

## **Minutes from AGM Meeting of Axholme Camera Club held on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**

1. Apologies Jan & Dave Neale, Dave Gilbert, Jean Goodburne
2. Minutes of AGM 2015 Proposed that these be accepted as a true record by Peter Webster and seconded by George Fiddler.
3. Chairman's Report: Geoff thanked all the Committee for their hard work and gave particular thanks to Peter Webster for sending on and managing emails to members. Dave and Jan were also thanked for their tireless work with competitions. The Committees help makes Geoff's job much easier. But he recognised that without members there would be no club and thanked the members for their continuing support.

Geoff asked that members let the committee know if they had any thoughts, comments or ideas.

Geoff went on to say that he felt that this year's programme seemed to go well as he had received no complaints.

He expressed disappointment at the workshop attendance, he hoped the planned sessions for next year would be better attended.

He also gave thanks to Allan Rowsall for his Digital Darkroom Workshops which added income to the club funds.

Despite Jan standing down as Competition Secretary she kindly offered to organise the next Annual Exhibition, Geoff expressed his thanks and added that the Exhibition had gone well this year

### **Treasurer's Report for the period 1st April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

#### **Income side**

The membership numbers have decreased from 57 to 54. The annual membership subscription total has therefore also decreased.

The average attendance this year is approximately 25 (21).

Highest attendance was 37 (28) Duncan Hill, followed by Songs title comp and Ladies V Gents comp 34 also

Steve Bond Sports photographer 34

Lowest attendances were 12 (10) George's presentation and a Member's evening 14 (both in profit)  
( Last years figures in brackets)

In general the highest attendances were for competition nights.

Average for competitions 32

Average for members evening 17

The Digital Darkrooms and Lightroom workshops made a profit of £72. Thank you to Allan

Donations included members who generously donated items to be sold in aid of club funds. Also included were coins found on the floor at the end of the evening and the odd overpayment of 5 or 10p from some members. As I always say sorry accounts have now been audited.

There was also a donation of £60 cash and £40 in vouchers from Tom Dennis Imaging at Scunthorpe  
Bank interest decreased from £1.68. to £1.66

### **Expenditure side**

On the expenditure side we purchased a new projector £598.80 and laptop £750

We had 37 (38) paid meetings and we had 24 (21) external speakers or judges

Some better than others --have your own views.

Fees ranged:- For judges from £0 Ray Brammall to £50 Dave Gibbins .

For speakers from £7 Duncan Hill to £150 Alex Hyde.

The total paid was much more than last year.

N&EMPF next year will be less since the subscription is based on the previous year's membership.  
The same happens for the LPA. Approx £152 N&EMPF and £30 LPA.

As I say every year though I have no objections I think the next committee should consider whether membership of N&EMPF is worthwhile.

Chairman's expenses, Geoff has claimed nothing this year and I have managed to classify all other expenses.

The fixed expenses, Insurance, LPA and N&EMPF membership accounts for approximately £5.35 of the £10 annual membership

Though overall we made a loss of £422.57 on the year,

I would like to recommend the Annual membership fee and weekly subscription remains the same for the next financial year.

My thanks to the Club's committee particularly Geoff , Joyce, Dave & Jan and all the club members for their support throughout the year and especially for the friendly way in which everyone hands over their dues.

Also thanks to Keith Cawthorne and Chris Trinder for overseeing the accounts.

Peter proposed that this report is accepted. This was seconded by George Fiddler, the accounts were accepted as a true record.

Peter proposed that membership fees remain at the current rate, this was agreed by all.

### **Election of Committee members**

Geoff Trinder relinquished the Chair and was voted in as the next Chair, proposed by Bob Fish and seconded by Simon Knight

Peter Webster was voted in again as Treasurer, proposed by Geoff Trinder and seconded by Guy Myers

George Fiddler was again voted in as Co Vice Chair, proposed by Mary Fish and seconded by Keith Cawsey.

Charmian Roberts was again voted in as Co Vice Chair, proposed by Judy Shirley and seconded by Simon Knight.

Joyce was again voted in as Programme Secretary proposed by Keith Cawsey and seconded by Judy Shirley

Jan Neale is standing down as Competition Secretary, Geoff thanked Jan for all her hard work in such a difficult role. He proposed a big vote of thanks for Jan.

Dave Neale was happy to continue in this role and was proposed by Mary Fish and seconded by Joyce Hooley.

Alan Keen was proposed as second Competition Secretary, with Dave and he was proposed by George Fiddler and seconded by Joyce Hooley. It should be noted that Ivan Sedgewick had offered to assist as required.

The other committee members were voted in as a group, that is Jean Goodburne, Simon Knight and Guy Myers, this was proposed by Ivan Sedgewick and seconded by Gill Everett.

Allan Rowsall resigned from the Committee and so Gill Everett was proposed by Peter Webster and seconded by Joyce Hooley, Geoff welcome Alan and Gill onto the Committee.

This concluded the election of Committee Members.

### **Questions from the Members**

Bob Fish raised a question about speakers and the cost of expensive speakers and added that it may be appropriate to charge more money to attendees to cover that cost.

Peter replied that he felt that the ACC provided a service for the club and should not charge more for speakers.

David Livsey agreed with Bob saying a speaker should be selected for their expertise and quality and not for cost. Bob suggested this may provide a good speakers night which could be thrown open to external clubs, Peter was concerned that our members may suffer if there was overcrowding.

Geoff added that we have had several high quality speakers at £100ish and we also have open meetings for paying guests. There were also a free taster meeting for potential new members.

Ivan suggested asking members what were their top three genres for photography, as this would inform the choice of speakers.

David Livsey added that the thing that has helped him most is the variety of competition themes which he finds challenges him.

He said it was a challenge for the Committee to find competition titles which both motivate and inspire members to enter.

Geoff explained that it was no mean feat to put together a varied and interesting programme for a whole year, and agreed yes, it could be difficult.

It was agreed to keep the same number of meetings as last year.

Simon advised the group that the Hall is being enlarged in the autumn and the Club has been offered the use of the Church for meetings during that time.

Joyce said the area would be enlarged with more rooms and confirmed that the church was available with heating in winter.

Ken Thomson asked about parking which had always been a concern, Joyce explained that the area would be cordoned off.

Geoff asked if anyone had any AOB. There were none. So the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm