

COMMITTEE MEETING held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:30pm

Virtual meeting using Zoom

MINUTES

**Present**

Steve White [StW] chair; Cliff Carter [CC] vice chair;  
Sylvia White [SyW] secretary; John Peters [JP] treasurer;  
Martin Tomes [MT] webmaster; Lindsey Green [LG]; Chris Green [CG]

Representing Steyning

Mike Warren [MW]; Richard Hudson [RH];  
Malcom Bull [MB] (joined the meeting for item 8)

**1. Apologies for absence**

No apologies were tendered

**2. Minutes of the last committee meeting / AGM**

- Minutes 13/1/23 – Agreed and recorded as a true record of said meeting
- Minutes AGM 23/5/23 – Reviewed by committee and considered to be a true record of proceedings

**3. Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from either meeting.

**4. Chairs report**

Chair, StW, was pleased that the Regnum Print competition this season went without a hitch and offered his thanks to Henfield CC for hosting the competition.

StW reported that three clubs had shown an interest in joining the group; two after being approached.

StW was pleased to announce that Crawley CC have accepted and will be entering images into the next PDI competition.

Their contact is Steve Yates and contact information will be added to mailing lists etc.

Unfortunately, StW was disappointed to announce that Worthing CC were unable to join at this time but will be reviewing next year.

*See email*

*Hi Steve and apologies for not getting back sooner.*

*We reviewed the possibility of rejoining Regnum Crouch as a Committee, but have decided not to do so at the moment. This is because we are still struggling to get volunteers for any event / enterprise. We are currently managing the club with 5 Committee members and one of those has no responsibilities; I am both the Programme Secretary and Publicity Secretary.*

*Personally I would like us to rejoin and I will ensure we keep it under review. Our club numbers have increased and continue to do so, so fingers crossed that next season we have more bandwidth.*

*All the best*

*Kevin*

StW updated the club re Horsham CC, who had contacted the chair late last year. The member of Horsham who had made contact was very positive – a number of RC committee members met for further discussion with him. Unfortunately, he has since had a falling out with Horsham over a totally different matter and left the club.

StW has since emailed Horsham CC to ascertain whether they still intend to join The Group.

StW said he will again follow up with Worthing next year and continue to contact clubs where deemed appropriate.

*Suggested clubs – Middleton; Lewis; Uckfield*

Further to building member clubs, LG explained that whenever she is contacted re judging/judges she promotes the RC Group to said club.

StW thought it was important to update the Regnum Crouch Group rules at this time and has included a review in this agenda.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

Treasurer JP has already distributed a report – see **appendix 1**

The report was shared on screen

Said report details the banking situation.

No questions were asked

- **Action points.**

*Action one*

As signatories for the Barclays current account JP & CC to visit a branch of Barclays and physically withdraw said monies to pay into the new NatWest account.

*Action two*

SyW to email clubs and ascertain contact details of treasurers' [or other] and pass said contact information to JP.

## 6. Review of Rules

Rules with suggested changes had been distributed.

Rules were shared on screen and discussed.

- ***PDI competition – see appendix 2***
- ***Print competition – see appendix 3***  
Proposed changes were agreed by the committee and will be put to member clubs at the AGM
  
- ***General rules – see appendix 4***
  - R3 discussion took place re the election of new clubs and whether the decision should be made by just the committee.  
***Action***
    - To be discussed and voted on at the AGM.
  - R4 At the AGM a decision will need to be made as to the tenure of the Chair etc. as this is currently not being adhered to.
  - R7 It was suggested a full annual audit was not necessary or a legal requirement. Therefore, account checking could be carried out by a member who is not one of the account signatories.  
***Action***
    - JP to reword the rule R7 in preparation for proposal at the AGM.

## 7. Review of Last Competitions

- *Crouch Shield PDI Competition – Southwick CC*  
*Judge – Cherry Larcombe EFIAP ARPS DPAGB BPE\*5*
- *Regnum Shield Print Competition – Henfield CC*  
*Judge – Paul Graber*

The committee were pleased with the success of the last two competitions and felt the judges were excellent and should be considered again in the future.

CC reported the Henfield had successfully raised £230 from the entrance and raffle.

## 8. Next Competition

- *Crouch Shield PDI Competition – Steyning CC*  
*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024*  
*Henfield Hall*  
*Judge - Marcus Scott-Taggart*

Points raised/discussed

- CC advice Steyning representatives of a new projector and screen set up at Henfield Hall that might be worth investigating.
- CC asked if Steyning had booked the kitchen / service hatch.
- It was established that Steyning will now liaise with the judge to arrange the pre-judging of the images etc.
- Clarified: scoring out of 20 with one overall individual winner.
- Publicity of the event
- Marrutt broadly sponsors the competitions and normally provides prizes if approached.

### **Action**

- SyW to send MW all contact information including that of judge, Marcus Scott-Taggart, contact email for Marrutt and notes for the event.
- Steyning representatives may visit Henfield Hall to investigate the projector and kitchen facilities.
- CC to design a flyer for the event.
- MT to liaise with MB regarding software to enter images.

## 9. Forthcoming competitions

- *Regnum Shield Print Competition – Mid Sussex CC*  
*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*  
*Judge - Eddie Hyde FRPS*
- *Crouch Shield PDI Competition – Littlehampton CC*  
*Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025*  
*Judge - Ann Healey FRPS DPAGB EFIAP/g BPE4\**
- *Regnum Shield Print Competition – Storrington CC*  
*Autumn 2025*

## 10.AOB

LG asked about insurance cover when hosting large numbers of people.

The consensus of opinion was that halls should be covered for their maximum capacity.

***Action***

- SyW to add a suggestion to check insurance of venue to host club 'to do' sheet.

**11.Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM, scheduled date **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**.

CC suggested the AGM could again be held in a 'in person' capacity. Consideration was given to the social aspect of meeting in person vs the ease of a virtual meeting via Zoom. Possible attendance was taken into consideration.

***Decision***

- The next AGM will be via Zoom.
- Attendees will be asked if they would prefer to return to 'in person' meetings in the future.