

Lutterworth Photographic Society Co-operative

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 28nd March 2018

1. Attendance - Louise Beech, Trudy Haddon, Sean Williams, Jill Frankham, Michael Vernon, Andrew Wade, Ken Brendon, David Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Tony Mar-Gerrison, John Haddon, John Petch, Alan Shean, Dave Hunter, Bryn Williams, Peter Beckett, Peter Sands and Robert Miller.

2. Apologies – Suzanne McLeod.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes were read and approved as correct. There were no matters arising.

4. Presidents Report

MV presented his report, in which he thanked various people for their work on behalf of the club over the past year and spoke of the progress members were making. He encouraged members to try something out of their usual genre and to seek help from other members if they felt in need of advice. He went on to thank DH for his excellent work with the club's website - a sentiment warmly echoed by the rest of the membership.

5. Accounts, annual subscriptions and weekly levy

The accounts were presented by TH. The members agreed with the committee's recommendation that there should be no change to the annual subscription or weekly levy. (Accounts acceptance was proposed by PS and seconded by DJ.)

6. Battles and Exhibitions report.

JH recounted from memory how the club had fared in inter-club battles over the last twelve months and how (despite our strategy of not just selecting material from the more experienced members) the club had more than held its own. He also encouraged more members to visit external exhibitions, (like the MCPF's Midphot show that has just ended) in order to judge their own standing among a much wider peer group. After a suggestion of assistance from DH, AMG volunteered to help with selecting material for battles.

7. Election of Committee and Officers

The following members were elected to form the next committee :-

President, Michael Vernon

Vice-president, Jill Frankham

Treasurer, Trudy Haddon

Secretary, John Haddon

Competition secretary & webmaster, Dave Hunter

Co-op Liaison, Peter Beckett

Committee members, Louise Beech

Alan Shean

Ken Brendon

8. After a discussion about changing the meeting start time, it was decided by an overwhelming show of hands to keep to the existing 7:30 start.

9. Members were advised that some old club equipment, (namely 2 optical projectors and a portable screen) were to be disposed of. Anyone wanting them could take them away at the end of the meeting.

10. Any other business

- a) JH advised members of a visit by the Co-op's MCC ambassador, George Conchie, which is scheduled for the 2nd May. SAJ suggested we make his visit more memorable by showing him some of the member's prints. (JH)
- b) A discussion took place concerning the purchase of mount board to see how much support there was to explore the possibility of bulk buying. If enough demand were to be found, then RM offered to fetch it. (JH to circulate an email)
- c) It was agreed that the winners of the Set-Subject competitions should be determined by a show of hands amongst those members present on the night, and that the "League" trophy shields should be awarded to the winners.
- d) Those members who hadn't done so already, were encouraged to send a few of their favourite images to DH for inclusion in the "members gallery" section of the website.
- e) PS suggested we explore the possibility of acquiring a voice microphone for judges to use in the school room. (JH)

Finally, a ballot was held to determine the "most improvement" club photographer over the preceding 12 months. This year the trophy was won by Rob Miller.

There being no further business, the meeting closed around 8.40pm

The date of the next AGM will be 20/03/2019