



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 22 May 2019

**Present:** A Black, I Bramwell, R Cowley, H Crook, J Doyle, J Dyer, C Ellison, D Greenwood, C Hubbard, T Moore, S Pankow, A Spencer, D Stead, L Turner, P Williams.

**Special Note:** Due to Dave Greenwood being unwell, Rick Cowley kindly stepped in at the last moment to chair the AGM. This was very much appreciated by the members.

### 1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Ann and Peter Schofield, David Broadhurst, Sylvia and Jim Dobson, Lucy Doherty.

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

2.1 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd May 2018, having been available on the club's website, were taken as read and approved by the meeting.

### 3. Matters arising

3.1 No matters were raised.

### 4. Treasurers Report and financial statement

4.1 Colin Hubbard presented his report and financial statements. See Appendix A for the full report.

Since the club's financial year runs from the 1st September to the 31st August the Treasurer can only provide an estimate of the year-end position at the AGM.

The Treasurer estimated that taking into account receipts of £1,873, payments of £1,600 and last years carried forward balance of £3,782 the club will have a year-end balance of £4,055. Following scrutiny of the financial statements presented, the accounts were noted by the meeting.

A Special General Meeting will be held in October when the full set of audited accounts will be available.

### 5. Membership subscriptions for 2019 / 2020.

5.1 Membership subscriptions are to remain as previous, i.e. annual membership fee remains at £20 and the current weekly meeting attendance fee remains at £2. The concessionary rate at half of the fees will remain for full time students. The fee that visitors and prospective new members will remain at £3 per visit.

### 6. Centenary Exhibition Committee Report.

6.1 Jim Doyle presented the progress and proposals which the 100 Years Celebration Committee has made to date. See Appendix B for the Minutes of Meeting.

It was agreed that all receipts and payments relating to centenary events would be included in the club accounts.

The meeting generally accepted that a way forward was in progress and that the club will be updated by the committee in due course.

## **7. Annual Competition – Proposed Changes.**

7.1 Jim Doyle proposed that the Annual Competition should be split into two separate competitions, with each competition to be held at different times of the club year. Each competitions will encompass one of prints only and one of DPIs only. The reason for this proposal is that entries for the previous annual competitions resulted in large numbers of prints and DPIs to be processed and independently judged at the same time. Splitting the competition as proposed will spread the work load. The proposal was accepted by the club and the next syllabus will schedule the separate competitions.

## **8. Chairman's report**

8.1 David Greenwood presented his Chairman's report for the year 2018 / 2019. See Appendix C for the full report.  
David concluded his presentation by thanking the club members for their support to him during his tenure as Chairman.

## **9. Election of officers / auditors**

9.1 The following members were proposed, seconded and duly elected by the meeting.

Chairman	David Greenwood *
Secretary	Ian Bramwell *
Treasurer	Colin Hubbard *
Exhibition Secretary	Jim Doyle *
Webmaster	Colin Hubbard
Technical Officer	Andrew Spencer
Press Officer	Rick Cowley
Auditors	Martin Urquhart and Anthony Black

Asterisk \* denotes a Trustee of the charity

## **10. Syllabus for 2018 / 2019**

10.1 The review of the 2018 / 2019 syllabus showed that the general consensus of the members was that it had provided a varied program of interesting presenters and topics. We had seven guest presenters during the season and club member Rick Cowley presented his excellent illustrated talk entitled 'A Journey to Antarctica – In the Wake of Shackleton'. Several suggestions were made by the members as possible subjects for the clubs practical workshop evenings. Where practical these will be included in the 2019 / 2020 syllabus.

## **11. Merits**

The club will continue as previously with three merits competitions. Topics for the merits were proposed and voted upon by a show of hands. The topics for 2019 / 2020 will be:-

- Contrasts
- Water
- Macro / close-up

## **12. Club trips and summer evening outings**

12.1 It was agreed that there will be three club trips during the summer of 2018. The club trips will be:

- Arnside / Silverdale / Leighton Moss (23<sup>rd</sup> June)
- Grassington (21<sup>st</sup> July)
- Liverpool (8<sup>th</sup> September)

12.2 It was agreed that the summer evening outings will continue in the summer of 2019 and these will take place on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Possible venues / activities are to be proposed.

