

Axholme Camera Club

Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 10 October 2023

Apologies: Ivan Sedgwick, Sue Cross

Members present:

Owen Kennedy, Steve Parrish, Ken Sykes, Robert Fish, Mary Fish, Anthony Rhodes, George Fiddler, Peter Sedgwick, Steve Berry, Paul Lancaster, Sue Cross, Linda Wilson, Paul Threadgold, Stuart Robertson, Peter Webster, Alan Pinder, David Neale, Gerald Kemp, Barry Inman, Helen Bland

The meeting opened on time.

1. The meeting considered two issues arising from recent updates to two Camera Club policies. These had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.
 - a) A review of the new Child and Vulnerable Person policy.
 - b) A review of the updated version of the Club Constitution.
2. After a brief introduction by George the Child and Vulnerable Person Policy was adopted unanimously.
3. More discussion took place over the club constitution, and it was initially proposed to be adopted by George. However, Peter Webster raised an amendment concerning the creation of lifetime members as listed below.
 - i) *Honorary Membership* may be granted by the Committee and reviewed on an annual basis. Honorary Members shall be entitled to enjoy the full privileges of the Club without liability to subscription.
 - ii) *Honorary Life Membership* may be granted to past or present members for exceptional services to the Club as agreed by the Committee and ratified at the AGM. Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to enjoy the full privileges of the Club without liability to subscription.

This award had been disbanded by a previous committee on the grounds that the criteria listed for creating lifetime members could lead to inconsistencies. Additionally, the fact that the club would potentially miss out on membership and subsequent subscription fees was also considered. After discussion Peter proposed these clauses be removed. Ken Sykes seconded. This was adopted overwhelmingly; the original proposal being lost.

Members agreed to these documents being added to the club's website.

4. Owen Kennedy reminded members of the new 'Just for Fun' competition.

5. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7.51pm