

# Winchester Photographic Society

## Minutes of Special General Meeting

24 September 2019

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Gavin Bowyer as President welcomed everyone to the Special General Meeting, held to allow members to vote on certain suggested changes to Competition procedures. The Notice of the SGM with supporting papers had been emailed to all members on 09/09/19.

2. Adrian Binney, as Secretary read out the list of 18 members who apologised for their non-attendance and, with the exception on one member, had provided their voting intentions through a proxy. There were 73 in attendance, thus a total of 90 members were able to vote for the motions as detailed below.

### 3. Motions

Gordon Brown as Competition Secretary, read out and gave some background to each of the following motions, with members having the opportunity to ask questions or make observations.

Motion 1      Whether to standardise on approximately 20% of entries to be awarded Highly Commended

Motion 2      Whether to abolish the 1 point for entering each competition, except for the Beginners Class where point for entry will continue.

Motion 3      Whether to move to 4 Classes instead of 3.

For those voting YES to Motion 3 only:

Motion 4      Whether to commence the 4 Class system:

~ In time for the first Competition for 2019/20 season, or

~ To commence at the start of the following season.

Voting Slips had been circulated for completion by members present, together with additional slips for proxy voters. Time was given for members to complete the slips, which were then collated and the SGM was adjourned to allow the "You are the Judge" evening to take place.

#### 4 **Results**

At 9:50 Adrian Binney announced the results as follows:

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Votes for the Motion (as % of those who voted)</b>
1. Re Highly Commended	74 (82%)
2. Abolishing 1 point for entering	53 (59%)
3. 4 classes instead of 3	82 (91%)
4. Commence 4 classes now	81 (100%, 1 who voted for M3, did not vote for M4)

#### 5 **Closing Remarks**

Gavin Bowyer gave thanks to all members who had taken part in this SGM, for Gordon Brown and his Working Group for their time over the summer months and Adrian Binney for dealing with the SGM formalities/documentation. He indicated that members would be told of these results, their implications and listing members' new class through the Newsletter and website.

The SGM closed at 10:00pm