

Winchester Photographic Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

26 May 2015

Attendees: 71 voting members present

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Louise Brown welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. Apologies were received from Geoff Sharman, John Norris, Nick Townley, Megan Townley, Dave Biddlecombe, David Carling

2. **Minutes of the AGM held 13 May 2014** were accepted. Proposed by Steve Green, seconded by John Greenwood

3. Matters arising

There were no outstanding matters from the previous meeting.

4. Reports from Officers

- 4.1 Louise Brown presented the President's report which included a summary of all the individual reports. The full set of reports can be found on the WPS website. Louise outlined her objectives for the past year (improved communication, a friendlier welcome for new members and encouragement to formally develop one's photography) and progress made towards achieving them. Louise thanked each member of the committee for their invaluable contribution to her successful year as president.
- 4.2 Ann Erkut presented the Secretary's report. A new initiative for 2014-15 was the introduction of a weekly newsletter. 36 editions were produced and distributed every Friday. Feedback has been positive. Minutes and papers of all 8 committee meetings have been available to members on the WPS website. More effort will be made next season to have meeting dates, agendas and papers on the website in a more timely fashion.
- 4.3 Graham Barber presented the Treasurer's report. (See separate report with accounts for year ending 31 March 2015). Graham offered a vote of thanks to the independent examiner of the accounts, Elizabeth Hake FMAAT, for reviewing and signing off the accounts unchanged.
- 4.4 Financial outlook for 2015-16: Graham did not anticipate any radical changes in the forthcoming season, the Society is in a good financial position. He proposed that subscription rates for next year be frozen and the membership capped at 160. This was seconded by Ron Foulkes and agreed. Graham proposed that the IT Secretary be asked to look at replacing the Society's projector before the opening of the new season in September. **(Action Gerard Carlin).**

5. Election of Officers

5.1 The following members were elected unopposed into the vacant positions:

Candidate	Position
Steve Green	President
Eric Blake	Vice President
Graham Barber	Treasurer
Jason Reeves	Programme Secretary
Ann Erkut	Communications Secretary
Sarah Strange	Member Representative
Nick Townley	Member Representative
Sarah Walton	Member Representative

5.2 Members were asked to cast their vote for the position of IT Secretary as there were two candidates: Gerard Carlin and John Greenwood. The votes from the ballot box were added to the postal votes which took place prior to the AGM. Gerard Carlin was appointed IT Secretary.

6. Member's item

6.1 Glyn Paton set out his proposal that the Committee seek options for improve the performance of the WPS main projector. This was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Treasurer's report. All agreed that Gerard Carlin should look at the options for improving the projection of images during the season, including the purchase of a new projector and report at the next committee meeting.

Any other business:

7. Linda Carlin asked whether the Committee had any intention to increase the amount of equipment available for hire to Society members. Graham Barber proposed that members let him know if there was specific equipment that they wished to hire and he would review these proposals.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm and was followed by the annual prize giving and End of Year Social.