

# **Minutes of Axholme Camera Club** **Annual General Meeting**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Meeting opened 7.30p.m. by DN in GF absence.**

**1 Apologies** – Steve Berry (SB), George Fiddler (GF), Paul Connor (PC).

Members present:

**Committee** –Ivan Sedgwick (IS), Mary Fish (MF), Robert Fish (RF), David Neale (DN), Steve Parrish (SP), Sue Cross (SC), Helen Bland (HB), Owen Kennedy (OK).

Peter Sedgwick (PS), Jan Neale (JN), William Neale (WN), Gerald Kerr (GK), Paul Lancaster (PL), Barry Inman (BI), Anthony Rhodes (AR), Joyce Wenyon (JW), Ken Sykes (KS), Peter Webster (PS), Linda Wilkinson (LW), (MW)

**2 Minutes of last Year's AGM dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023** - accepted as a true record. Proposed SC, seconded MF, unanimous.

**3 Matters arising - None**

**4 Chairman's Report** – DN read out a short report on behalf of GF.  
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A note from the Chairman - as this will be my last year as Chairman, I will keep it very simple and short.

Firstly, I would like to thank you the members both past and present for your support, friendship and your help while I have tried to fulfil the duties as Chairman. Note without you the members who support the club every week we would not have a club. So please accept my thanks.

Secondly, I must give my thanks to the committee for their support, and the continued hard work in making Axholme Camera Club run as a friendly place to come and share your interests with other photographic enthusiasts. I applaud you all THANK YOU.

And finish by wishing each and every one good luck for the coming season.

George Fiddler

Chairman

## 5 External Competitions

DN outlined the club's performance over the past year. Coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fosters Trophy was disappointing. DN commented on numerous other external competitions. It was asked by a member if the external competitions were a good use of club funds and DN commented that they raised the profile of the club which over time encourages membership and generally improves the club status. Similar comments were echoed by others. The report was proposed to be accepted by KS, seconded SC, and accepted unanimously.

## 6 Treasurer's report – RF stated that he would not be undertaking the Treasurer role next year and that it was proposed to others, not yet decided at this AGM.

He handed round an audit of the account to everyone and went on to take the members through a detailed breakdown of the past year's finances. The main issue was the increasing cost of maintaining the level of expertise presented on members' evenings, that of a rise in the costs of good speakers, the cost of the hall and other things was the cause of the problem of maintaining a healthy financial account. This resulted in a transfer of £400 from savings to the current account. SC commented that had we not made and agreed the transfer the credit balance would only have been approx. £171. It was noted that there was £2086.00 in the savings account. There was only £37.73 cash in hand when the accounts were audited.

PW asked if we made money on the workshops. RF commented they were done at cost and no profits were made; it was also noted that the booklet was paid for by the advertisers. RF commented that he would not be proposing a rise in the fees and membership this year. The report was accepted unanimously.

## 7 Outline of next year's programme – MF took members through the main highlights of next year's programme. She informed all that she and IS had taken account of members' wishes and asked for any suggestions for speakers, events etc to enable a full and interesting programme. The report was accepted unanimously.

## 8 Election of Chair and Committee

DN Outlined the current Committee as shown in the agenda to this meeting.

He went on to state that GF was vacating the position of Chair, RF was vacating Treasurer, and DN was standing down as External Competition Secretary. He also proposed the revised structure as shown on the agenda and proposed the Chair be taken by RF and invited any other member to stand. No comments were forthcoming, so it was proposed by OK, seconded by KS agreed unanimously. **RF continued the AGM as Chair.**

**Vice Chair was similarly proposed as DN**, no comments received, so was

proposed by KS, seconded SC, agreed unanimously.

**External competition Secretary was proposed as SP**, no comments were made so was proposed by KS seconded by SC agreed unanimously.

**Treasurer was proposed as HB**, no comments made, so was proposed by MF seconded by SC agreed unanimously.

**Programme Secretary was proposed as MF assisted by IS**, no comment made so was proposed by KS seconded BI agreed unanimously.

**Internal Competition Secretary was proposed as OK and SC**, no comments made so proposed by KS seconded by BI agreed unanimously.

**It was also proposed that GF be a Committee Member**, no comments made so was proposed by DN seconded by KS agreed unanimously.

**9 A.O.B.** - RF asked if there was any other business.

The issue of choosing of images to be entered into external competitions had been raised by Steve Dillon (SD) in correspondence to the club. It was agreed that it was a good idea to enter external competitions. DN added that it was good for the club's image and OK commented that it benchmarked ACC against other clubs. Entry to external competitions was free to members.

After much discussion it was thought that forming a small committee to agree competition entries would not benefit the process of choosing images and it was suggested that full authority for the process be given to SP with a proviso that if he needed help, he would ask for it.

JW asked if the proposal answered SD's query. DN commented that it was not possible to give detailed feedback on the results of each of the competitions and that if SD needed such information to attend the external competitions.

The proposal to give SP full authority to choose images was proposed by OK seconded by KS and agreed unanimously.

GK commented on the revised rules re high-speed burst shots in competitions. OK confirmed that new rules were approved at an EGM last year and were on the website.

**10 Just for Fun competition** – score sheets were handed to all members and asked to score the 24 entries giving 1 mark, two marks and 3 marks to only 3 of the entries. OK displayed the entries on screen.

**11 Report of the Internal competition Secretary** – OK detailed the hold backs and scores of each of the internal competitions throughout the year and summarised the results as follows.

Mono 1<sup>st</sup> MF with 160 points

2<sup>nd</sup> SP with 157 points

Colour 1<sup>st</sup> MF with 157 points

2<sup>nd</sup> RF with 157 points

Overall winner 1<sup>st</sup> MF with 160 points and ave 18.8 score

2<sup>nd</sup> SP with 160 points and ave of 18.4 score

This made MF the Overall winner. RF presented the Emlyn Perret Trophy to MF. Photograph of The Year awarded to BI with his image entitled 'Alpha Male' RF

presented BI with a trophy.

The Just for Fun result was 1<sup>st</sup> PW with 'Drain Inspectors'  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gf with 'Flat Battery'  
3<sup>rd</sup> SC 'Food Crap'  
RF presented PW with a 'trophy'

Ok went on to outline next years programme of internal competitions and RF thanked him for his service.

RF closed the meeting closed at 9.10p.m.  
Minutes taken by IS