

## ASHBY CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of AGM 08 October 2008

### **Present**

Ruth Gillespie, David Bird, Gren Cooper, Phil Richardson, Edwin Russell, Don Hill, Brian Botham, Malcolm Dunbar, Dave Jalland, Anne Thorne, Martin Mabey, Gwenllian Rhonda Fry, Steve Porter, Mike Carter, Dave Goacher, Bill Pemberton, Heather Chandler, John Finch, Larry South, Marie South, Brian Croften. (21 in total)

### **Apologies**

Andy Holland, Fred Wardle, Patrick and Helen Crowhurst, Mike and Jill Frost.

### **Meeting declared open at 7.40.**

### **Election of Chair for Meeting.**

Ruth Gillespie was unanimously voted to chair the meeting after being proposed by David Bird and seconded by Martin Mabey.

### **Minutes of the last AGM**

These were read out by Ruth.

David Bird went through Any Other Business to detail the previous committees actions on the questions raised:

Fred Wardle's suggestion of displaying the prints after competitions had been adopted and proved worthwhile.

Phil Richardson had done a demonstration on how to use photo sharing sites on the internet.

A full and updated list of members and their contact details had been compiled by Gren Cooper.

To increase publicity, posters and copies of the programme had been put in various locations in Ashby and Swadlincote. Details of events had been sent to Ashby Life for inclusion in their what's on page.

No introductory talk, for beginners in digital photography, had been put on since it was considered not practical due to the variety of cameras on the market with different controls – could not do a one size fits all talk or demonstration. This prompted some comments and discussion. Some members pointed out that many cameras have the same functions and they would find it useful to have advice on what results different settings produce. Some had been to talks/courses and found them beneficial. Something similar at the club would help members get the most out of their cameras which can do much more than SLRs. It was suggested that talks could be on a make by make basis and we could include a demonstration of how to get the best out of a digital camera in the summer programme. It was decided that the new committee would look into the points raised.

## **Retiring Officers Reports**

### Chairman

Ruth introduced her report by saying she had been chairman for three years and prior to that had served on the committee in other posts. She felt it was time to make way for fresh faces so that the club did not become stale. A copy of Ruth's report is on file.

### Secretary

A copy of David's report is on file.

### Treasurer

Gren presented the club's accounts for the year ended 31 August 2008. He wanted to put on record his thanks to Steve Gough for his time in auditing the accounts. He went through the figures and pointed out a couple of entries under Income. One model would not accept the collection we normally have so this was put into club funds. Another model's mother donated £25 as a thank you for all the excellent photographs of her daughter they had received.

Although we made a surplus of £99, Gren said we should not be complacent since the above donations were a one off and it was a great help that Phil Richardson did not charge for printing off the programmes.

A copy of the accounts is on file.

### Competition Secretary

In the absence of Andy Holland due to work commitments, David Bird read out his report, a copy of which is on file.

## **Election of New Committee**

### Chairman

Ruth repeated that after three years in the post she had no intention of standing again. There were no nominations and it was decided to move on and discuss this after the other positions were filled.

### Secretary

David said he was prepared to stand for another year. He was proposed by Edwin Russell and seconded by Malcolm Dunbar and his nomination accepted unanimously.

### Competition Secretary

Although not present, Andy Holland had said at the last committee meeting that he was prepared to stand. He was proposed by Malcolm Dunbar, seconded by Dave Goacher and his nomination accepted unanimously.

### Treasurer

Initially there were no nominations. Gren was willing to carry on for a short while. However, it was agreed this was not acceptable. Bill Pemberton, a new member, said that was prepared to stand. Bill stated that he lived in Ashby, was retired, had a financial background had been treasurer of other clubs. The point was made that the rules stated that new members could not stand for election. However, a quick read of

the new rules suggested this was not the case. The meeting was adjourned for a break whilst the rules were read more carefully and the matter discussed. The rule regarding new members not standing as officers was deleted from the new rules which were accepted at an EGM in January 2008. The old rules stated "whenever possible" members should have been members for at least three years before standing. When the meeting reconvened it was informed that there was nothing in the rules to prevent Bill from standing. Bill pointed out that he would be unable to attend all the meetings. However, David Goacher said he would be willing to help. Ruth suggested the meeting vote to accept Bill as treasurer with Dave's help. This was proposed by Brian Croften, seconded by Martin Mabey and passed unanimously.

