



Bideford **Camera** Club

BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING  
Bideford Methodist Church Halls  
23rd January 2019

**Those Attending** TH (Vice chairman), TB (Hon Treasurer) MD (Hon Secretary) MC (Internal Comp Secretary), TS (Publicity Secretary), MB (Members rep) and SH (Members rep)

Apologies were received from Andy Francis and David Smith

### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting were Approved**

### **2. Next years Speakers.**

TH suggest having a different subject for each speaker.

The format for the present year is thought to be approved of and therefore the same will be implemented for next season.

We started by discussing Portrait photography and having a Workshop, suggesting what to say to models etc. TS will get back to the speaker and discuss his favourite/most popular workshop.

Tommy Talks was also discussed as he appears to be going to several other local clubs.

MC would like Jo Bradford to talk about smart phone photography.

Brian Northmoor was also discussed with a view to booking him next season, with an idea on what he looks for in his landscape photography (leading lines, how he approaches his land/seascapes). Speak to about doing a club based talk.

TH mentioned someone he knows in Wales who may be willing to come down. TH will speak to him about the possibilities.

Richard Fox (who will be talking to us soon) has a friend John Walters who has amusing anecdotal talks about his life on Dartmoor. SH has seen some of his talks and can recommend.

- A. Ron Riley.
- B. David Boag?
- C. A sports photographer (freelance or not)
- D. A photo/journalist (whose name eluded the Committee, but known by AF) was thought to be useful
- E. Andrew McCarthy has a second talk (although not so competent) and members thoroughly enjoyed his Ecology Talk.
- F. A sports photographer (freelance or not)
- G. Joan Bradford books up very quickly.
- H. Jamie Robert-Howes
- I. Chris Matterson
- J. Jane Kearney

### **3. Summer Outings**

Further afield possibilities:-

- TH is to confirm the date of the Bike Show in Ilfracombe!!!
- Hill Climb @ Hartland!!! (31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 & 6<sup>th</sup> October 219)
- Point to point racing (DS to find out more details!)!!27th April @ Eggesford
- Mounting Biking!!!

- Thunder Cats @ Newquay possibly late April
- Brixham Pirates 4-6<sup>th</sup> May!!!
- Pixie Day @ Ottery St Mary June
- Pilton Green Man Day July!!!
- Tavistock Goosey Fair.!!!
- Marsh Fritillaries late May
- Silver Studded Blues (Perrenporth, Newquay)!!!
- Milky Way from Valley of the Rocks October!!!

TH suggested 4 long distance outings and 3 definite coastal/country days sunset/star trails

TH and MD are to liaise about the above

#### **4. Competitions**

MC said that at present we have not got the PAGB placing scores.

SH said that the entries were, at best, not too bad but not brilliant enough for the external competitions. Members need more inspiration to take images and to show them.

How do we get more people to enter? Another 'Open' Competition?

MB suggested making calendars by every member bringing in their top 12 images and have a competition with them. Are the Committee trying to push members into areas they don't want to go?

Photoshop was discussed with a view to having tuition. But 1-1 tuition is best.

MC commented about having 4 competitions with each competition. Do we want to continue with what we are doing now or to amalgamate the print competition.

MC said that he has experienced club evenings where the half the meeting was for all members and the other half of the evening it was divided into various practical tutorials.

The possibility of bringing back separate DPI and print competitions was also discussed.

#### **5. Financial Situation**

TB said the season opening balance in the community account was £2057.00 and (projected) we will probably close the season with about £1200.00. This means we have spent around £800.00 on top of room-hire, speakers and judges.

#### **6. A.O.B.**

TS suggested having more critique evenings. By doing it more often members would become used to critique and accept suggestions being made.

TH commented on the way the club is going due to the present Committee.

An Raffle of Carole's photographic 'stuff' will be held at the AGM

**Meeting Closed @ 21.45**

**NEXT MEETING** ..... Soon after 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019