

GALLERY PHOTOGROUP
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
held 3rd April 2023

Members Present:

Francis Annett, Irene Berry, John Dilworth, Stephen Harrison, Brian Jobson, Kathleen Jobson, Lyn Newton, Richard Price

Apologies:

Hugh Melvin

1. Finance update:

SH updated the committee on the current financial position. He calculated that we would finish the season with an overall loss of £400 on expenditure over income from membership fees. However, the overall balance carried over from past years meant that we would end the year with £3700. The final figures may vary slightly if there is any further expenditure before the end of the year.

2. Purchasing Plan

In order to plan accordingly, it was agreed that SH would be informed of any expenditure before purchase. It was further agreed that a limit of £40 would be put in place for purchase of smaller items. Anything costing more than £40 would need the agreement of the committee before purchase.

3. Presentation evening/AGM arrangements

It was agreed by the committee that at the joint Presentation Evening/AGM, to be held at the Acklam Green Centre on 23rd May, there would be a buffet for members. It was further agreed that for this year no charge would be made for the buffet.

Action:

- KJ to contact the caterers to book the buffet which would include vegetarian and gluten free options.
- The first part of the Summer Outings AV would be shown on the Presentation Night as it has not yet been shared.

4. Committee for next year:

IB informed the committee that after three years she wished to stand down from the role of Programme Secretary but was happy to stay on as Vice Chair. The committee thanked Irene and congratulated her on giving the club three excellent years of programmes, particularly in very trying times.

Other members indicated that they were willing to remain on the committee next year.

Action:

- LN to contact members to see if anybody would like to come along and join the committee next year.

5. Update on website, improvements to projection/sound/roving mike/screen

JD reported that the laptop had been upgraded and we now had roving mikes. Several members had continued to work together to tweak and adjust the projection and sound over the weeks so that it was now performing very well.

6. Update on Programme for next year

IB reported that the programme for next season was now virtually complete. She had liaised with Halifax who would again be joining with us and sharing the cost of presenters. Irene reported that it was a very varied and interesting programme with something for everybody. It was anticipated that of the 34 meetings, at least 27 would involve meeting at Acklam Green.

7. Competitions and challenges for next year

JD shared the competitions and members' nights for next season, which maintains the balance of two open nights, one scapes, one natural world, one people/portrait night and two other more themed choices.

8. Summer Outings Programme

RP reported that he was looking to offer a programme of outings reaching beyond the immediate locale. There were a number of potential places outlined and RP said he would look to devise a programme.

SH said that where group bookings were needed, he was happy for members' contributions to be paid into the Gallery bank account.

9. Any other business

BJ to co-ordinate with JD to get the Gallery studio lights PAT tested.

FA asked about disposal of old Gallery business cards and posters showing the Trinity as our venue. It was decided that they should be disposed of, but the banners could be retained and possibly adapted to include the Acklam Green Centre.

The meeting ended at 9.05.

