



Agenda

For the meeting to be held at the Golf Club, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9NG at 10:30 on Sunday 8th January 2017.

1. Apologies
2. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Executive member reports
5. Club competition rules
6. Purchase of stands
7. PAGB spec of 1600 x 1200 for DPI projection
8. New clubs – Bodmin / Taw and Torridge
9. Fotospeed and WCPF seminar
10. Website accuracy
11. Promotion of judges to PAGB listing
12. Any other business

Minutes of the above meeting

1. Apologies received from Alan James, Peter Fry, Pam and Eddy Lane. Peter O'Shea did not attend.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Nothing was identified as needing further investigation.

4. Reports were given :-

Report from the President for the 8th January 2017 Executive Meeting

Firstly, please accept my thanks for organising your various roles and for the generosity of your free time given for the benefit of the WCPF. With a hundred or so clubs in our federation I am conscious that they are either not choosing to choose to participate, or not reading our publicity of the events we stage for them. It is important to me that we raise the profile of the federation even further and that means getting good publicity via bulletins and our website. On that point, I ask that you all keep both Ann and Nick informed well in advance.

It is my intention keep our executive meetings as brief as possible therefore request that all our reports are circulated in advance with only the need for important details and the need of approval to be sought from the executive.

Having made that point I am more than happy to discuss individually any concerns at any time.

The last few weeks have brought about lots of discussions about the purchase of new print exhibition stands, PAGB image sizes and the possible use of the Golf Club in Bovey Tracey.

Thanks to all of you who have been active in the process of these possible changes and bringing forward ideas and solutions.

Will you please consider the implications in time for our January executive meeting which will be at the Golf Club, Bovey Tracey.

I sincerely hope we can finalise all these changes if the majority agree.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017 EXECUTIVE

See attached summary of accounts. As to be expected at this time of the year there is a healthy balance. 22 Clubs have yet to pay subs. (deadline was 31 Dec). Of course their payments for PLI and PGA still have to be forwarded – these sums will reduce the overall balances by approx. £8,000.

The High Interest (joke!) Bond matured back in September and this sum now lies within the ordinary deposit account. Much of this was earmarked for new stands. Disappointingly I have not received the quote I was expecting, but will chase. However if we can actually make the stands ourselves, the savings would be tremendous. Assuming approx. £150 material costs per stand (with 2-4 rails) the total outlay may not be much more than £1,000. Thus we have ample funds to provide what is needed, should we take this route.

I do not appear to be paying out as much in officer expenses as expected. Thus if you have not claimed please do so.

Christopher Marsham
Treasurer
31-12-2016

WCPF Summary of Income/Expenditure to Budget
Finance Report Jan 2017

| Budget Code | Budget Item | 2016-17 | | | | Remarks |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|
| | | Budget £ | Income £ | Exp. £ | Net Profit/Cost £ | |
| 1 | Interest | 0.00 | 41.58 | 0.00 | 41.58 | |
| 2 | Advertising | 0.00 | 0.00 | 40.50 | -40.50 | |
| 3 | AGM | 0.00 | 345.00 | 456.44 | -111.44 | |
| 4 | AV Day | 0.00 | 0.00 | 40.95 | -40.95 | |
| 5 | Awards Officer | 0.00 | 0.00 | 16.48 | -16.48 | |
| 6 | Council Meeting | 0.00 | 125.00 | 0.00 | 125.00 | |
| 7 | DPIC | 0.00 | 125.00 | 168.75 | -43.75 | |
| 8 | Directory | 0.00 | 18.00 | 60.84 | -42.84 | |
| 9 | Equipment Hire | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 10 | Executive Meetings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 303.00 | -303.00 | |
| 11 | Judging Seminars | 0.00 | 200.00 | 369.68 | -169.68 | |
| 12 | Knightshayes Trophy | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 13 | Kingswood Salver | 0.00 | 991.00 | 715.31 | 275.69 | |
| 14 | Manual | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 15 | Fotospeed Prints Days | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 16 | Newsletter | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 17 | PAGB AGM | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 18 | PAGB Competitions/Exhibitions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 443.45 | -443.45 | |
| 19 | PAGB Insurance | 0.00 | 3,485.59 | 57.80 | 3,427.79 | |
| 20 | PAGB Subs | 0.00 | 2,884.00 | 0.00 | 2,884.00 | |
| 21 | PAGB Handbooks | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 23 | Secretary | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 24 | Subscriptions | 0.00 | 3,612.80 | 0.00 | 3,612.80 | |
| 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 | 0.00 | 180.16 | -180.16 | |
| 28 | Web Site | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 29 | WCPF Equipment Insurance | 0.00 | 192.76 | 385.35 | -192.59 | |

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| 30 | Special Events | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 31 | Capital Equipment | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 33 | AV Workshop | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 34 | PAGB Awards Workshop | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 35 | Members DPIC | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 36 | Combined Print & DI Exhibition | 0.00 | 125.00 | 140.00 | -15.00 |
| 37 | APM Adjudication | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | TOTALS | 0.00 | 12,145.73 | 3,378.71 | 8,767.02 |

2016-17

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| Current Account | £6,750.60 |
| Uncleared/Unpresented Cheques Etc. | £9,327.99 |
| BMM Account | £12,019.38 |

£24.75

£28,122.72

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| High Interest Bonds | £0.00 |
| Cash | |
| Balance | |

2016-17

Budget = The budget was set at the beginning of the financial year and is an estimate of the expected profit or loss at the end of the financial year.

