulated) to the Meeting highlighting the following:

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Receipts	1,008.00
Payments	669.35
Surplus for year	338.65
Resources at the of year	1,613.85

3.2. He explained that, as the club's year of account was from September to August, a final set of statements would be submitted to a subsequent special general meeting. He also stressed that it is important that we increase our membership if we are to avoid going into deficit.

3.3. The financial statements were then accepted by the Meeting.

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4. Subscriptions for the year 2012/2013

4.1. It was agreed that the annual subscription for the forthcoming year will remain at £35, but the weekly attendance fee will be £2.00.

5. Chairman's Report.

5.1. Mr Cowley presented his report for the year, reporting on a successful year for the club. He specifically mentioned the increase in membership and the move to the REAL building. He also thanked the officers for their efforts during the year.

6. Election of Officers.

6.1. The following were elected as club officials for the coming year:

Chairman	R Cowley
Secretary	J Whittaker
Treasurer	C Hubbard
Exhibition Secretary	Chris McGinley
Assistant Exhibition Secretary	Jim Doyle
Press Secretary	R Cowley
Webmaster	C Hubbard

7. Syllabus 2012/13.

7.1. The following subjects were suggested for inclusion in the syllabus for the forthcoming year:

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- a talk by Christine Widdall
- a talk by the L&CPU president
- Jeff Binns Challenge "The sky's the limit"
- an inter-club competition with Whitworth Camera Club
- an appraisal evening with Irwell Vale Photographic Society
- "Travelogue" or "Introduction to Photography"
- Fewer travel talks
- First meeting: Members' holiday images and photographic auction
- Early meeting: workshop on competition rules and resizing DPIs
- Portrait night using our own equipment (suggested speaker Chris Speak)
- Christmas quiz
- Christmas meal to be on an evening other than a Wednesday

8. Club Website

Mr Hubbard reported that the club website is 2/3rd's complete and should be up-and-running by September.

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9. Topics for the merits competitions 2012/2013

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- Wheels
- Past Times
- Surreal

10. Summer Meetings and Trips

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10.1. R Cowley will prepare a list of possible venues for our summer evenings. Club summer trips in will be:

- 24 June 2012 The Wirrall
- 16 September 2012 Howarth

11. Extension of club activities

11.1. J Doyle proposed that we hold a beginners course at the REAL building, which, after discussion, was considered worthy of progressing. The Chairman asked J Doyle to prepare a paper detailing a suggested format for this event.

JD

11.2. C Hubbard suggested that we offer our services to local businesses, e.g. we could framed prints bearing the club details to be displayed on business premises. Mr

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Hubbard was asked to take this idea forward.

12. Reduction in minimum age for membership

12.1. It was agreed that the minimum age for membership of the club will be reduced from eighteen years to sixteen years, (or fifteen years if studying in year 11). It was also agreed that for any member in full-time education the annual subscription will be £17.50, and the attendance fee will be £1 per night. It was agreed to amend the club constitution accordingly.

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13. Club Protection Policy

13.1. It was agreed to adopt the draft protection policy relating to children and other vulnerable persons.

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14. Appraisals and Annual Competition

14.1. A discussion ensued on these two subjects with various views and opinions proffered. Arising from this discussion it was agreed that the committee will meet to discuss this further with a view to changing the date of the annual competition to date(s) to be decided. At this meeting the number of entries submitted for the annual competition will also be decided. The Secretary will prepare a skeleton programme for 2012/2013 with known dates for the L&CPU and ICPA portfolios inserted, in order to give the committee some indication of when it will be most appropriate to hold our competition(s) and exhibition(s).

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15. Any other business

15.1. J Doyle reported on his recent visits to Northern school and the progress on the photographic project being undertaken by the pupils.

16. Presentation of Awards

16.1. J Doyle presented the following awards to members:

Capuano Trophy (best image in the competition)	Colin Hubbard
Hoyle Cup (best mono print in the competition)	Colin Hubbard
Hesketh cup (best mono print by a new member)	Colin Ellison
Bacup NAT cup (best colour print in the competition)	Anthony Black
Schofield cup (best colour print by a new member)	Anthony Black
Entwistle cup (best set of six projected images (DPI))	Stefan Pankow
Bolton cup (best individual projected image (DPI))	Colin Ellison
Geoffrey Bolton Trophy (best image of Rossendale)	Colin Ellison
John Cooke trophy (best image of Bacup)	Colin Hubbard
Certificate of Merit (best set of 6 slides)	Peter Schofield
Certificate of Merit (best individual slide)	Ann Schofield
Shield (Jeff Binns Challenge)	Ken Brown
Shield (Highest aggregate score- merits mono prints)	Colin Hubbard

Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits colour prints)	Colin Hubbard
Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits DPI's)	Rick Cowley
Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits film slides)	Peter Schofield

17. Closure of Meeting

17.1. There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.