



AGM Friday 3rd May 2019 at 7.30pm

Venue : **Small Dole Village Hall**
Henfield Road, Small Dole, nr Henfield BN5 9XE

MINUTES

Present: Cliff Carter [CC], chair; Lindsey Green [LG], vice chair; John Peters [JP] treasurer; Sylvia White [SyW], secretary; Virginia Carter [VG]; Chris Green [CG]; Jan Arnold [JA]; Steve White [StW]; Mike Warren [MW]; Liz Barber [LZ].

Clubs represented: Henfield CC; Littlehampton & District CC; Mid-Sussex CC; Southwick CC; Steyning CC; Storrington CC.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from David Waterhouse of Mid-Sussex CC. *[John Peters attended in the role of treasurer and represented the MSCC.]*

2. Minutes of the last AGM

There were no minutes published from the last meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

4. Chairman's Report

The Chair's Report was distributed and is attached to the minutes.

Comment was made regarding the number of member clubs.

Chair, CC, clarified that although Worthing Camera Club had suggested joining the group again in the future he had not, as yet, received a request to rejoin.

Suggestions were put forward to invite other local clubs to become members of the group.

Action

- *To invite Horsham Photographic Society, Middleton Camera Club and Bognor Regis Camera Club*

5. Treasurer's Report

Up to date accounts were distributed and are attached to the minutes.

JP reported further:

- Some income payments are still pending.
- Extra income was generated due to the committee standing in for Worthing Camera Club to run this season's Print competition.

Funds are used to engage high quality judges for competitions or to subsidise any club making a loss from hosting a competition.

The question was asked re other services provided.

CC said that effort had been made in the past to provide a programme training / forum but it hadn't been supported.

MW explained that the SxFed are endeavouring to provide additional support to clubs [training etc.] and it was probably unnecessary for the RG Group to follow suit.

The suggestion was made to maybe initiate a more social activity annually.

CC voiced the opinion that our two competitions were friendly, social events which were probably adequate.

Discussion took place regarding income/funding and the number of clubs in the group. It was noted that extra clubs equated to more funds.

6. Secretary's Report

Acting secretary, SyW, had little to report.

She had only attended one committee meeting in office and is currently in the process of setting up an up-to-date mailing list.

No correspondence had been received by the secretary.

7. Election of Committee

In conjunction with committee policy, Vice Chair LG, was prepared to take the office of Chair, however, due to family issues she asked if husband CG could act as her deputy. It was suggested that CG take the post of Vice Chair but both LG and CG would rather act as Chair Person and Deputy Chair.

It was agreed that a temporary post of Deputy Chair would stand for the present.

Steve White [StW] agreed to take the office of Vice Chair.

Proposed by: Sylvia White

Seconded by: Mike Warren

Agreed: Unanimously

John Peters agreed to remain in the post of Treasurer

Proposed by: Virginia Cater

Seconded by: Jan Arnold

Agreed: Unanimously

Cliff Carter agreed to remain as a member of the committee

Proposed by: Sylvia White

Seconded by: Liz Barber

Agreed: Unanimously

8. Rule Amendments / Proposals

In order to promote more entrants from clubs, thus more variety of work, the committee proposed the following change to **Competition Rule 9**

- *Each club entry shall consist of eight images of any subject – not more than two from any one person – and must contain images from at least **four** (change to **SIX**) persons.*

Approved

Clubs present voted unanimously in favour of the change of Competition Rule 9.

New Rule to read: **Each club entry shall consist of eight images of any subject – not more than two from any one person – and must contain images from at least six members**

9. AOB:

Deadline for payment / contact details

JP suggested setting an annual date for clubs to provide contact information etc. to Regnum Crouch Group.

Discussion took place; the following points were raised

- The current 'end of year' was considered to be the end of March but clubs usually held their AGM's in April/May.
- It was suggested that the Regnum Crouch AGM take place in early June. At this time of year clubs are often less active and a later date may enable more club representatives to attend.
- JP suggested clubs 'self-bill'; he will be able to provide a pro-forma to enable clubs to complete this. The question arose as to whether clubs would be prepared to 'self-bill.'
- Timing of payment was considered.
MW suggested payment from clubs should be expected at the beginning of the season.
The current deadline is end of April.
- In order to be ready for the November print competitions, club contact information should be available before the beginning of the season.

Outcome

- Clubs to be asked to provide contact details by the end of May, immediately following their AGM's.
- Clubs to be asked to provide payment by the end of October.

Club representation at competitions

Henfield have tabled the following resolution.

Henfield Camera Club would like to submit a resolution to the Regnum Committee for discussion at the forthcoming Regnum AGM that "If no representative from the award-winning club were present, the award should pass to the next highest scorer from a club that was represented."

Said resolution was received after the deadline, consequently it could not be circulated to clubs before the AGM. Therefore this matter is only for discussion.

Discussion points

- To issue a polite request to attend competitions.
- To ask for an acknowledgement to emails.
- Some clubs did see it as discourteous to the Regnum Crouch committee and to competing clubs for a specific club to continually fail to have representation at competitions.
- The question was also asked, "What should happen regarding presenting the trophy and, in some cases, the individual trophy for best image, if the winning club isn't represented?"

Outcome

- Member clubs represented at this meeting of the AGM consider all clubs should be represented at competitions.
- It should be the responsibility of the club to arrange collection of any trophies awarded.

Alec Pelham Trophy

Marrutt Professional Photographic have agreed to support Regnum Crouch competitions.

The company have offered to provide a trophy to be awarded for the best print each year. This will be an annual perpetual trophy.

In memory of Alec Pelham and in recognition of his many years of continued support to the RC Group, both the committee and John Read of Marrutt would like this to be the Alec Pelham Trophy.

CC reported that he had been unsuccessful in sourcing a smaller version of the large Regnum Shield. He explained that he was able to make one and asked for members' approval.

Approval

Members approved unanimously

Date of next AGM...

The current proposed date of the next meeting is Friday 1st May 2020. However, the committee will review this at the next committee meeting and may change the date to early June 2020.

Reviewed by committee

Signed dated.....

Approved by AGM

Signed dated.....

