

BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 34 Link House
2nd August 2017 @ 19.30

Those attending: Jim Richards (JR), Tim Hearn (TH), Margaret Dolan (MD), Tony Brewer(TB), Andy Francis (AF), Mac Chivers (MC) and Michael Bowden (MB).

Apologies from Tony Coleman (Still on holiday).

Greeted by JR with light refreshments

Minutes of the meeting were recorded by MD and transcribed to print.

MD went through the minutes of the last meeting. Still no agenda.

TB still has no news from Ms Holden.

Membership Mojo was again batted about!

TB wants to know the significance of membership numbers as there are many gaps up to member 48!fil

A pre-Season meeting for new members was disposed with!

Certificates were passed over to AF to design. These to be A5 size on card or textured card. Certificates would go (next year, 2017/18) to 1st 2nd 3rd and highly commended. Trophies would still go to the winner of the Masters.

It was suggested that the 'End Of Season' outing for 2018 might be a mass intrusion of Lundy Island. JR suggest that this be put before the members at the start of the season. MB said that we could also book the pub for lunch.

MC took us through the 'Rules and Regulations' as gleaned from PAGB and WCPF websites. (A copy of the amended [after a lot of discussion] rules will be attached asap).

We then discussed the possibility of having a two-tier competition, 'Improvers' and 'Advanced'. This would, hopefully, encourage more entries from members who, at the moment, think they cannot produce an image of the top winners. At the end of each season, the two highest scoring 'Improvers' would move up to the 'Advanced' and the two lowest scoring 'Advanced' members would drop down to the 'Improvers' (with the option of re-locating more members between groups). This was agreed to, in principle, at Committee level today, to be put before the members early in the season.

An external judge is preferred for competitions as they are better for the critique of an image. A members panel for internally judged competitions remains contentious. It was agreed that external judges would be sought for all competitions when finances permit.

A/V was decided to be a 'fun' evening and not a competition.

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Mentors. MC volunteered to show members mount cutting and how to make a nice image into an amazing image! A mentor must be able to commit to at least two sessions on a one-to-one basis.

Marketing is a big MUST.

TB had an e-mail from Sue Brown who has broken her arm and would be unable to attend the booking on 3rd October 2017, consequently we have moved her to 6th March 2018. therefore MC moves from 31st October 2017 to 3rd October 2017, TH will move from 6th February 2018 to 31st October 2017, Sue Brown is now booked for 6th March 2018.

A questionnaire is to be handed out early in the season, to seek subjects for 10th October 2017 FAQ session.

John Kelley is to be approached to do the Critique evening. Maureen Dennis is also a local judge to be approached.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) was brought up by MC. Members would show which Subjects they would be interested in, a leader volunteers and then that group is self running! They would produce a show for the rest of the club membership. It was decided to have a show of hands in the early season.

MC has bought himself a projector which he is prepared to lend to the club.

Another meeting was arranged for Wednesday 23rd August 2017

Meeting closed at 21.50