

ASHBY CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of AGM 30 September 2009

Present

David Bird, Andy Holland, Bill Pemberton, Phil Richardson, Malcolm Dunbar, Edwin Russell, Dave Jalland, Martin Mabey, Dave Goacher, Heather Chandler, John Finch, Brian Crofton, Gren Cooper, Ruth Gillespie, Kate Orde – Powlett, Greta Davies, Keith Lacey, Tony Macnamara, Mike Frost, Malc Bull, Paul Daniels, Ian Peterson, Audrey Wileman and Dave Wileman.(24 in total)

Apologies

Fred Wardle, Larry and Marie South. Larry had sent an e mail in which he thanked the committee for making it a great club to be in. The development of the web site, exhibitions and beginners talks was a step forward. He considered that the burden should not just fall on the committee and offered his help, particularly with the member's presentation evening, although work commitments made regular committee work too much to take on.

Meeting declared open at 7.35

Election of Chair for Meeting.

David Bird was unanimously voted to chair the meeting after being proposed by Phil Richardson and seconded by Bill Pemberton.

Minutes of the last AGM

David read out the minutes of the last AGM.

Matters arising;

Ruth commented that the job of making the tea had been mostly done by the same members and she had not seen others doing it as agreed. David said he intended to raise this under AOB.

Andy referred to the question of sufficient slides being available for the competition against Burton. This question will come up again this season and he will discuss this with Burton.

David went through the other points which had required action by the committee;

Beginners talk on digital photography - Phil had agreed to prepare and present a two part talk. The first one had taken place and had proved a great success with several visitors attending. Although nothing specific had been done during the summer programme, the more experienced members were willing to answer any questions and offer advice.

Magazine library – this was being run by Malcolm Dunbar who would continue doing so this season.

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Retiring Officers Reports

Competition Secretary

Andy read out his report, a summary of which is given below;

- Internal competitions were well supported with the main media being prints.
- This year members will have the opportunity to enter prints, slides or digital images.
- Larry South did a clean sweep by winning all competitions.
- External competitions – lost v Burton but result much closer than previous due to higher standard.
- Won v Melbourne (in which we used digital projected images for the first time) and the Tripartite but lost v Earl Shilton.
- Also entered the MCPF competition for digitally projected images.

A full copy of the report is on file.

Secretary

David read out his report, a summary of which is given below;

- The Ashby Town Council community rooms at Legion House should be open shortly. When the committee first viewed them they were considered unsuitable for our needs but we can view again when the building work is completed.
- The Village Hall is carrying out building work, including a larger storage area, in the next few months which could mean it closing for a few weeks. They have held this year's increase in hire charges in abeyance until the end of the year.
- Summer programme – looking for new ideas so suggestions to the new committee please.
- Busy summer with exhibitions and displays. About 350 programmes given out.
- Winter programme drawn up with a view to keeping costs down hence more talks by members.
- The season proved to be a busy and positive one.
- Thanks to all for their help.
- Not my intention to stand for re election.

A full copy of the report is on file.

Heather Chandler asked if we had considered a Leicestershire Shire Grant to help with the room rent. It was pointed out that we meet in Derbyshire and we would not qualify but we would look into this if we moved back into Ashby.

Treasurer

Bill presented the club's accounts for the year ended 31 August 2009.

A summary of his report is given below;

- Nett Income was about £450 compared to about £100 last year.
- This gave total reserves of about £1400.
- The increase in income was due in part to an increased membership (37), increased subs (to help cover the increase in the room rent) and an increase in income from refreshments.
- Offset against this was a £220 increase in expenditure.
- Promotional assets – banner and display boards which had already been used at four events.
- Reasons identified for maintaining and increasing reserves, including replacement of equipment e.g. a new bulb for digital projector would be about £400.
- Thanks to Phil for looking after website and printing off programmes at no cost to the club, to Gren for his work as previous Treasurer and to accountant Bill Allsopp for verifying the accounts.

A full copy of the accounts and report are on file.

During his report Bill referred to the MCPF affiliation fee. Gren thought it would be of benefit to new members to explain what the MCPF was. David said he intended to do this under AOB.

Brian Crofton asked how many people had joined so far this year. Bill replied that he did not have the exact number to hand, but so far it was less than the 37 we had last year.

