

INVICTA PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DETLING VILLAGE HALL 21st APRIL 2011

16 members were present

1. **Welcome**

The meeting was opened by Neal Goodhand at 19.42

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Glyn Bareham, Mike Tompkins, Tony Bentley, Mary Birchall

3. **Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. **Matters Arising**

Graham raised a query about the officers and committee members as stated in the constitution. He felt there was a discrepancy between what was stated in the constitution and members elected in 2010.

5. **Chairman's Report**

- Neal reported the club had had a good year.
- The club were Kent's sole representative in the PAGB Club Print competition at Connah's Quay, organised by George, and achieved a creditable position. We also achieved a respectable position in the PAGB PI competition. Twenty prints from the club were accepted for the KCPA Annual Exhibition.
- Neal expressed appreciation of George's work as External Competition Secretary and was awarding the Chairman's Cup to George for all his hard work.
- This year has brought some changes including the move into the large hall for all meetings.
- A small sub group have been working on a club handbook and this will be passed onto the new committee for completion.
- The current committee have investigated the purchase of a new print stand and it is hoped that this can be ordered in the near future. Consideration of a new projector is high on the agenda for the forthcoming year and Neal hopes the new committee can investigate how to raise sufficient funds for this.
- Neil reported that he was standing down as Chairman following a difficult year. He thanked everyone for their help throughout the year and extended his best wishes for the incoming committee and the year ahead.

6. Treasurer's Report

- A sheet detailing income/expenditure comparisons for the last 4 years was handed out to the meeting. The sheet also showed details of the income/expenditure for the year to June 2011 and a balance sheet for the current year.
- Neil Marshall expressed his thanks To Bob Beard who has worked closely with Neil over the season developing new spreadsheets and advising on book-keeping.
- Thanks to Robin for organising the weekly raffle and to Barbara and Eric for the refreshments. The money raised from these as follows:

Refreshments	£205
Raffle	£427
Quiz	£401
- Neil advised the default date at the top of the sheet is so that the accounts can run up to that date thus allowing all outstanding debits/credits to be dealt with to finalise the year's accounts.
- The surplus for the year is £1300 compared to £400 last year but the Burham Project brought in £500 and that was a one off payment. We have also had cheaper judges and speakers this year.
- Neil advised there is no need for membership fees to go up next season as we have enough to manage even if membership drops.
- There is currently approx £3300 in the club's account but there are still some expenses to be paid.
- ***It was proposed that membership subscriptions should remain at current levels - £30 for individuals and £47 for joint membership. This was agreed unanimously.***
- Brian Paxton asked about additional insurance that some clubs were taking out. He was advised that the committee had considered this and decided against taking out additional insurance. This could be reconsidered by the next committee if required.

7. Internal Secretary's Report (prints)

- The standard of prints has been commented on favourable by judges over the year. The print competitions have seen slightly more entries than the set subject competitions.
- The Print league was won jointly by Mick Sayer and Nicholas Hill.
- Thanks were expressed to John Adkins for managing the prints at competitions.

Internal Secretary's report (PI's)

A statement by Mike Tomkins was read to the meeting – he commented on errors made by entrants stating that although titling errors could easily be dealt with by the secretary incorrect sizing of PI's should be bounced back to the entrant. He said the use of email attachments had been working well.

8. **External Secretary's Report**

- George reported that for the first time in the club's history we had been chosen to represent Kent in the PAGB Inter-Club Print Championship at Connaught Quay. The club came 19 out of 36 clubs.
- Disappointingly the club came 8th out of 32 in the Ross Cup despite a strong entry.
- The Marley Medallion proved controversial after Maidstone and Invicta tied but an unwritten rule led to Maidstone winning.
- A record number of prints from the club were accepted for the KCPA Exhibition with Mick and Nick both doing well. Appropriately they share this year's Print League title.
- We have gained some strong new members this year and tutorials have helped improve members' skill levels. George thanks all members who have given images, time and enthusiasm this year.

9. **Publicity Report**

Frank said the board is at the club entrance each week and was also displayed at Burham.

10. **Training Officer's Report**

Bill reported a bumpy start to the season after being unable to book the small room at Detling for training. A room was found at Burham but turn out was poor and the snow in December did not help. The club just about covered its costs. A spare club evening was used for the last training session and this was very successful thanks to Nick and Chas. Due to ill health Bill has been unable to arrange future training.

11. **Aperture Report**

Mick continues to be frustrated by lack of contributions. Typing of the results into word tables takes a long time. Bill said he may be able to change that and give Mick the results in a suitable format to avoid retyping.

12. **Webmaster's Report**

A brief statement from Mike Tomkins was read out to the meeting. There were no major changes to the website this year. There was a problem with receiving the results in a suitable format for the web but this has now been solved.

13. **Resolutions for Amendments**

Proposal for Additional Membership - Proposed by Graham Johnson
- Seconded by Glyn Bareham

Proposal to form a new class of membership allowing people from UK and overseas to join the club to enter PI competitions only. There would be no requirement to attend club meetings.

Issues raised by members;

- This would change the spirit of the club.
- Competitions could be won by members who never attend
- What would be a reasonable membership fee?

- Other strong clubs do allow open/postal membership
- Social side of the club could be affected

The proposal was rejected by the AGM
Against – 10 For – 2

Change to the Competition rules - Proposed by George Pearson
- Seconded by Mick Sayer

Tie Breaks - Proposed by Chas Bedford

The meeting agreed that George's proposal would be considered with the addition of point 4 of Chas' proposal regarding tie breaks (see attached).

The proposal was accepted by the AGM
For – 15 Against – 1

14. **Election of Officers**

Officers and committee members were agreed as per the attached sheet.

For - 13 Against - 1

There were no offers for the post of equipment officer.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm

Agreed Changes to Competition Rules AGM 2011

The existing Print and PI league system be altered:-

1. To consist only of 4 open competitions using the existing scoring system with the best 9 scores counting for the League (3 prints allowed in each).
2. There would be no requirement to enter all 4 competitions however.
3. The 3 Set Subject league competitions would be replaced by separate competitions:
 - a) Portrait
 - b) Natural History
 - c) Variable selection (by Chairman?)
4. As before the prints eligible for the Print and PI of the Year will be those achieving 1st, 2nd, 3rd and equivalent scores from the 4 print leagues, the Best of the Rest, **Mono, Portrait**, Imagination, Natural History and the remaining set subject competition.
5. Tie breaks to be decided by who has the most first places. If still tied then most second places, most third, most non placing 20's, most 19's ... etc. In the unlikely event that a tie can't be broken by that procedure then it stands and is recorded as a tie.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2011

CHAIRMAN	GLYN BAREHAM
VICE CHAIRMAN	TONY BENTLEY
HON SECRETARY	ROGER BIRCHALL
TREASURER	NEIL MARSHALL
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	BILL BASSANT
PUBLICITY OFFICER	
PROGRAMME SECRETARY	GLYN BAREHAM
COMPETITION SEC – INTERNAL - PRINTS	FRANK MAGILL
COMPETITION SEC – INTERNAL – PI's	CHAS BEDFORD
COMPETITION SEC – EXTERNAL	GEORGE PEARSON
NEWSLETTER	MICK SAYER
WEB MASTER	TONY BENTLEY
EQUIPMENT OFFICER 1	
EQUIPMENT OFFICER 2	
KCPA DELEGATE	TONY BENTLEY
KCPA DELEGATE	GLYN BAREHAM
SNAPS DELEGATE	NEAL GOODHAND
COMMITTEE 1	ANN HARRISON
COMMITTEE 2	KATHIE HOWE
COMMITTEE 3	BOB BEARD