#### Committee members

Phil Richardson was prepared to seek re election. Ruth pointed out that at the last committee meeting it was agreed that the member running the web site should be a committee member. Mike Frost, who currently runs the web site, does not wish to be a committee member and if re elected Phil would take over the web site. Phil was re elected after being proposed by Martin Mabey and seconded by Heather Chandler.

Malcolm Dunbar was prepared to stand but he would not be able to attend committee meetings until the New Year. He was proposed by Ruth Gillespie and seconded by Heather Chandler and elected unanimously.

#### Chairman

There were still no nominations for this position and there was a brief discussion on what could be done to overcome this. It was agreed that the committee would co opt members if and when necessary to assist them.

#### **AOB**

Dave Goacher thanked the outgoing committee for their work over the last year. He also pointed out that in conversation with Ralph Duckett, Burton Competition Secretary, after he had judged for us, Ralph had asked if we were in a position to put enough slides together for the forthcoming competition with them. If not they were willing to change the rules. With only two weeks before the competition the meeting considered it was too late to change the rules but it would be up to the respective competition secretary's to discuss this.

David Bird pointed out that Don Hill had suggested that we run a magazine library to raise funds. The idea was that members brought in magazines they had finished with and other members would pay 50p to take them out on loan. They did not have to be photographic magazines but could be of any type which contained photographic articles or which would be of general interest. The meeting went along with this idea.

Ruth asked for someone to take on the duty of putting out the cups and making the tea since Gren and David had done last season. A rota was suggested but it was pointed out that this had been tried in the past but people tended to forget when it was their turn. There was a brief discussion during which it was suggested that a stock count was required of biscuits etc. David Bird said that he would bring in some UHT milk to be kept in our box as a back up and asked members to take it in turn to make the tea.

**There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.20.**

## Ashby De La Zouch Camera Club

### Income and expenditure account for the year ending 31 August 2009

	<u>2008-09</u>		<u>2007-08</u>	
<b>Income</b>	No		No	
Subscriptions				
Single - Full		£616.00		
Single - Concession		£304.00		
Single - Reduced		£41.50		
Joint - Full		£186.00		
Joint - Concession		£168.00		
Joint - Reduced		£0.00		
	37	£1,315.50	32	£819.00
Refreshments				
Income	22	£330.70	(17)	£232.99
less cost of supplies		-£57.59		-£54.81
		£273.11		£178.18
Raffle	2	£66.00	3	£106.00
Skittles evening				
Income		£212.50		
Less room hire		-£45.00		
Less cost of buffet		-£126.50		
		£41.00		£0.00
Magazines		£9.00		£0.00
Building Society interest		£19.00		£18.41
Other income		£43.14		£78.80
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£ 1,766.75</b>		<b>£ 1,200.39</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Room hire	24	£528.00	26	£425.00
Lecturer fees & expenses	5	£147.00	7	£185.00
Judging fees & expenses	7	£85.00	8	£115.00
MCPF Affiliation		£104.58		£96.33
Insurance		£112.00		£142.00
Trophy engraving		£132.50		£46.00
Promotional assets		£129.81		
Arts festival				£41.00
Other expenses		£81.24		£50.84
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>£ 1,320.13</b>		<b>£ 1,101.17</b>
<b>Net income for year</b>		<b>£ 446.62</b>		<b>£ 99.22</b>

### Reconciliation of balances

<b>At start of year (Sept 1)</b>			
Cash		£43.73	£133.35
Building Soc		£862.48	£730.40
Prepayments		£45.00	
Stock		£11.76	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£962.97</b>	<b>£863.75</b>
Add Net income for year		£446.62	£99.22
<b>Balance at year end (Aug 31)</b>		<b>£1,409.59</b>	<b>£962.97</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Cash		-£91.91	£43.73
Derbyshire BS		£1,451.36	£862.48
Prepayments		£40.00	£45.00
Stock		£10.14	£11.76
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,409.59</b>	<b>£962.97</b>