

WINCHESTER PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY – 2018 AGM

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All pictures used to represent the Winchester Photographic Society in SCPF competitions, may only include photographs by fully paid members or life members in the season the competition is held.

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Reason for this motion

During the current season, WPS has been using photographs in the SCPF competitions from someone who is no longer a member. Whilst this is not against the rules, it calls into question the reputation of the society and the spirit of the competition. It also sends a message to the 180+ members that their pictures are not good enough.

ALTERNATIVE VIEW

1. The purpose (or as in the motion “the spirit”) of the SCPF league competitions is to promote the best images within the Southern Counties: clubs are encouraged to select their best images across a wide variety of genres from the previous year’s competitions or exhibitions.
2. There are no other rules of the SCPF that cover this point: therefore the motion would restrict the Society in the images it can choose for the leagues.
3. The timing of reviewing and submitting WPS entries is often before all members have committed to the next year’s membership. In practice, therefore, the selection process can not be sure that the members will renew their subscription.
4. The rights of all WPS members include submitting images into competitions or exhibitions for that year. All members thus have the potential for their images to be selected for external competitions. In this instance, that includes the SCPF leagues for the subsequent year. Refusing a member who has left the club the potential entry of their images into external SCPF competitions in the following year, is depriving them of their rights for their membership year.
5. Why are the SCPF leagues important to the Society? It is one of the important shop-windows for the quality of its members’ images. It is one of the measures that attract photographers to become members, so they can improve their photography and enjoy the programme of events etc.