Election of New Committee

Competition Secretary - Andy Holland stood for re election. Proposed by Martin Mabey and seconded by Heather Chandler. Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer - Bill Pemberton stood for re election. Proposed by Ruth Gillespie and seconded by John Finch. Accepted unanimously.

Secretary – There were no nominations. As a result of this David Bird said he would be prepared to carry on for another season. Proposed by Martin Mabey and seconded by Malcolm Dunbar. Accepted unanimously.

Committee member and Webmaster – Phil Richardson stood for re election on the understanding that he would not give as much time as last year. He considered that extra committee members were required to share the work.
Proposed by Ruth Gillespie and seconded by Dave Goacher. Accepted unanimously.

Committee member – Malcolm Dunbar stood for re election. Proposed by Brian Crofton and seconded by Martin Maybe. Accepted unanimously.

In view of a general agreement with Phil's comments further nominations were requested for committee members;

Brian Crofton – Proposed by Andy Holland and seconded by Edwin Russell.
Accepted unanimously.

Dave Goacher – Proposed by Malcolm Dunbar and seconded by David Bird.
Accepted unanimously.

Mike Frost offered his help in selecting work for external competitions.

It was pointed out that all members could help by thinking about ideas/suggestions.

Ruth reminded the meeting that we still did not have a Chairperson. However, there were no nominations and since we had managed last season without one, we would carry on as before. Dave Goacher volunteered to do the hosting on club nights.

Ruth thanked the out going committee on a job well done.

AOB

Refreshments – as Ruth had pointed out, the same members made the tea last season although it had been agreed that members take turns. David asked if a rota was required. There was general agreement with this and Brian Crofton said he would take this on. After a brief discussion Brian said he would e mail members to check their availability. Keith Lacey asked for clarification on what items were kept in our box in the kitchen. Bill answered that all required items including a spare carton of milk were kept in the box and he would look after replacing these. There was no need for members to bring any items when it was their turn to make the tea.

Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) and the Midland Counties Photographic Federation (MCPF) – David gave a brief description of these organisations and pointed out that we are a member of MCPF. He pointed out that both organisations hold competitions/exhibitions and that the main one for the MCPF was MidPhot. Dave Goacher pointed out that this was held in Oldbury and suggested that the club promote a visit to view the high quality work on display. Phil suggested that the club should enter more of the competitions organised by MCPF & PAGB.

Forwarding e mails from third parties – David asked if members were happy with him forwarding such e mails which were usually from companies selling photographic related items. The meeting did not object to this.

Splitting up scores between beginners and experienced members – Andy reported that he had been asked if it we could do this. Dave Goacher pointed out it is difficult for beginners if they are up against experienced members. It was suggested that competition entries be split into two sections with beginners moving up over time. Burton and Coalville do something similar. The question was raised about whether these would be judged as two separate groups (i.e. two competitions) or judged all together and would this be too complicated This would be discussed by the new committee. There followed a general discussion on judges.

Colour Calibration Monitor – Andy suggested that the club should purchase one of these and hire it out to members as agreed by the out going committee. This would be considered further after the visit from Colour Confidence (11 Nov).

Brian Crofton suggested that we standardise the price of tea and biscuits at £1.00 for simplification. The meeting agreed with this.

Mike Frost made several suggestions;

1 We name one of the trophies e.g. Novice Cup after the late Ivan Harriman. Ivan had been a member for over 20 years and helped the club and members. He will be particularly remembered for his photo quizzes.

2 The committee consider booking Ashley Franklin, who writes for Derbyshire Life, to do a talk. Although he may be more expensive than some he thought he would be worth it. Andy suggested that to cover the extra cost we could charge a small entrance fee. David suggested we could publicize the talk to encourage extra visitors. However, it was pointed out that we may end up with more visitors than we could seat.

3 Derbyshire Life also included features on camera clubs so why not contact them to include ourselves.

4 Next year sees the 50th anniversary of Ashby's twinning with Pithiviers. In the past other occasions have been marked by the exchange of "work" e.g. a panel of photographs. Mike suggested we could become involved with this and contact the twinning committee. He thought that Ann Thorne was still involved with the twinning organisation.

The meeting was generally in favour of all these suggestions and the new committee would discuss them all.

John Finch asked if the Red Bank factory visit, cancelled during the summer, was going to be re arranged. Phil replied that he thought it could be but we would have to check with Mike Carter who arranged the visit. Phil went on to say that it was cancelled since they did want visitors before the official opening.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.25

