



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 24 April 2013

Action

Present: R Cowley (Chairman), C Hubbard, J Whittaker, C McGinley, J Doyle, C Ellison, D Entwistle, P Brown, D Stead, A Schofield, P Schofield, A Black, C McConville, G Anstess, P Anstess, A Lord, T Moore.

Apologies for absence were received from: S Pankow.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

1.1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th April 2012, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

2. Matters arising.

2.1. The extension of the Club's activities has not been followed-up (11.1). However it was agreed that this subject should again be tried in the coming year and that an early committee meeting should discuss this. A Black informed the meeting that he had a lead into BRGS which he will progress further.

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2.2. The event in the programme of a portrait night using members' own equipment was not a success.

3. Treasurer's report.

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

	£
Receipts	1,714.00
Payments	1802.00
Deficit for year	-88.00

Resources at the end of year 1,345.00

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 which would show a balance of around £1,145. The deficit was caused by the purchase of a projector and flash triggers.

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

4. Subscriptions for the year 2013/2014

4.1. It was agreed that the level of subscriptions for 2013/2014 would remain at their current level.

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4.2. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a potential member had asked if the subscription could be reduced for persons receiving state benefits. After a short discussion it was agreed that such a reduction will not be granted.

5. Chairman's Report.

5.1. Mr Cowley presented his report in which he reported on a successful year for the club with membership now standing at 22. We have enjoyed an interesting and varied programme, and our merits evenings and competitions produced some excellent images. Attendance on our summer meetings and club trips was disappointing. J Doyle continued club involvement with Northern School and we have agreed to support the Bacup Townscape Heritage initiative. We have now settled into our base at the REAL building, and the Chairman referred to the Club's equipment purchases made during the year. Our website also goes from strength to strength. Finally, the Chairman thanked the committee members for their efforts during the year, and all the club members for their support.

6. Election of Officers.

6.1. The current officers all expressed their willingness to continue in office for the coming year. These are:

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
Auditors	J Whittaker, C McConville

Following a vote, all these appointments were approved.

7. Syllabus 2013/14.

7.1. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the length of the winter programme should continue until the end of May 2014. The suggested content of the programme should include the following:

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Appraisal evenings.
Workshops, including 'High and Low key', Variations on a picture, Lenses and filters, Portrait night and studio lighting.
Talk by Christine Widdall ('Textures' if possible).
Jeff Binns 'The Sky's the Limit'.
L&CPU and ICPA portfolios.
Christmas quiz and Christmas dinner.

7.2. It was also agreed that the Exhibition would be on Easter Saturday; the first winter meeting would also be the first merits evening; and the AGM would take place at the end of April 2014

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8. Topics for the merits competitions 2013/2014

8.1. After discussion it was agreed that the subjects for the merits evenings for 2013/2014 will be:

Easy	Street Art
Moderate	An Orange
Difficult	Rain

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9. Summer Meetings and Trips

9.1. It was agreed that these will continue and R Cowley will suggest a list of venues catering for wet and dry evenings. The club trips are to be: RC

23 June 2013 Yorkshire Sculpture Park
15 September 2013 Bradford and Saltaire

10. Appraisals and Annual Competition

10.1. It was agreed that the annual competition will be on 20th November 2013. CM
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10.2. It was suggested that members of the public who attend our exhibitions should be asked to express their likes and dislikes. RC

10.3. A Schofield suggested that we prepare a list of invitees for future exhibitions AS

11. Any other business

11.1. Following a suggestion from C Hubbard it was agreed that future winners of the merit awards will be given a choice of receiving either a shield or a mug. CM
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11.2. It was agreed that the Competition Secretaries will organise the engraving of the club trophies.

12. Closure of Meeting

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

13. Presentation of Awards

Rick Cowley presented the following awards to members:

Capuano Trophy (best image in the competition)	Annette Lord
Hoyle Cup (best mono print in the competition)	Chris McGinley
Hesketh cup (best mono print by a new member)	Annette Lord
Bacup NAT cup (best colour print in the competition)	Anthony Black
Schofield cup (best colour print by a new member)	Grace Anstess
Entwistle cup (best set of six projected images (DPI))	Annette Lord
Bolton cup (best individual projected image (DPI))	Annette Lord
Geoffrey Bolton Trophy (best image of Rossendale)	Anthony Black
John Cooke trophy (best image of Bacup)	Chris McGinley
Certificate of Merit (best set of 6 slides)	Rick Cowley Peter Schofield
Certificate of Merit (best individual slide)	Rick Cowley
Shield (Highest aggregate score- merits mono prints)	Annette Lord
Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits colour prints)	Anthony Black
Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits DPI's)	Annette Lord
Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits film slides)	Rick Cowley

