



## **MINUTES Committee Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 7.45**

### **Present**

Lindsey Green [LG] – chair; Chris Green [CG] - deputy chair;  
Steve White [StW] - vice chair; John Peters [JP] treasurer; Sylvia White [SyW] – secretary; Cliff Carter [CC];  
Simon Baker [SB] – external competition secretary, Mid-Sussex Camera Club

### **1. Apologies for absence.**

All committee members were present.

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### **2. Minutes the last committee meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be correct and signed accordingly.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

#### ***Next competition***

It was clarified that it is customary to arrange to take the judge to dinner if, as in the case of the forthcoming competition, the judge was travelling some distance to attend the event.

#### ***AGM***

SyW has informed all clubs of the date and venue of this season's AGM

### **4. Chair's Report.**

LG reported verbally.

#### ***Welcoming new clubs to RG group***

LG said she is still aiming to recruit new clubs to the RC group. She has been investigating both Worthing clubs and thought that possibly joining the group may help to ease the rift between them.

CC explained that the original Worthing group were aware they could rejoin at any time.

#### ***Diversity of judges***

LG considered the lack of high level women judges.

The following points were discussed

- I could sometimes be difficult to encourage female judges to travel long distances at night if they were unaccompanied.
- There are only a small amount of female judges in the A list.
- Two female judges have judged in the last three seasons.

*Note to clarify: Lisa Beany - Crouch Shield PDI 2018  
Rachael Talibart - Regnum Print 2018*

- CG suggested investigating other areas such as East Sussex.
- Bookings have already been secured for all competitions up to and including Regnum Print 2021.

## **5. Treasurer's Report.**

The interim report is attached to these minutes.

JP explained the report was based on the four clubs who had replied and an estimate of those who hadn't, based on last year's member numbers.

With regard to award trophies, JP suggested buying in bulk as it was more economical than purchasing on a yearly basis. However, this will show as extra high expenditure this season.

### **Decision**

- It was agreed to purchase, in bulk, award trophies for the next few years.

JP reported, a small profit had been made on the Alec Pelham trophy sponsored by Marrutt.

The full accounts will be available at the AGM

JP proposed that, as we were a small group, the account could be inspected by the chair rather than complete a full audit. This is quite customary with small associations and was an accepted policy.

The matter was considered but a vote was not taken therefore an official decision was not made.

## **6. Correspondence**

- Secretary  
SyW has not received any new correspondence
- Others  
All communication to other committee members has been dealt with and forwarded to all members.  
Most of this correspondence has been to secure judges.

## **10 Crouch Shield PDI Competition**

- *Mid Sussex Camera Club*
- *Venue - The Kings Centre, Burgess Hill*
- *Judge - Marcus Scott-Taggart*

SB updated the committee

- The entry system is ready; all clubs have logged on; two clubs have entered their images.
- SB had noted the score sheet suggested on the RC website and was planning to use said sheets.

- Mid-Sussex have confirmed seating for 90 people but could accommodate up to 100 if required.
- Two trade stands will be exhibiting.
- Tea and coffee is still being arranged. The club may use the on-site cafe.
- Entry will be £5.
- The projector and competition software etc. is all arranged.
- The host club are expecting a raffle donation from Marrutt. There will also be other prizes.
- Parking is available both onsite and in the road.
- SB said the starting time was planned for 8pm, which is MSCC normal start time. Although their booking is until 10:30pm they are usually expected to leave the premises by 10 o'clock. The club are advising people to arrive from 7:15pm to 7:30pm.

SyW was concerned that an 8 o'clock start might make proceedings a little rushed.

Following discussion and bearing in mind invitations had already been distributed it was decided to start introductions etc at 7:45pm with judging beginning promptly at 8pm.

- SB asked about procedures regarding score sheets. Should score sheets be available for each club at the end of the evening? The committee considered all scenarios before agreeing that sending score sheets electronically at the end of the competition would be acceptable.  
Results and images should also be sent to the RC webmaster, Martin Tomes.
- CC asked if a flyer had been prepared to email to clubs. SB said although this wasn't something MSCC had planned he would organise a flyer including the revised timings.

SB explained that chair of Mid-Sussex CC, David Waterhouse, wished to know his role & responsibilities in proceedings. CC clarified that David should welcome everybody and introduce LG chair of RC who will take over. LG, as chair of the Regnum Crouch Group, will assist the judge in presenting the awards.

## **11 Forthcoming competitions**

- *Regnum Print Competition – Southwick Camera Club – Jerry Webb  
Barn Theatre, Southwick Centre – 19/11/20*
- *Crouch Shield PDI competition – Littlehampton -  
Chris Shore FRPS DPAGB EFIAP – 17/3/21*
- *Regnum Print - Steyning CC – David Smith LRPS CPAGB  
Henfield Hall – 16/11/21*

## **12 AGM**

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at Small Dole Village Hall

### ***Committee positions***

Committee members indicated they are prepared to remain in post for another year.

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#### ***Age of images***

Clarification was given that all competition entries should be no more than three years old.

#### ***Management of entries***

The question arose as to whether records of entries could be kept. With some photographers belonging to more than one club sometimes creating difficulties, it was suggested a list of previous entries be compiled and sent to clubs. Hopefully this would aid clubs in the prevention of choosing images that may have been entered in an earlier competition.

#### ***Action***

- CC to ask Martin Tomes if it was possible to compile a list of entries from the last three years.

#### ***Competition timing***

Some members are concerned that SxFed competitions and RC competitions are very close to each other. Unfortunately, SxFed are now holding their competitions at varying time in November/April meaning they are often very close to RC competitions.

***No suggestions to combat this were made.***

#### ***Club advertising***

In response to SyW's question, it was clarified that member clubs can advertise events on the Regnum Crouch website.

### 14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Small Dole Village Hall.

Signed .....

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