

# Winchester Photographic Society

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

29 May 2018

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Nick Townley as President welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Apologies were received from Alison Cawley, Geoff Sharman, Steven Cooper, Alex Pordage and Bryce Richardson

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 30 May 2017 were Proposed, Seconded and Accepted by the meeting, after the Secretary had read out the Matter Arising detail therefrom.

### 3. Reports from Officers:

4.1 Nick Townley 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 Adrian Binney presented the Secretary's report.

4.3 Graham Barber presented the Treasurer's report covering both the actual results for the year to 31 March 2018 and the Budget for 2018/19. He in particular explained:

- That the actual results were ahead of budget with a surplus of £312 vs a budgeted deficit of £2,421.
- That the membership has hovered around the self-imposed cap of 200 and that there are now around 40 on the waiting list.
- That the biggest additional cost for 2018/19 will be a 32% increase in the rent charged for DC. A wide-ranging discussion by members present took place, with the majority view being that the membership fees represented good value for what the Society provides, including the use of the DC (with the raked seating) for their Tuesday nights' events. Nevertheless, the Committee are resolved to search for alternative locations in case further substantial costs are imposed.
- That the additional rental costs be phased into the membership fees over a number of years, with the recommendation for 18/19 fees plus the expectation for the following 2 years being increased at approximately 10% each year.
- That this would continue to provide the previously agreed subsidies in Training & Workshop costs, to utilise the excess reserves of the Society, with such subsidies phased down over coming years.

Two motions were proposed, seconded and agreed:

- A rise in subscription fees for the 2018-19 season as follows:
  - Standard: £75 per annum (from £68)
  - Joint: £132 per annum (from £120)
  - Student: £10 (unchanged from previous year)
  - Visitor: £5 (unchanged from previous year)
- Approval of the 2018-19 business plan

4.4 Gordon Brown presented a comprehensive Competition Secretary's report, covering both internal and external competitions. He explained the planned competition changes for 2018/19 with one less night of competitions being to add an external speaker. He also indicated that he had passed feedback to the SCPF over the quality of judges.

During his report a suggestion was made that the SCPF competition nights be held on a different night and location. Gordon Brown suggested that this may not be allowed by the SCPF, but nevertheless the Committee will examine the proposal.

It was also suggested that a workshop be held ahead of when the themed competition (which for 18/19 was announced as "Fantastic Light"). This is to be discussed by the Committee.

4.5 Gavin Bowyer presented the Programme Secretaries report covering the objectives for the 2018-19 season, indicating that the core dates for speakers for the first few months would be posted to the website in as soon as possible.

## 5. Election of Officers

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

Candidate	Position
Gavin Bowyer	Vice President
Graham Barber	Treasurer & Membership Secretary
Gerard Carlin	Web Architect
Trevor Morecraft	Communication Secretary
Carey Wall	Member Representative
Eleanor Coke	Member Representative
Tony Smith	Member Representative

6. Any other business

The following motion had been communicated to the Secretary ahead of the meeting, who read it out for the meeting:

*“All pictures used to represent the Winchester Photographic Society in SCPF competitions, may only include photographs by fully paid members or life members in the season the competition is held”* Proposed by Lilian Hobbs, Seconded Anne Ruffell.

Gordon Brown went through the alternative view, which had been circulated to all members ahead of the meeting.

After significant discussion both for and against, the motion was put to a vote, which was defeated by a significant margin.

After a President handover ceremony, Glyn Paton gave thanks to Nick Townley for his time in office and a very successful year for the Society.

The AGM closed at 9.10pm