

Winchester Photographic Society
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
30 May 2017

1. Welcome and Apologies

Eric Blake welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. Apologies were received from Gerard Carlin, Linda Carlin, Geoff Sharman, Roger Clark, Gordon Brown and Louise Brown.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 31 May 2016 were accepted subject to one change: Paragraph 4.1 Steve Brown to change to Steve Green. Proposed by Derek Hickman and seconded by Tony Smith.

3. Matters arising

There were no outstanding matters from the previous AGM.

4. Reports from Officers:

- 4.1 Eric Blake gave the President's report which included a summary of the individual reports and a summary of key events from his year in office.

- 4.2 Ann Erkut presented the joint Secretary's and Communications Secretary's report as she holds both positions. Ann will be standing down as Secretary and handing over to Adrian Binney who introduced himself to the membership present at the meeting.

- 4.3 Graham Barber presented the Treasurer's report, both a summary of the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 and an update on membership fees. In addition, Graham highlighted the key points from the 2016-17 business plan and the impact this had on the in year accounts. Graham also introduced the 2017-18 business plan.

4.4 Two motions were proposed and seconded:

- A rise in subscription fees for the 2017-18 season as follows:
 - Standard: £68 per annum
 - Joint: £120
 - Student: £10 (unchanged from previous year)
 - Visitor: £5
- Approval of the 2017-18 business plan

- 4.5 Peter Orr presented a comprehensive Competition Secretary's report, covering both internal and external competitions and his introduction of a new process to provide more formal and structured review of a judge's performance on competition evenings. Peter Orr will also be standing down after the AGM and Eric Blake wished him well with his future commitments.

4.6 Jason Reeves presented the Programme Secretaries report. Jason's objective for the 2016-17 season was a programme of diversity. This he achieved with some unorthodox speakers and much to his surprise, received positive feedback from the membership on his selection. Jason has created a varied programme for the 2017-18 season covering subjects such as smart phones and cultural heritage. The final programme will be published in the members' handbook.

Jason will also be standing down after the AGM and Eric Blake thanked him for bringing together two excellent programmes of events.

5. Election of Officers

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

Candidate	Position
Nick Townley	President
Glyn Paton	Vice President
Adrian Binney	Secretary
Gordon Brown	Competition Secretary
Gavin Bowyer	Programme Secretary
Sarah Strange	Member Representative
Tony Large	Member Representative
Trevor Morecraft	Member Representative

6. Any other business

6.1 Rafe Pascuale raised an item relating to a Members Exhibition. He proposed that the committee discuss holding a Members' Exhibition where each member brings along a print to hang in the exhibition. This would be in addition to the WPS Annual Print Exhibition. The motion was accepted and will be discussed at a future meeting of the new committee.

The AGM closed at 9.00pm