



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 30 April 2014

Action

Present: R Cowley (Chairman), I Bramwell, A Black, P Brown, J Doyle, C Ellison, D Entwistle, C Hubbard, C McConville, C McGinley, S Pankow, T Moore, A Schofield, P Schofield, D Stead, J Whittaker, P Williams.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He informed the meeting of the death of Mr E Corder, and the members paid their respects by the keeping of a minute's silence.

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1. There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

2.1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th April 2012, having been previously circulated, were agreed to be taken as read. Proposer: C McConville, Seconder: S Pankow

3. Matters arising.

3.1. A. Black reported that he had made contact with Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School but a meeting has still to be arranged.

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4. Treasurer's report.

4.1. The Treasurer's report, having been previously circulated, was discussed. Mr Hubbard drew attention to the Receipts & Payments Account, highlighting the tax refund of £326.75, and a donation of £60.65 from TJ's Liquor Store. The Chairman will write to the proprietor to thank him for this.

RC

4.2. The funding position as 30th April 2014 is as follows::

	£
Receipts	2,017
Payments	571
Surplus for year	1,446
Balance b/f from previous year	1,195
Balance at 30 April 2014	2,641

4.3. 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 £2,431.

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

5. Subscriptions for the year 2014/2015

5.1. There was a discussion on the level of membership subscriptions for the ensuing year after which it was agreed, and proposed by P Schofield, seconded by Doyle, that these would be as follows: **Annual subscription: £20.00, Weekly attendance fee: £2.00.**

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The concessionary rate of half these amounts will continue for full time students.

6. Chairman's Report.

6.1. The Chairman's report was previously circulated, and Mr Cowley highlighted the key points to the meeting. These were:

- it has been another good year for the club
- we have settled into our new home
- we have enjoyed an interesting programme
- we have produced some high quality photographs
- we have a re-vamped web site
- we had an enjoyable Christmas meal.

The only negative aspects were our lack of success in external competitions and a disappointing participation in internal competitions. He thanked the committee for their assistance and support during the year, and the membership for their participation in club activities.

6.2. Mr Doyle proposed, Mr McGinley seconded, and it was agreed by the meeting that the report be accepted. The meeting also gave a vote of thanks to Mr Cowley.

7. Election of Officers.

7.1. All the current officers, having expressed their willingness to stand for re-election, their re-election was proposed en bloc by C McConville and seconded by D Stead. The officers elected 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

8. Syllabus 2014/15.

8.1. After discussion on the 2014/2015 syllabus it was agreed that some of the content should consist of:

- more member participation in internal competitions
- a DPI for members to take away and put their own interpretation on it
- a workshop, previewing competition entries by members 2/3 weeks prior to the competition
- a talk on the critique of competition judging
- a talk by Chris Speak
- a talk by Martin Henfield
- talks on "Photographic equipment", possibly by Sigma, Wilkinson Cameras or Pennine Cameras.

JW

9. Club Website

9.1. Nothing further to report

10. Topics for the merits competitions 2014/2015

10.1. Following a discussion on the merits competitions for the 2014/15 season it was

agreed that these would include the following:

- we will revert to the system of marking giving each entry marks out of ten CM
- competition entries will be subject to a more comprehensive critique JD
- there will be a “dummy run” prior to the first merits competition, supervised by the Competition Secretaries.

10.2. The subjects for the competitions were agreed as follows:

- Landscape
 - Taken in a garden
 - Seasons
 - An open subject DPI competition held in mid-year
- CM
JD

11. Summer Meetings and Trips

11.1. The club trips were agreed as follows:

Steam gathering in June 2014 (P. Williams to progress) PW
Buxton Exhibition in September 2014

11.2. Summer meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The Chairman will prepare a list of possible venues.

12. Annual General Meeting 2015

12.1. It was agreed that the AGM in 2015 will be on Wednesday 29th April 2015. RC
JW

13. Recruitment of New Members

13.1. It was agreed that the Club would hold an open night in November 2014 consisting of a lecture on photography, geared to new members. JW

14. Developing Links With Schools

14.1. A. Black will progress his contacts with BRGS. We will endeavour to open links with Fearn and Alder Grange schools. AB&
Cttee

15. Policy for Selling Members' Images

15.1. Following interest in this respect at our annual exhibition, the Chairman opened a discussion on the subject, after which it was agreed that such a transaction will be an individual arrangement between the member and the interested party.

16. Joint Meetings With Irwell Vale and Whitworth Camera Clubs

16.1. It was agreed that these would continue in the 2014/15 season but that Whitworth should provide its own venue.

17. Club Participation in L&CPU and ICPA Competitions

17.1. There was nothing further to report on this subject.

18. Timing of Annual Competition

18.1. It was agreed that this will take place early in the New Year, and February was the preferred month. An early committee meeting will further discuss this. Cttee

19. Use of Empty Shops in Bacup to Display Club Photographs

19.1. This subject will be progressed by the committee. Cttee

20. ICPA Annual General Meeting

20.1. Our club will host the ICPA Annual General Meeting and competition in 2015. An early committee meeting will progress this. Cttee

21. September 2014 Exhibition

21.1. It was agreed that the date of this exhibition will be changed to December 2014 to coincide with the Bacup Christmas Fair. CM
JD

22. Closure of Meeting

22.1. There being no further business the Chairman thanked the membership for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Presentation of Awards

Rick Cowley presented the following awards to members:

Capuano Trophy (best image in the competition)	A Black
Hoyle Cup (best mono print in the competition)	A Black
Bacup NAT cup (best colour print in the competition)	A Black
Entwistle cup (best set of six projected images (DPI))	R Cowley
Bolton cup (best individual projected image (DPI))	R Cowley
Geoffrey Bolton Trophy (best image of Rossendale)	C Hubbard
John Cooke trophy (best image of Bacup)	S Pankow
Shield (Highest aggregate score- merits mono prints)	C Ellison
Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits colour prints)	J Doyle
Shield (Highest aggregate score-merits DPI's)	C Ellison