



Bideford Camera Club

BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 34 Link House
15th November 2017 @ 19.30

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

Greeted by JR with light refreshments

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

1. ** MD opened the meeting by discussing the telephone call she received earlier in the day. A gentleman, Robert Jefferson, had called to offer the club an opportunity of - getting £500 for hosting a print competition for prints. The idea is to help a charity who have approached the Lottery Commission (LC) to fund a project. It would be a before and after photographic competition. It costs nothing to enter and the 1st prize, club members, as would be cash, as would first prize for the villagers.

It was agreed, in principle, to take part in this project! A meeting with the organiser when he gets agreement from LC was agreed on. A copy of the e-mail will be attached for the Committee.

*"Nice talking to you Margaret.
Here is a recap of my slightly jumbly thoughts.*

*I am raising funds for the repair of the Weare Giffard Church.
I have high hopes of getting £12000 from the lottery heritage fund (not guaranteed) but they stipulate that to be eligible for the money there must be community involvement. My idea is to have a photographic competition for the village people to take before and after pictures of the work and a cash prize for the best set of pictures.*

I need a reputable host for the activity. A local camera club. Their members could also compete for a cash prize. I am thinking between £100 and £200 as a first prize for each group.

The camera club would host the pictures and be the judges. I would also want to display the best, or maybe all, pictures in the village hall for one to be chosen for the Weare Giffard calendar.

I would also like somebody to give a presentation, maybe in the village hall or maybe to the village WI, about, for example, the complexity of photography in churches and also present the best pictures and why they were chosen.

We would pay the club £500 for hosting the event. We would also publicise it in the local papers which might generate new members for you. Obviously the lottery people would have to approve my plans as they will fund the activity as well as giving me the money for the church repairs.

I hope this interests your club members Margaret, and if so, I would be delighted to meet with you to thrash out the details..

Look forward to hearing from you."

**** Since the typing up of these minutes MD has had another e-mail from Robert, as follows...**

*"Apologies for such a long delay in coming back to you.
Unfortunately the Lottery people have decided our proposal does not fulfil their requirements and will not fund it. Thank you for your cooperation, and I am disappointed we will not be able to work together.
Robert"*

2. A comment was made about the sudden increase in the number of entries for competitions! A lot of discussion took place on the way that the members were judging! It was decided that for the rest of the season we would stay with the way we have done this season. NEXT SEASON WILL BE ALL EXTERNAL JUDGES!!

3. It was suggested that next season we have more evenings on post processing, highlights, techniques etc!

4. The comments on the competition the preceding evening was a lot better than previous competitions. The comments being read by TH caused a bit of light-heartedness with the contradictions of the 'judges'. Just proving that it is a case of judges preferences. Close up pictures are not necessarily pictorial.

5. Questionnaire

- a. New Members were sourced from 'word of mouth', 'internet'.
- b. AF enquired as to whether anyone else wanted to be added as a Facebook admin.
- c. Special Interest Groups got very few results.
- d. It was suggested that some of the Summer evenings were targeted towards possible Special Interests. MD will look at the possibilities. TH commented about a place where photographic groups can book. Westcountry Wildlife Photography Centre, Lifton, Cornwall. (Next door to Dingles Fairground).
- e. The Two Division system is being run in the background by MC. Care should be taken when choosing names for each division and not to choose names that made any members feel less able than others. No definite decision has yet been made and MC is to draft a memo about naming the two divisions.

6. The password for the Members Area of the website has now been changed. Please refer to your e-mail from AF.

7. The members are to be informed as to who is on the Judging Panel.

8. It was also agreed that more external competitions are to be entered, although that could mean less winners.

9. Jonny Kingdom was suggested as a talker for next season along with a trip to his area.

10. A Judge Accreditation venue is being sought by the WCPF. Several members showed interest in becoming a judge.

11. It was decided that the cups would be discontinued immediately, with the exception of The Masters Cup.

Another meeting was not arranged
Meeting closed at 21.30