## Minutes of

## **ACC Annual General Meeting**

## at 7:30pm on Tuesday 25th May 2021

## Via Zoom

<u>Present;</u> George Fiddler GF, Dave Neale DN, Mary Fish MF, Bob Fish BF, Ivan Sedgwick IS, Alan Keen AK, Owen Kennedy OK. Also 11 Club members.

Agenda; As circulated by GF dated 7th May 2021 to all members.

- 1) No apologies
- 2) <u>Minutes of the last meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.</u> Agreed as a true record, proposed K Sykes, seconded J Hooley.
- 3) No Matters arising.
- 4) Chairman's report; GF commented that the report was 3 pages long and proceeded to read the report. Several comments were made and it was agreed that some items should be discussed in AOB, GF continued his report and concluded by thanking everyone in the club for their support throughout the year. It was generally agreed that the report should be circulated to all members for information, GF agreed to circulate the report. The report was agreed, proposed by MF, seconded by K Sykes.
- 5) Treasurer's report; AK shared his screen and BF verbally reported in detail on the various items shown. J Wenyon commented on judges fees, AK confirmed no judges fees were paid this year since all internal competitions were judged on zoom. DN commented on the fees already paid by members last year for an Andrea Hargreaves workshop, that did not occur, were included in the surplus. BF added that when the workshop occurs this year the surplus would be reduced but would appear on next years report. BF and MF commented on the difficulties that the Bank had in changing signatories when the committee officers change. BF commented on the low interest earned and wondered if an internet bank might by a better solution. The account was being managed through their own domestic account at present but seemed to work well. P Webster commented that to change bank accounts would need to be approved at an AGM since it formed part of the club constitution. It was agreed to continue as existing for the time being. Proposed P Webster, seconded AK.
- **6) Election of the committee; GF** opened a discussion and, following confirmation from the committee, it was agreed that the existing committee would continue. **P Webster** asked if anyone wanted to join the committee, no members commented. **GF** comment-

ed that **AK** who would be replaced by **OK** at the start of the new season in September 2021. **GF** proposed a vote of thanks to **AK** for his exceptional work over the last 6 years as Internal Competitions Secretary and welcomed **OK** to the committee. **Proposed P Webster, seconded J Hooley, all agreed.** 

- 7) Website; GF asked D Livsey to comment. D Livsey stated that the four members of the web team had worked hard to arrive at a superb website that was ideal for the club purposes. BF asked how much time was involved in maintaining and adding data stating that he was concerned it may become an onerous task at some point. D Livsey commented that he and J Wenyon take about an hour each week on their duties and that all data should be sent to **D Livsey** or **J Wenyon** to be checked and sent on to **Steve Berry** and Steve Parrish to add to the website. Steve Berry commented that it took approximately 15 to 20 mins a week to process and could not see it being a problem. BF continued by asking about the capacity of the website to hold all the data for the future years. **D** Livsey stated it will not be a problem for the foreseeable future. **BF** complimented the web team on the efficiency and effectiveness of their work. **D Livsey** suggested using the club facebook to upload images. J Sharp (Thorne club member) commented that she enjoyed looking at the galleries and stated that they displayed considerable talent and showed the range of subject genres the club covered. **D Livsey** concluded his report by stating that the web team worked well as a team. GF proposed a vote of thanks to the web team for their work on website. Proposed MF, seconded K Sykes, all agreed.
- 8) Competitions; AK shared his screen and reported in detail on each of the years competitions including the Emlyn Perrett Trophy and the Cilff Espin Bradley Trophy. P Webster commented that the donation for the Cliff Espin Bradley Trophy was only for 5 years, which would have expired by now. It was agreed by all that it should continue. MF suggested a print gallery on the first evening of the new season of competition winners and any mounted prints of any members own images they particularly liked. All agreed it would enhance the first meeting. AK continued with a summary of the year. He went on to comment that the trophies were expensive, particularly the engraving, and wondered if there would be an alternative. GF suggested it could be discussed at a later committee meeting. OK commented that he and AK had completed most of the work for next year and went on to comment on the new PhotoEntry system for competitions. He stated that all entries must be entered by midnight on the Sunday before the competition. J Wenyon further commented that the same applied to print competitions. J Hooley commented that there should be Wi-Fi in the hall by September.
- 9) Programme 2021/22; MF commented in detail on the screen image of the programme, and all agreed it represented the club well, covering several genres and involving members regularly. She continued by commenting on visits for the end of this season and would send out to all members a list of visits and dates for members to attend either individually or as a group.
- 10) <u>Members Questions and Comments</u>; Steve Berry stated he would like the programme asap to add to website, **D Livsey** also stated the same for the minutes of the meeting. **IS** agreed to provide both asap.
- 11) Any Other Business; AK commented that the community champions funding would be in the order of £600 and made suggestions on how it might be spent. **BF** also added sim-

ilar suggestions. It was agreed to progress when more info known on the sum involved. **J Wenyon** stated that the Coop will want to report and publicise what the funds will be allocated to, which would be good for the club publicity. **GF** concluded by complimenting and thanking the committee on how they had kept the club running successfully during the pandemic. The meeting closed at 21:15.

Minutes taken by IS