

# Ross Photo Club

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2022

Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7.30pm to 7:45pm (sic).  
at the Walford Village Hall

Attendees (committee):

Barbara Nash (President)  
Adrian Bagg (Chair)  
Alex Orr (Secretary, reporter)  
Chris Phillipson (Treasurer)  
Gareth Nutt (Programme Secretary)  
Alan Ockenden (Competition Secretary)  
Trevor Lane (Website and IT Support)

Attendees (membership):

13 Society members.

These minutes (date of issue Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022) follow the numbered agenda items as issued by A. Bagg prior to the meeting. All full committee reports were also circulated in advance of the meeting, the major points being summarised in the agenda items below.

### 1. President's Opening Remarks

Barbara Nash welcomed the meeting participants back to the Walford Hall for this AGM. The last year has been marked by the Covid restrictions but now seems to be returning to normal. Attendances at meetings have been lower than previously. The committee members were thanked for their hard work over the year to provide a high quality running of the club. Barbara will step down this year in favour of Brian Challis who will replace her as President.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Notified in advance were:

Jonathon Billinger, Martyn Duggan, Haze Reid, Wendy & Terry Wall.

### 3. Minutes of previous 2021 AGM

The meeting accepted the minutes as an accurate account of the business transacted.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### **(a) President's Report**

This is summarised above.

#### **(b) Chairperson's Report**

The chairman thanked the Society's Committee and membership for their efforts over the past year and summarised the highlights and lowlights of the 2021-22 season. Of special mention were the committee members who kept the club running during the lowlight periods. Adrian Bagg will now step down as chair and the remaining committee members will fill in the role until a new chairperson is identified.

### **(c) Programme Secretary's Report**

The past season was again disrupted by the Covid pandemic but 34 meetings were achieved with physical and Zoom formats being mixed. For the coming seasons the expectation is that attendances will be lower, with the attendant reduction in weekly subs income. This may affect budgeting of speakers' fees. A 33 week programme is planned for 2022-3 with the usual mix of speakers, competitions, battles and members' evenings etc.

### **(d) Treasurer's Report**

C. Phillipson presented a summary of the past year's finances; the figures for this are included with these minutes. Club finances remain healthy with income and expenditure similar to last season's. There was an overall surplus in the accounts of ca £200 over the year. There were 38 paid-up members in 2021-22 with an average of 21 attending evening meetings. Subscriptions for 2022-3 will remain as £30 annual fee plus £3 per evening.

### **(e) Competition Secretary's Report**

A full programme of competitions was achieved in 2021-2 despite Covid and other difficulties. These were a mix of Zoom and physical meetings plus print and DPI formats. Next year's programme is scheduled to follow the same general pattern as this year with 8 competitions alternating between Print and Dpi and a 5 Print Competition. Two inter-club Battles are booked with Monmouth and with Newent/Beacon. Details of the 2022-3 competitions were included in the competition secretary's full report.

## 5. Other Reports

### **Publicity Report**

The Gilpin Exhibition was held during July at St Mary's Church Ross on Wye. This was a great success for the Club with both DPI and Print images on show. Reports are sent to the Ross Gazette after each competition and they appear on a regular basis. Our Facebook page is updated regularly with just under 100 followers now.

## 6. Election of Committee Members and Officers

The list of candidates was reported in the agenda and elected in en masse unopposed. The 2022-3 committee will now comprise:

President: Brian Challis

Chair: vacant

Secretary: Alex Orr

Treasurer: Chris Phillipson

Competition Secretary: Allan Ockenden

Programme Secretary: Gareth Nutt

Ordinary Members: Barbara Nash and Sandra Walding

## 7. Election to other offices

DPI Competition Secretary: Linda Thomas

Publicity Officer: Sandra Walding

Webmaster: Adrian Bagg

## 8. Competition Rules

The meeting agreed that "Competition Rules" be no longer part of general "Club Rules" and will be issued as a separate document, to be updated before the end of May 2022 and to apply to competitions for the season 2022-3.

9. Any Other Business

Nothing was discussed under this heading.

10. New Season Start

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

## Treasurer's Report for the Season 2021 - 2022

1. Introduction
2. Membership & Attendance
3. Financials
4. Outlook & Proposal

### 1. Introduction

This Report covers the period 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

This Season has been very varied with physical meetings back at Walford Village Hall and also on Zoom. Attendances have been inconsistent for many reasons. Low attendances have negatively affected our financial position.

### 2. Membership & Attendance

	Membership	Ave Attendance
Season 20 – 21	37	25.9
Season 21 – 22	38	21.1

### 3. Financials

Our Photo Club is in reasonable financial health. The pandemic has continued to have an effect with some meetings being held on Zoom. Fear of Covid-19 may have led to reduced attendance at the Hall. The massive hike in fuel prices may also have had an effect.

During the course of the Season, HSBC introduced charges forcing us to switch to Lloyds for free banking. Our new account details have been circulated to all members and internet banking is now the most-used method of payment.

We also have a card-reader to allow cashless transactions at the Hall.

#### 3.1 Financial Standing.

	12 May 21	4 May 22	
Bank	£1,493.81	£1,612.12	
Petty Cash	£15.25	£32.77	
		<i>Pending</i>	
		-£35.00	Judge
		-£44.00	Rent
		-£100.00	Awards
		£27.00	Subs
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>£1,509.06</b>	<b>£1,492.89</b>	

#### 3.2 Expenditure.

	<i>Season 20 - 21</i>	<i>Season 21 - 22</i>
Rent	£0.00	£396.00
Judges	£455.00	£362.00 ( <i>£130 donated to charity</i> )
Speakers	£1,135.00	£1,120.00

Refreshments	£0.00	£45.36
Expenses	£187.07	£145.44
Insurance	£152.61	£135.81
Equipment	£1,418.06	£0.00
Shows / Exhibitions	£10.00	£10.00
Printing	£0.00	£0.00
Website	£75.60	£115.18
Trophies	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£23.12
Other	£220.75	£170.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,654.09</b>	<b>£2,523.29</b>

### 3.3 Income.

	<i>Season 20 -21</i>	<i>Season 21 - 22</i>
Annual Subs	£1,094.00	£1,140.00
Weekly Subs	£2,048.00	£1,385.00
Visitors	£75.00	£0.00
Donations	£109.00	£42.00
Misc	£196.18	£48.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,522.18</b>	<b>£2,615.00</b>

### 4. Outlook & Proposal for Season 2021 - 2022

Our Annual Exhibition will feature in the Ross-on-Wye Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at St Mary's Church at the end of May.

I think next Season might be difficult; we shall have to see what the future brings. The much-publicised "cost of living crisis" may have adverse effects on our Club, membership of which is discretionary for us all.

We may need to consider the purchase of a new projector. Our current Sony device was purchased in April 2018 for £1,078.80. It is noisy on start-up.

Despite these pressures, maybe because of, I propose no change to subscriptions.

***Proposal – For the Season 2022 – 2023, Annual membership fee and weekly subscription to remain unchanged.***