

Winchester Photographic Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 24th May 2011

7:30pm, Winchester Discovery Centre

Note: Individual reports are available on request from the secretary



1. **Apologies:** David Taylor, Bryce Richardson, Eileen Tilby, Jim Denness, Matthew White, George Walsh, Les Nicholson, Cairney Down)
2. **Minutes of AGM held 18th May 2010 Accepted.** Proposed Louise Brown Sec. Eric Blake
3. **Matters Arising** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report** See separate report.
An increase of fees was agreed £55 single £105 double, £10 student
Proposal from Tony Smith Seconded by Ron Foulkes
A column for predicted accounts was agreed for next year.
Several fund-raising ideas were suggested: a raffle, advertising for visitors
A vote of thanks to Eileen Tilby was agreed Proposed Margaret Rideal Sec Jennifer Joel
5. **Secretary's Report**
Since we now rely almost entirely on email, could I remind everyone to let Mervyn and I know if you change your email address, otherwise you will not get any notices. I often get one or two delivery failures for each email I send, but they vary.
It has been suggested that we project the agenda and treasurers report during the AGM, and we will try to arrange that next year.
I know the webmaster has some comments in his report on the use of the Web site, and I hope that people are finding this more useful. I certainly found it useful in entering two competitions while I was in Australia recently.
You will see on the table a collection of photographic magazines. These have been donated by members, and you are welcome to take them home and keep them. Next year we will accumulate a new collection for borrowing.
6. **Exhibition Coordinator's Report.** See separate report.
There was some concern whether the catalogues were pushed hard enough. Other catalogue printers may be cheaper.
7. **Programme Secretary's Report** See separate report
8. **Competition Secretary's Report – including external competitions.** See separate report
9. **Reports from other officers. Publicity Officer's Report** . Adrian reported that he was trying to increase membership and reduce dropouts. He uses publications (local papers) and has tried photo magazines. Also Discovery Centre brochures and possible ways to attract visitors. New channels such as the Web site and Social networking and Flickr, particularly local groups, are increasingly important. We may set up a member survey on-line in the summer break.

10. Other reports; webmaster's Report See separate report.

Panels: From Anne Ruffell – see separate report

Outings: Barbara Lambert: - see separate report

A/V Report . George Walsh prepared a report which was read out: *So many Clubs now are producing there own A.V's and producing shows from within their own Club, thereby keeping cost down, that we have had little call for going out. We do have one that we shall be showing to in early June.*

Within our Society two workshops have been held the first one in late November and the second one in February this one with Michael White who won the evening.

Regarding Club competitions the first one that we took part in was held at North Hants PS on 28th.January; competing were North Hants. Viewfinders and Winchester. We won the competition.

Friday evening 15th.April Winchester entered The Oak Leaf competition held by North Hants with six Clubs taking part North Hants, Alton, Overton, Viewfinders, Steyning and Winchester, Winning Club was Overton with Winchester taking second and Steyning third.

Special Notice. *Very much in the minds of our group is the question of using music. Our Society holds a licence as we are a member of the I.A.C. (The Institute of Amateur Cinematographers). which means that The Society is covered only for productions made by them, and not by individual members. When we go out to a show or competition your work is "made" by the A.V. Group. . The copyright law is now seventy years after (the holders) death. But there is no problem using non-copyright music; such as it is.*

11. President's Report . Gordon said how much he had enjoyed being president. Thanks were recorded to Rosie Aldridge for the handbook and David Taylor and Paul Irving. for the web site.

Gordon also thanked Barbara Lambert and Anne Ruffel, also the coffee team and Louise for providing coffee and tea. Also Mervyn and Chris for the A/V and other committee members.

Changes to the constitution regarding committee positions and names: Proposed Gordon Brown, Seconded Colin Chase. Agreed unanimously by those present (see table below).

12. Election of officers The nominated committee were elected unanimously. Two positions (vice president and programme secretary) remain vacant. There was a vote for the three general committee positions (results are shown below).

13. Appointment of independent financial examiner: (vacancy)

14. Any Other Business

a). David Taylor: Publication of minutes of committee meetings - Carried

Most other organisations make their minutes readily available to their members: for example, the RPS publishes theirs in their journal every month, RPS Southern Region put theirs on their website as indeed do local authorities and many others. Ours is not a secret society intent on keeping its committee's deliberations to itself, unknown to its members so why can they not be shared?

b) Tony Smith: Fixed tenure of committee members -Carried

That the committee investigate a fixed tenure for all officers of the Society. The president should form a sub-team to prepare a proposal to the committee and then the Society together (award points and then award places independently)

The meeting was closed at 9:30pm

Results of committee election and ballot.

Position	Officer	Proposer	Seconder
President	Martin Farrow	-	-
Vice President			
Secretary	Keith Taylor	Graham Barber	Dave Biddlecome
Treasurer	Mervyn Edwards	Ron Foulkes	Keith Taylor
Programme Secretary			
Exhibition Coordinator	Louise Brown	Joy Auty	Cairney Down
Publicity Officer	Adrian Brophy	Gordon Brown	Keith Taylor
Competition Secretary	Philip George	Paul Davison	Chris Lillywhite
Projected Image Competition Secretary	Eric Blake	Martin Farrow	Keith Taylor
Workshop Secretary	Chris Lillywhite	Mervyn Edwards	Keith Taylor
Member	Joy Auty	Anne Ruffell	Chris Breeze
Member	Colin Chase	Dave Biddlecombe	Alan Cox
Member	Margaret Rideal	Rosie Aldridge	Cairney Down

Note: it was decided during the meeting that proposers and seconders are not required when a report does not make significant changes (e.g. Change procedures, fees, or public documents). This has been reflected in these minutes.