Income -= Total income to the date of report against an individual budget item.

Expenditure = Total Expenditure to the date of report against an individual budget item.

Net Profit/Cost = total Income minus Total Expenditure to the date of report against an individual budget item.

Variance to Budget

= Budget minus Net

Profit/Cost. 2015-16

Net Profit/Cost = total Income minus Total Expenditure against an individual budget item to the equivalent date of report in the previous financial year .

The above accounts do not include the income from DPIC entries, which are still coming in.

WCPF Members Exhibition Report – Jan 2017

There has been a lot of discussion (mostly via email) in the last month or so regarding things that impact the exhibition. I think that most of them are (or will be at the exec meeting) finally resolved.

These issues are

- Image size for digital images. I raised the point of asking for 1600x1200 but accepting 1400x1050. I thought this would hold us in good stead for future PAGB entries. I checked the PAGB website and they are only accepting a mx of 1400x1050 for the PAGB club cups this year (2017). Given that the majority of people will not be creating 1600x1200 images for their clubs I backed off and have left our input as 1400x1050. We can decide if we ask authors of any images we select for PAGB Competitions to produce a larger image.
- Venue for the print exhibition. We are going to Bovey Tracey Golf Club. The space available looks good, its location is fairly similar to Buckfast and the facilities are good (free parking and food/drink available. Sandie, Chris and I met there late December and it looked good to us. Buckfast unfortunately would have caused us a number of issues this year that would have been detrimental to the exhibition.
- New initiatives to allow sale of prints and also to award a prize of the favourite image to a visitor. Steve has agreed to make these changes to the system and they will be in place at launch. The sale price is set at £30 to include postage. It is optional. We can remove the options if the consensus is that we should do so.

There is another point for discussion re the DVD we currently produce for clubs and entrants who purchase. Last year I took 50 copies to the Opening and Bristol. Clubs were told they could have a copy posted if they could not attend. I still have approx. 10 of the 50. Only 1 club contacted me. I have suggested we allow download of the shows this year with a DVD as backup. Nick and I did look to see if we could use the WCPF website as the source of the download but that looks like a no go. I have some other options if we can discuss at the meeting.

A poster has gone out to the clubs and the website updated (before the meeting certainly). At launch (after DPIC entry closes) all previous entrants will receive an invitation to enter email.

Just for completeness the dates associated with the 2017 exhibition are

Open for entries – 18th January 2017

Entry Closes - 4th March 2017

Selection - 18/19 March 2017

Reports - By April 2017

Opening at BT - Saturday 29th April 2017 (Award presentations) to Sunday 14th May 2017

Bristol - Saturday 20th May 2017 and Sunday 21st May 2017

We still do not have an AES for the Bridgewater area. I will chase the clubs asking for a volunteer but am not hopeful. Bill had a fall back of a camera? shop nearby that would act as a collection point. This is not ideal but is better than nothing. Last year all entries had to be taken to the Council Meeting it worked but not without some issues. If anyone has any thoughts they will be very welcome.

A tick list will be added to the entry form for those who want to opt out of offering their prints for sale. It was decided by the Executive committee that the price would be £35 plus postage and packing, for an unmounted print. Contact details of visitors who wish to purchase a print will be collected during the exhibition, then passed to the relevant author for them to follow up with the sale.

It was also agreed to provide a copy of the favourite print to a visitor. This will entail collecting contact details of all the people who enter their choice of favourite print.

Agreement was unanimous regarding the non production of a DVD this year, and that it would either be downloadable from the website or via a WCPF Dropbox account.

Action point : Ralph Snook to investigate the best option.

WCPF – PAGB AWARDS OFFICER’S REPORT EXECUTIVE MEETING – 8 JANUARY 2017

AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT – PRINT AND DPI

November 2016 – Stirling, Scotland

One member from the WCPF was successful at this adjudication obtaining a CPAGB in prints.

April 2017 – Croydon

There are now only a few places left for this adjudication and the list is likely to close shortly after which the November adjudication will open. We currently have ten applicants processed awaiting confirmation of their inclusion.

Advisory days

As we currently have 18 members on a waiting list for an Advisory Day, I have provisionally booked 2 April 2017 as a date for the event and have PAGB judges on “standby” but would like to discuss with the executive prior to finalising.

AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT – AUDIO VISUAL

No date has been set yet for an AV awards day in 2017 as it is generally organised as an “on demand” event.

Russell McGowan
PAGB Awards Secretary

18 December 2016

The Croydon adjudication is now full. November has been pencilled in for the next one. The PAGB organise one adjudication day a year, and for us it will be in November 2020.

DPIC report

To date 16 club entries have been received, with just one week left to enter.