### **13. Member's topics / comments**

13.1 Regarding the selection of members images for the external competitions which the club enters, it is clear that the current selection method has proved to be unsatisfactory in many ways. To attempt to address this issue, the committee will collate image selection options including any comments received from club members. This can then be discussed by the members and hopefully a way forward can be agreed.

13.2 It was agreed that the Print Circle, which was instigated by Leo Turner for 2019 / 2019, had been very successful and that the Print Circle should continue for 2019 / 2020.

13.3 Andrew Spencer expressed a view that the club year, which normally runs from the beginning of September to the end of the following May, was too long and that finishing the club year earlier could be considered. This was generally accepted by the members and this will be reflected in the 2019 / 2020 syllabus.

### **14. Presentation of Awards**

14.1 This year the Presentation Awards will take place during the Chairman's Evening which is the last indoor event of the season. Appendix D lists the results of the Annual Competition and the Merits competitions.

### **15. Closure of the meeting**

15.1 There being no further business, Rick Cowley thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

## Appendix A

### Financial Statements

The summary Receipts and Payments Account for 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2019, as at 5th May 2019. As we are only part way through our financial year the full set of audited accounts will not be available until October when they will be approved (or not) at a Special General Meeting. The table below shows the Treasurers estimate of the year-end position.

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance to date		1,833
Weekly attendance contributions (say)		40
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1,873</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Balance to date		1,510
Room hire	50	
Committee expenses	40	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>1,600</b>
<b>Receipts less payments</b>		<b>273</b>
Balance from last year		3,782
<b>Estimated balance at year-end</b>		<b>4,055</b>

There are some differences between this year's and last year's receipts and payments which are explained below.

- **Mount Card, etc.:** This figure will vary from year to year depending on how much members use and in which year an individual purchase falls.
- **Equipment:** We purchased much less equipment this year.
- **Trophies and engraving:** Last year some of the engraved plates needed replacing..
- **Print Boxes:** Last year we replaced the club's print boxes which are used to transport our prints to judges and to ICPA competitions.

To date the club has lost £7 due to attendees not paying the £2 contribution either in full or in part. This is a substantial improvement!

**I recommend that the members note the current financial position.**

#### **Club Banker**

We continue bank with the Yorkshire Bank which is part of the Clydesdale and Virgin Group. There have been no problems.

#### **Next Year's Subs**

The estimated balance achieves our objective of having sufficient reserves to cover replacement of

the projector and laptop in the event of a disaster and any additional room hire costs if we have to relocate. There is also sufficient to pay exhibition and event costs for our major exhibition to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2020. For this and for future exhibitions we may also want to purchase our own photo frames.

Last year we decided to maintain our annual membership fee at £20 and the weekly contribution of £2 which more fairly attributes membership costs to the more active members. There are currently 22 paying members. We also charge one-off visitors £3 per visit.

Some form of annual membership payment is essential as it formally identifies club membership and associated insurance protection.

**You are asked to determine the subscriptions for next year.**

**Colin Hubbard**

**Trustee & Treasurer**

## Appendix B

### **Bacup Camera Club 100 Years Celebration Committee Minutes of Meeting 3rd May 2019**

Present: Anthony Black, Rick Cowley. Jim Doyle

#### 1. **Exhibition**

Jim & Anthony will obtain quotes for frames. We have calculated that we will be able to display 100 prints on 50 x 40 cm boards framed. We will ask members for a commitment to provide prints for the exhibition at this year's AGM. The proportion of prints in the exhibition will be 75 % members prints 10% Donald prints & 15% historical prints.

