

Winchester Photographic Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 13th May 2014
7:30pm, Winchester Discovery Centre 50 voting members present

Note: *Individual reports are available on request from the secretary*

1. **Apologies:** Winifred Harwood, Janette Lloyd, Brian Jones, Alan Cox, Geoff Sharman, Geraldine Guthrie, David Carlin, Colin Chase
2. **Minutes of AGM held 14th May 2013 were accepted.**
Proposed: Louise Brown, Mervyn Edwards
3. **Matters Arising** The new constitution discussed at the last AGM was adopted at a SGM on 21st May. The election of Louise Brown as vice president was agreed at a meeting on 15th October 2013
4. **Treasurer's Report** See separate report.
Graham took questions and comments on the limit to the number of members, average membership fees and possible concessions on fees, the need to spend money on a new lap-top, and various details of the accounts. He will look into getting higher interest rates on WPS savings. (**Action:** Graham)
It was agreed that there is no increase in membership fees next year, Proposed: Graham Barber, Seconded Louise Brown
A vote of thanks to Elizabeth Hake was agreed for reviewing the accounts
5. **Secretary's Report** Keith made his (final) annual request to everyone to let the treasurer and the secretary know if you change your email address, and please do not let your in-box get full. Ann Erkut is taking over as secretary. He thanked members for their support over the (almost) eight years he has been in office.
6. **Programme Secretary's Report.** Tony outlined next season's exciting programme, with 10 speakers, including several outstanding ones including Brian Griffin. **Action:** David McKibbin is to cover this role for the start of next season.
7. **Competition Secretary's Report – including external competitions.** See separate report. It was suggested that the judging order in competitions (Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced) is varied to allow more visibility of advanced entries.
Action: Gordon will consider options for better display of Advanced members entries. More informal evaluations of pictures for beginners were also discussed.
8. **Exhibition Coordinator's Report.** See separate report. The quality of the PDI display in the exhibition and opening night was thought to be poor. **Action:** Simon will address this for next year's displays
9. **Reports from other officers. Workshops (Chris Gillard)** Chris thanked the speakers throughout the year, and said that two workshops (Lightroom and Portraits) had been "sellouts" and encouraged members to submit ideas for future workshops.
Web site: Steve Green. See separate report. The web-site subcommittee (and in particular Gerard Carlin) have been working towards opening the new site by

September. No single person will be responsible for updating it. Members can help by promptly sending PDIs of their winning prints to the Comp. Sec. for display.

10. Other reports; Panels: from Anne Ruffell, A/V group: from Graham Barber– see separate reports

11. President's Report – David started by explaining his approach to being president, which included more emphasis on the social and friendly aspects of the Society. He has tried to follow the aims and objectives in the constitution for the “promotion, encouragement and enjoyment of all branches of photography” and believes we have achieved and much more. He thought we have had an “Incredible programme” over the last year. He ended by individually thanking the committee, including those retiring, for all their work over the past year(s). He also thanked Ron, George, Anne, Mervyn, Chris, Colin (Chase), Roz and Colin for their help. In summary, he has been proud to act as President and has thoroughly enjoyed his year of office.

12. Election of officers The nominated committee positions of President, Vice president, Secretary were elected without a vote. An election was held (amongst those present) for the three member positions, and Paula Burgess, Mike Shaw, and Mike Roe were elected from the eight candidates by a majority.

Position	Incumbent	Proposer	Seconder
President	Louise Brown	David McKibbin	Keith Taylor
Vice President	Steve Green	David McKibbin	Louise Brown
Past President*	David McKibbin		
Treasurer*	Graham Barber		
Competition Secretary*	Gordon Brown		
Secretary	Ann Erkut	Louise Brown	Geoff Sharman
Projected image secretary*	Brian Jones		
Exhibition coordinator*	Simon Mann		
Programme Sec	(David McKibbin acting)		
Workshop secretary*	Chris Gillard		
Publicity officer*	Roger Clark		
Member rep. (WPS Website architect)	Gerard Carlin	Roger Clark	Joy Auty
Member reps.	Paula Burgess	Jude Blackman	Louise Brown
	Mike Shaw	Louise Brown	Simon Mann
	Mike Roe	Geraldine Guthrie	Janette Lloyd

* These posts were not for re-election this year

13. Any Other Business - None

The meeting closed at 10pm