

COUNCIL MEETING SAT 9th MARCH 2019
Bovey Tracey Golf Club, TQ13 9NG, Meeting Start 10:30.

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome and opening remarks
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of 2018 Council Meeting – Available on the WCPF website
- 4 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on Agenda
- 5 Financial Statement
- 6 Committee Members Reports - Q & A Session.
(Reports will be available in advance to clubs)
- 7 Any Other Business
 - a New print competition update

- 1 The meeting was opened by President, Ian Bateman. He welcomed those in attendance to the open Executive meeting, an opportunity for delegates from Federation Clubs to talk directly to the Executive.
- 2 Apologies received from Peter Fry, Pam and Eddy Lane, Ralph Snook, Ralph Warfield (added after finding on email)
- 3 Minutes of 2018 Council Meeting. None available, meeting was cancelled due to severe weather warnings in place. Officers reports have been made available on the website.
- 4 It was proposed to co-opt two new members to the Executive, Sue Bishop as the new secretary, Alex Hamer to support the DPIC team. Both appointments were carried.
- 5 Financial Statement

WCPF Summary of Income/Expenditure
WCPF Finance Rep Mar 2019

Budget Code	Budget Item	2018-19			2017-18	Remarks
		Income £	Exp. £	Net Profit/Cost £	Net/Profit Cost £	
1	Interest	11.52	0.00	11.52	4.10	
2	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	-164.60	
3	AGM	553.70	269.30	284.40	-110.27	
4	AV Day	100.00	0.00	100.00	159.50	
5	Awards Officer	0.00	0.00	0.00	-15.60	
6	Council Meeting	0.00	140.00	-140.00	0.00	
7	DPIC	1,621.60	1,882.66	-261.06	142.06	Ticket sales for 2019 not yet received from Exeter CC
8	Directory	100.00	612.00	-512.00	-376.99	
9	Equipment Hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
10	Executive Meetings	0.00	537.30	-537.30	-420.30	
11	Judging Seminars	200.00	0.00	200.00	154.90	
12	Knightshayes Trophy	0.00	44.22	-44.22	250.00	
13	Kingswood Salver	995.00	662.83	332.17	211.90	
18	PAGB Competitions/Exhibitions	25.00	1,160.00	-1,135.00	-954.00	Participating clubs costs increased to £350 per club
19	PAGB Insurance	4,220.65	4,244.16	-23.51	-131.91	
20	PAGB Subs	4,134.00	3,914.00	220.00	-143.00	2019 payment based on no clubs 2018
21	PAGB Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	-129.49	
23	Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
24	Subscriptions	4,464.49	10.00	4,454.49	4,506.26	
25	Travelling Critique	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
26	Travelling Members Exhibition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
27	Treasurer	0.00	283.58	-283.58	-109.63	
28	Web Site	0.00	99.00	-99.00	0.00	
29	WCPF Equipment Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
30	Special Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	-6.76	
31	Capital Equipment	0.00	1,372.58	-1,372.58	360.00	Purchase of new PC
33	AV Workshop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
34	PAGB Awards Workshop	0.00	282.32	-282.32	-13.11	
35	Members DPIC	0.00	0.00	0.00	-173.75	
36	Combined Print & DI Exhibition	0.00	1,031.45	-1,031.45	-1,655.80	
37	APM Adjudication	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTALS		16,425.96	16,545.40	-119.44	1383.5105	
		2018-19		2017-18		
	Current Account	£7,873.55		£7,537.49		
	Uncleared/Unpresented Cheques Etc.	-£624.63		£0.00		
	BMM Account	£12,041.03		£12,026.69		
	High Interest Bonds					
	Cash	£114.92		-£288.85		
	Balance	£19,404.87		19,275.33		

2018-19 - these accounts are as at 19 February 2019.

The relative consistency in the financial situation between years suggests that the WCPF finances are reasonably robust. The WCPF is extremely grateful to Fotospeed for its continued sponsorship and payment of £750 is included within the income of the relevant events that they attended (in 2017-18).

The WCPF is also extremely grateful to Bovoy Traasdy Club for allowing the use of its premises which has helped contain our costs. The arrangement is beneficial to both parties.

There are a total of 105 clubs registered for 2019 which means in excess of 2,000 photographers.

6 Committee reports

President's Report

Two of our main events have already taken place this season – the Kingswood Salver and DPIC.

