

Chesham Camera Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 8pm on Monday 01 October 2007 at 288 Chartridge Lane, Chesham

Present John Harding, Kathryn Collinson, Albert Braithwaite, Linda Sharp, Jim Conboy, Phil Mead, Mel Walker, Wilf Clark, Geoff Walker

Apologies Margaret Cox, Dave Ryder, Andy Mason

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 August 2007 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

None.

Secretary's report

Secretary not present

Treasurer's report

As my broadband connection is down I am unable to obtain a printout of the club's account from the bank, I've transferred the figures from the record books and therefore these figures are as accurate as I can be at this present time. Club funds total £2335.65. There are no known outstanding payments. Petty cash of £4.16 is held at the moment. This time last year we held a balance of £2667.54. We do have some 14 members who have not rejoined this year, also two adverts in our programme that I'm waiting confirmation as to charges for invoice to them.

Income since meeting of 20th of August 2007

Subscriptions	£930.00
Raffle income	£42.00
total	£972.00

Expenditure

Whitehill Centre hire, store	£12.50
Stationery, gift to Rita, cut keys	£37.96
J. R. C. S. Falconry demonstration	£125.00
Payment town hall hire 2007 exhibition	£160.00
Refreshment float to Rita	£20.00
Judge fee	£20.00
Social and raffle prizes	£34.90
Hardware screws etc	£12.94
total	£423.30

Wilf confirmed that he had e-mailed Margaret asking her to contact the 14 members who had not yet renewed their membership.

Mel confirmed the outstanding advertising payments as: Smart Cartridge: £25, Chesham Cameras: £30

John asked Mel to submit receipts for the ink used to print the club programmes but Mel kindly agreed to waive any charge to the club.

Programme Secretary's Report

Linda confirmed that the speaker booked for 27 November (Gareth Davis) does not make a charge but asked that if we feel he 'delivers on the night' then he would ask us to donate his 'fee' to charity.

Albert pointed out that the 27 Nov was already confirmed as a 'home' competition for the North West Fed. However Linda advised that she had not been provided with a list of external competitions at the time of planning the programme. After a long discussion it was decided that Albert would try to get the NWF night moved to 20 Nov and Linda would move the website design evening to 12 Feb.

Linda advised that Mike Maloney will charge £4/person for his talk on 8 Jan and it was agreed that entrance would be by ticket only with a total of 90 tickets being made available (max room capacity). CCC members to be FOC, non-members £6. John will print tickets, which will be offered to members, friends/family and Amersham Photographic Club.

Linda asked if she should book JRCS Falconry for next year, but consensus of opinion was that we should perhaps try something different.

Linda asked Albert to supply list of all external competitions but Jim checked during the meeting and confirmed there were no clashes with other club events.

Still to be organised: two judges and one speaker.

Competition Secretary's Report.

John advised that he had received an e-mail asking if would host a Rose Bowl competition next season for digital images. This was discussed but no decision made.

Albert asked if the new print rails had been fitted in the club meeting room.

John advised that he and Dick Thorne would complete installation in readiness for this Tuesdays competition.

Membership Secretary's Report.

In Margaret's absence, Wilf advised that membership was currently down on last year (see also Treasurers report)

Publicity Officer's Report.

Mel asked about posters for exhibition. Kathryn confirmed she is arranging to purchase two A2 prints from Photobox @ £10 for sandwich board.

Mel will print off some A4 and A3 posters for distribution by members.

Mel hopes to produce a newsletter every month in order to give the club a higher profile but will depend on content available. Newsletter font will now be 12pt.

IT-Co-ordinator.

Only four replies had been received to the digital questionnaire posted on the website.

Jim suggested using the extension to the upstairs lecture room in order to set up our digital equipment for members use during normal club nights.

There was a long discussion on digital teaching sessions.

Mel is happy to assist but only if he can use his Apple Mac – Mel & Jim to investigate compatibility with our projector.

John keen to use 14 Nov as next formal digital instruction evening. Agreed by all that best if members bring in their own images that they have either had problems with or can share a particular technique that has worked for them.

Jim confirmed that the new website was up and running, and was confirmed by a practical demonstration.

Geoff suggested that the home page was perhaps a little dated. There were mixed views but Mel suggested using a rolling gallery of members images for the home page and this was agreed to be a good idea.

Floor manager's Report.

Geoff advised that he had made some initial investigations into the use of a webcam to project images of prints at print competitions but was unsure of their suitability. John was keen to pursue this and it was agreed that we would try to carry out some tests. (Since the meeting Dave Ryder advised Geoff that

he has recently purchased a higher resolution webcam for his own use and will be willing to test it out with us in the club meeting room)

Exhibition Secretary's Report.

Kathryn confirmed that digital slides for inclusion must be with Albert by Tues 09 Sept latest.

It has not been possible to contact the proposed judge, so Wilf suggested an alternative, who Kathryn will contact.

Nine sponsors had been contacted but only Fotospeed had responded positively.

The projection of images was discussed and it was decided we could probably use a smaller screen. Geoff offered his for use and agreed to take to club night on 02 Oct.

Any Other Business.

Wilf reported that Fotospeed had provided a supply of photo paper FOC in lieu of payment for their advertisement in the programme. This will be sold to members in order to recover the cost of the advert.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 26th November 2007, venue to be confirmed

Our thanks again to Jim for his hospitality and in particular the chocolate cakes, which went down particularly well.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm 'sh

Geoff Walker
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