Following discussion it is agreed that the accommodation expenses for accompanying spouses will be met when they accompany the judges.

WCPF – WEBMASTER REPORT

Council Meeting – 8th January 2017

Issues and concerns have been raised concerning the website and changes that have been made to it at the request of members of the council. These I will discuss at the council meeting to see what we can do to resolve these concerns.

Where I have been asked to update pages these have been done as requested.

Nick Bodle
Webmaster

In conjunction with Ann, it was agreed to continue to streamline the tabs, to avoid duplication. The bulletin is to be used as the method of passing news from the WCPF to clubs.

The constitution is to be kept on the website.

Action point : Ian Bateman to ask Chaz about permission to edit the map.

AV Secretary's Report for 8th January 2017 Exec Meeting

The 2017 AV Competition will be held on 1st April, and will be judged by Martin Fry FRPS EFIAP AV-AFIAP BPE3 APAGB, who is a renowned AV judge and exhibitor. The format of the event will remain the same as 2016 with a slight rule tweak. Rather than stipulating that all entries must be in executable format, I have modified this to include video file formats as well, subject to prior agreement with the organiser and successful testing on the event laptop. This will allow Mac users to enter if they want to, without having to use Windows software.

I have kept the entry fees and ticket prices the same as 2016. The judge's expenses are likely to be c.£95. I will put him up overnight so will take him out for a meal as well.

Ian Bateman
FRPS MPAGB AV-AFIAP APAGB

TE Secretary Report to January Exec Meeting

Sorry I will not be able to attend this meeting.

The TE continues to circulate and we have squeezed Plymouth and District CC as an extra club in December. On the other had I have just heard from Penryn CC that they cannot have the TE next week as they do not meet then. I replied with my disappointment as the rota has been on the website for over a year and circulated several times!

I have had a request from the new club Stratton in the Swindon area to joint the rota - they meet once a month. I replied that the rota has been set for 2017/18 and there is no slot for them, but would try to accommodate them the following year. I also offered that we have DPIC and MPIX and AV Comp in a form they can project to members - nothing heard in response.

Regards,
Alan James

16/12/16

Report from the Directory Secretary for the 8th January 2017 Executive Meeting

With so many changes made again this year I hope that all is finalized and that the 2017 Directory will go to the printers immediately following this meeting. When ready I will circulate an electronic version for executive members use only.

As with other years, I have contacted all judges and lecturers to confirm their details and as always only a few reply.

Fotospeed, Mifsuds and Andy Beel have again all agreed to advertise. This will net a sum of £292.50 to help offset the cost of £360.00 from the printers. Their costs have slightly reduced from last year. With 15 copies left, I think we have the order quantity about right. I hope to circulate the new one at the DPIC meeting in February.

With my urge to get the WCPF events more publicity I have found space in the front of the directory to loosely show the dates of our major competitions and pointed readers in the direction of the website for finer detail.

The PAGB have already started their somewhat long process of producing the 2017 Handbook. This starts in November 2016 and continues until August of 2017 with numerous copies going backward and forward for verification. It should be completed and with us in November for distribution.

Bill Aven

Two additional action points were raised during the officer's reports.

Action point : All to consider for next meeting – is there a need for another print competition to encourage printing of images?

Action point : Russell McGowan to contact the successful award candidate to display their prints at the Council meeting.

5. Following detailed discussion, it was decided that the following points regarding the general club rules would be put in place:

- The age of images rule would be dropped
- The same rules for Nature would apply to all competitions

The website will be updated with the general rules which apply to all competitions.

Ralph Snook volunteered to draft a version of general rules taking detail from all competitions.

6. Home-made version of the stands would be acceptable provided whatever option is finally agreed they are ready for the 28th April deadline. Lighting can be afforded providing the overall cost is kept down.

Action point : Chris Marsham will view the prototype and contact Fotospeed.

An additional point was raised when talking about the stands that as the stands could be stored at the Golf Club, following the Exhibition which is already booked here, (providing the venue is a success) the Kingswood Salver competition could also be held here, and future Executive meeting in 2018.

7. The PAGB are not changing their DPI sizing this year, so we will keep the same size rules for the time being.

8. The membership of Bodmin and Taw and Torridge clubs were unanimously accepted.

9. Plans are still in place for the joint event between us and Fotospeed to take place on the weekend of 4th and 5th November, in Newton Abbot and Bristol. Publicity will be required for the event along with ticket sales.

10. A lot of work has been done to simplify the website, and if any errors are found or reported please inform Nick Bodle and Bill Aven as soon as possible.

11. Nominations for inclusion of judges on the PAGB list have to come from the Federation. Each judge has to be experienced at judging at a high level eg: salon level, and must submit a full CV and 3 references.

Action point : Ralph Snook and Bill Aven to create a list of possible nominees ready for the next meeting.

12. Is there any requirement for another competition for prints, to encourage printing?

Action point : All to consider ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Ian Bateman reminded everyone about the Gavin Hoey evening that Exmouth Photo Group are hosting.

Meeting closed at 14:10.

Diana Wynn, Secretary WCPF.

20th January 2017