#### 2. **Celebration Meal**

Date has been agreed as Saturday 30th May 2020. Venue Rossendale Golf Club. We need AGM approval to book venue (deposit £200) Guests: Chair's & Secretary's L&CPU & ICPA. Chairs Officers of neighbouring clubs Todmorden, Irwell Vale & Whitworth. We will invite Chairs of L&CPU & ICPA to speak at the dinner.

#### 3. **Competition**

Categories : Landscape, Nature & open (entry fee Anthony will research) medium DPI. The competition will be open & our club members will enter free. Advertise in Photography News & Amateur Photographer. We will need hold this competition Autumn this year to be able to announce the winner at the dinner. Suitable prizes need to be decided on.

#### 4. **Memento**

Anthony will obtain quotes for USB sticks using the information details we collected at Photography Show as a bench mark.

#### 5. **Lecturers**

Possible venues St Mary's Chambers (Anthony to enquire) Whitaker lecture room Possible Speaker Garry Waidson & David's contact.

## Appendix C

### Chairman's Annual Report 2018 / 2019

The year has seen the club grow in numbers and quality with several new members adding to the club's photographic mix. Leo, David and Casey are now active members, and Leo has introduced a folio of images for passing around and adding constructive critique if you so desire so thanks Leo for your work on that, hopefully you can keep it going?

The year has seen some brilliant activities thanks in no small part to Ian and all his hard work in tracking down speakers we have had everything from Sport and nature with Dave Wilkinson, to a journey in the footsteps of Shackleton with our very own Rick and then Nordic Landscapes through to The collection of street photography The Talbot Collection with Richard Peregrine, so all in all really interesting and informative set of talks.

Our Merits evenings also attracted plenty of entries on themes of Decay and deterioration, Food, and In and around the home.

A number of workshops had open themes but we did have Leo in his kamikaze outfit and one on macro with Peter Williams amazing droplet machine in action.

We also had the usual selection of folios from the ICPA and L&CPU which held some interest and some okay shots.

The Christmas meal was a great night almost a full house attended along with wives, and family members which is something I personally enjoy seeing, and hopefully this year's meal will be a roaring success as well.

The annual evening with Irwell Vale was as usual a good night with some varied and interesting images shown from both clubs.

We held and lost the final competition with Whitworth PS, they have gone non competitive so we maybe need to find a replacement comp for this?

Both our exhibitions have been really exceptional you have all excelled in supporting them with some class images without which none of the exhibitions would even take place, holding exhibitions is a very important aspect for our clubs profile in the Town and all the help of you members was appreciated by myself thank you all for your time and hard work.

Lastly I would like to thank the centenary committee for working tirelessly behind the scenes, organising the celebrations for 2020. It's a BIG job taking up lots of time so cheers to them.

To close my report I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for putting up with me for another year, how you haven't launched a leadership challenge is quite frankly beyond me. It's always a blast being the Chairman, it's an honour to be in the position I am.

Thank you all

David Greenwood ( Chairman )

## Appendix D

### Presentation of Awards

#### **Annual Competition (independent Judge)**

Capuano Trophy	Best overall image	<b>David Greenwood</b>
Hoyle Cup	Best mono print	<b>Leo Turner</b>
Hesketh Cup	Best mono print by a new member.	<b>Leo Turner</b>
Bacup NAT Cup	Best colour print	<b>David Greenwood</b>
Schofield Cup	Best colour print by a new member.	<b>Leo Turner</b>
Entwistle Cup	Best group of six projected images.	<b>Ian Bramwell</b>
Bolton Cup	Best individual projected image.	<b>Ian Bramwell</b>
Geoffrey Bolton Trophy	Best Image of Rossendale.	<b>Jim Dobson</b>
John Cook Trophy	Best Image of Bacup	<b>David Greenwood</b>

#### **Merits (highest aggregate score)**

Shield	Mono print	<b>Peter Williams</b>
Shield	Colour print	<b>Peter Williams</b>
Shield	Colour DPI	<b>Ian Bramwell</b>
Shield	Mono DPI	<b>David Greenwood</b>