As usual, Eddy and Pam Lane did a superb job organising the Kingswood Salver, and Rosemary Wilman proved to be a very popular judge and speaker. They have also organised today's event the Knightshayes Trophy, so a big thank you to both. DPIC ran very smoothly, with 1026 images judged by Phil and Gwen Charnock and Peter Young. Many thanks to the organising team led by Russell McGowan, ably supported by Julie McGowan, Ralph Snook, Peter Fry, Sandie Cox and Alex Hamer.

Particular thanks also go to Pam Sherren who did all of the preliminary work for this year's DPIC. She has now stood down as DPIC Secretary after successfully running the event for the last ten years.

Thanks also to our Treasurer Chris Marsham, who handles all of the finances for the WCPF, Nick Bodle for maintaining the website, Ann Owens for handling the publicity, Bill Aven for his invaluable knowledge of the WCPF, and Peter Fry for co-ordinating PAGB activities.

I'd also like to record our appreciation to Diana Wynn, who stood down as WCPF Secretary almost two years ago, but in the absence of anyone taking over the role has continued to cover the duties. I'm very happy to report that Sue Bishop has now volunteered to take over as Secretary so will be co-opted on to the Executive.

Dennis Knowles, who joined the Executive last October, will be taking on the Archivist's role.

The one role that remains vacant is that of Travelling Exhibition Secretary. Alan James has done a sterling job in keeping this going over the years, but stood down at the last AGM. At this meeting the member clubs voted overwhelmingly to continue with the Travelling Print Exhibition, so it is disappointing that no-one has volunteered to take over the job of running it. If no volunteer is forthcoming, we will have to discontinue the TE next year.

Good news on the new Print Exhibition though – volunteers from Dorchester Camera Club have taken on the job of organising this year's inaugural event, and you will have had an email from Dorchester explaining what is happening.

Finally, thanks are due to Ralph Snook and Sandie Cox for once again organising the Members' Exhibition. Entries close on 4th March, and the Exhibition will open at this venue on 5th May.

AV Secretary's Report

Entries for the 2019 AV Competition are now closed, with a total of 37 entries from 26 people. This is a higher number than last year, and the standard is continuing to get better. The Photo Harmony class has been particularly well supported this year, with 15 entered into this category.

The competition will be judged by Colin Harrison FRPS MPAGB EFIAP/P FBPE on Saturday 6th April at Clyst St Mary Village Hall.

Comment from the floor; The proposed new print competition is being organised by two members of Dorchester Camera Club, Helen and Stephen Jones. The President expressed thanks for this. Twenty clubs have so far expressed an interest in participating.

WCPF Members Exhibition Report

The exhibition is currently open for entries. The closing date for entries is 4th March. Entrants can bring the prints they have entered to the council meeting where they will be picked up by their AES (make sure your AES will be there first).

Selectors, selection venue (Burnham) and exhibition location (Bovey Tracey) are booked.

All clubs have been sent a poster and information about the exhibition, and previous entrants will have received an invitation email, and we are hoping that the entry will be as strong as previous years.

We have continued with the same entry classes and awards as last year, and the 'Favourite Image' and the offering of prints for sale initiatives are being continued.

The exhibition will open at Bovey Tracey Golf Club on Sunday 5th May when the awards will be presented in the afternoon and will remain open until the end of Sunday 19th May.

This year we are planning to show all accepted print images at Bovey Tracey. As yet we have not had a volunteer to take on the Travelling Exhibition (TE) role. There was an overwhelming majority in favour of continuing the TE at the AGM and it is disappointing that this enthusiasm has not resulted in someone who is prepared to take on the role. It is likely that we will create a TE this year with someone from the Exec doing the work. However unless there is someone who is prepared to take on the role from the 2020 Exhibition the TE will almost certainly be discontinued at that point

Kingswood Salver Secretary's Report

2018 Kingswood Salver

This took place on 17th November 2018 at Bovey Tracey. with Rosemary Wilman Hon FRPS AFIAP BPE5* as the judge and afternoon speaker.

We had 21 panels and a good attendance of over 70. Rosemary proved an excellent judge and everyone seemed to enjoy her afternoon talk.

2019 Kingswood Salver

This will be on Saturday 16th November 2019 at Bovey Tracy. The judge and afternoon speaker for this event will be Christine Widdall FBPE MPAGB EFIAP Hon LCPU. Her afternoon talk "Portfolio" by Christine - will feature landscape, still life, nature, creative and other short projects

Knightshayes Trophy Secretary's Report

2019 Knightshayes Trophy

This will take place on Saturday 9th March at Bovey Tracy. The subject for this year is 'Gold' as chosen by the incoming WCPF President Ian Bateman. FRPS, MPAGB, AV FIAP, APAGB.

The afternoon event will be in the form of a print workshop given by Chris Marsham in conjunction with Vince Cater of Fotospeed.

We will do all the preparation prior to this event, and prepare detailed schedules and instructions for the day, but unfortunately for once we will be unable to attend. We are booked on a Lecture Tour in Scotland, including the fixed date of the Winifred Brown Memorial lecture for the 100th Anniversary of Paisley Camera Club. We will have volunteers to help run the event on the day in our absence.

Report from the WCPF Directory Secretary

The 2019 WCPF directory was printed on time and available for distribution at DPIC. Clubs not represented can collect theirs at the Council meeting in March.

All judges and lecturers will have now received their own copies.

Extra copies for club use can be collected at the council meeting at the cost of £1.30 or £2.10 posted.

An important change to note is that all the WCPF executive have new email addresses. Please check your copy for accuracy and let me know in good time for the first amendment which goes out in March.

May we again draw your attention to the conditions of booking judges and lecturers

shown on page 21. This follows comments from numerous judges and lecturers where clubs are less frequently following up by writing to thank these people who freely give their time for the benefit of clubs. Surely you will agree it is a small but important thing to do.

Our thanks again go to Fotospeed, Mifsuds and Affinity for advertising with us. Please use them for your photographic needs

Webmaster Report

The website is as far as I know up to date however I have made some changes where email addresses are shown I have changed these to the new email address. The PayPal address I have left alone in the background as this would affect any links to PayPal but if this is updated I need to be informed to do the same on the website. It would be nice to see some of the images that were the winning images on the DPIC page just to have something there other than words it would also make the page look more attractive either as a link to another page. Don't like using slide shows as these tend to be slow and have a lag on them.

We have had the PAGB Natural History Trophy on the home page now for a few months and I wonder if this should now be changed and have some new picture there or some other more up to date information.

TE Secretary's Report

As far as I am aware the travelling print exhibition is circulating without problem. I find it frustrating that almost every time I send out the next month's rota I am notified of change of a WCPF rep and have to amend and resend it. Please could clubs remember to notify changes to our Directory Secretary.

With the resignation of the TE secretary, discontinuing this had been discussed, however clubs expressed a desire to see it continue. A volunteer to take on the role is needed, the role involves choosing the prints from those in the Members Exhibition, collecting and cataloguing them, and making sure they reach the first club on the rota.

Question from the floor; There was disappointment that winning images from DPIC had not been put on the website.

Response; the images are now on the website, although there was a delay in uploading, due to changes in the team.

7 Any Other Business

- a PAGB hold an annual print competition, open to two clubs from each Federation. The winners from the proposed new print competition will be invited to submit to the PAGB competition.
An email was sent to clubs in February, 20 have so far expressed interest in entering. The official launch will be on 1 April 2019.

Conditions of entry and entry forms will be on the website. Entry will be by DPI, with prints taken to Dorchester on judging day.

The entry will be 15 prints per club, with a minimum of 5 mono and 5 colour, and a maximum of 4 nature images.

There will be no time limit on prints entered for this year, but if clubs have previously entered PAGB competition, those prints will not be eligible for PAGB entry if club wins, but can qualify for WCPF entry.

Clubs will receive £350 contribution towards expenses to attend judging in Warwick and Blackburn.

- b The judging seminar at Exmouth in April is fully booked. John Tilsley would like volunteers to host in 2020. A venue that can provide 4 break out areas is needed.

- c Question from floor (Chaz Madge of Exmouth Photo Group); a request for the map of clubs to be updated as some clubs have changed their meeting locations.
Response; There are difficulties with maintaining accurate club information, not all the information in the directory is up to date, as the secretary is not always informed when club details have changed. A message went in the 2019 directory to remind clubs to update their information when necessary.

- d Dennis Knowles has volunteered to take on the archive, and asked for pictures for the record. It was noted that records up to 2009 have been deposited at the Exeter record Office, and that Chris Marsham has 2 boxes of old images.

- e Question from floor (Peter Tulloch of Tavistock CC); Concern was expressed that there is no formal mechanism for clubs to comment or give feedback on judges and lecturers.
Response from President; This has been looked at previously. It is difficult to get clubs to respond, and any comments are more often negative. It was decided that a formal procedure would be very onerous to administer, and that any concerns should be made informally to John Tilsley.
Action; This will be discussed further by Executive.

The President reminded those present that the next event is the AV competition on 6 April at Clyst St Mary and closed the meeting at 11.05.