



# North Cheshire Photographic Society

## AGM Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Committee Members present: Jon Allanson (JA), Noel Patterson (NP), Annette Hockney (AH), Paula Martin (PM), Rob Hockney (RH), Bernie Rowlands (BR), Richard Chandler (RC), Christine Bedwin (CB), Simeon Briggs (SB)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Julie Shoesmith and Danny Hurley

2. **Minutes of the last AGM 9 May 2018**

The minutes were proposed as accepted by NP and seconded by BR

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

At the end of last year's meeting Colin Pickles expressed disappointment with the decision to move the Rosalind Bramley Competition to every other year and asked the Committee to reconsider. The Committee did this, and the Rosalind Bramley competition has been reinstated as an annual event.

4. **President's Address**

Jon took on the role of president at the AGM last year for a period of 1 year rather than the normal 2 years, so as to give the committee an opportunity to seek a new president at a time when few members were prepared to give up some time to help run the club.

Jon also had to undertake the role of Syllabus secretary covering the syllabus produced by Geraldine and also to make up the syllabus for 2019-20.

Over the years I have been quite disappointed with the wide variation of numbers of members attending the Tuesday meetings and our Annual Exhibition.

Equally the number of members prepared to help out on Tuesday nights, setting up the room, preparing and serving the teas, and then clearing away at the end of the evening.

I have been very disappointed with the size of the entry in our competitions and the annual exhibition. Many years ago we had an intermediate class in the competitions, but this was closed because there was too small a number of members entering that class to make it viable at the time.

I feel that with Annette taking over as president there is a great opportunity for the club to move forwards, but it will need the active support of the membership in both attendance and willingness to help with running the Tuesday night meetings.

5. **Committee Members Reports**

a. **Secretary (AH)**

The L&CPU AGM was attended by Jon Allanson on 24th February. No motions were proposed so the usual updates were given. The L&CPU Annual Return has been completed and NCPS will be receiving a request for monies in November. A number of events of interest received by the Secretary have been posted on the Blog. There have been no other items of note this year.

b. **Membership Secretary (CB)**

We have 62 members this year. In comparison to last year our membership has increased from 58. We have 12 new members.

c. Syllabus Secretary (JA)

The current year had 11 external speakers and there were 2 who cancelled for personal reasons.

He basis of next seasons syllabus has been prepared with 13 external speakers visiting covering a wide selection of topics. For the nights that we meet in the main hall speakers have been chosen to attract visitors from the locality and other clubs; for all except one of these nights the normal £2 entrance fee for members will apply.

d. Treasurer's report, accounts and approval of verifiers (PM)

A one-off Community Grant of £250 was received from Poynton Town Council towards our costs of opening the Annual Exhibition to the public. The Committee implemented security measures at the Annual Exhibition which proved to be extremely successful and these will be continued in the future.

The accounts for the year 2017/18 have been verified.

Notes to the accounts:

1. Equipment insurance is in place for the new projector.
2. Hall hire for the Big Nights and the Exhibition is included in hall hire costs.

The Treasurers accounts are attached at the end of these minutes. There were no questions.

e. PDI & Print competition secretaries report – next year's competition formats (Rob)

There were 3 Club Worker Print and 3 Club worker PDI competitions organised this season utilising a mix of experienced and novice judges. The maximum number of images allowed per author was increased to four to swell the number of entries into each competition. As usual, each author's two highest scores in each comp were entered into the Club Worker league tables. Club Worker of the Year and Print Worker of the Year was Annette Hockney. PDI Worker of the Year was Noel Patterson.

Most, if not all, of our new members supported our competitions with both John Depares and Louise Pickford entering all six. Six other members entered all our comps. Overall we had 17 members try their hand in Prints and 23, including all of the aforementioned 17, have a go at PDIs. Despite these numbers it remains disappointing that over half our members did not support any of our competitions at all. The format for next year will remain as this and we do hope to organise one or two additional novel comps outside the standard Club Worker framework.

Rob thanked those who supported our competitions; and thanked the judges, in their absence, for enabling them to happen and also thanks to Danny Hurley for standing in a couple of times to run DiCentra and Rick Chandler who put in great work to set up the projector and screen.

f. Webmaster (SB)

Simeon thanked Danny for his support in resolving the webhacks that have occurred again this year. As a result of these hacks all members will need a new password to be able to access the members area next season. All members were encouraged to use the uploader for our competitions as this allows direct import to DiCentra, and access for Noel as external Competitions Secretary to compile our entries.

g. External Competition Secretary (NP)

Noel thanked the other members of the selection committee Annette Hockney and Aamir Sabzwari for their contributions and support, and all the members of the club who have entered our own club competitions from which the vast majority of images for external competitions are selected. He also thanked those members who have supplied the committee with images and prints whether they were eventually selected or not. Without

this support another successful season would not have been possible.

**Martin Avery Competition** – 2<sup>nd</sup> / 4

**Novice Cup** 2<sup>nd</sup> / 22 ( Open – 4<sup>th</sup> , Mono 4<sup>th</sup> ) – very promising for the future of the club

**L&CPU Digital Knockout** 14<sup>th</sup> / 39

**PAGB Cup** =6<sup>th</sup> / 68 in the Open Competition and 19<sup>th</sup> / 86 Nature Competition

**L&CPU Annual Interclub Competitions** – Overall 3<sup>rd</sup> / 38 Print Competition 4<sup>th</sup> / 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Colour, 7<sup>th</sup> Mono, 8<sup>th</sup> Nature) PDI Competition 3<sup>rd</sup> / 38 ( 3rd Open, 5<sup>th</sup> Nature ) - Our third position in the PDI Competition means we will represent the L&CPU at the PAGB Championships which take place at Warwick University on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great day out and everyone is welcome to come and support the club.

**North Cheshire Challenges** held during exhibition week Print 2<sup>nd</sup> / 17 PDI 3<sup>rd</sup> / 19

**Sheffield Interclub Competition** 2<sup>nd</sup> / 17

**Three Shires Battle** - We won this new competition with Leek & Chapel Camera Clubs.

**L&CPU** = Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union (Regional) **PAGB** = Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (National)

We definitely need our best images for the Warwick competition so any images you are only just taking / processing please send them to Noel at [noel@joanpattersonassociates.com](mailto:noel@joanpattersonassociates.com)

h. Equipment Secretary (RC)

The earring loop in the Main Hall has been improved, and there is no longer a whistling sound. A new handheld microphone has been purchased for the club. Richard also reminded people that the club owns a ColorMonki that can be borrowed by members to calibrate your monitor.

i. Publicity Secretary (Annette)

There has been little change from last year in the approach to publicity. More of our routine events have been placed on the Blog, following feedback from last year that our members wanted more information on what was upcoming in the Syllabus. There has been continued use of Facebook and Twitter to advertise speakers where we want to attract a broad base of visitors. Our information is posted on the L&CPU website and Facebook page. The local publications in which our events are advertised include – SK Poynton, Inside Poynton, PoyntonWeb, Poynton Post when possible, and the Council noticeboards. We have used advertising Posters and Flyers. A list of club contacts and non-members who have given us their email addresses is maintained and used to send out details of our events. We have a recruitment poster that was used at the Poynton Show and at our exhibition. Thanks to Jackie Robinson for continued support in the design of posters and flyers, and to Lisa Mullins for keeping our Facebook page up to date.

6. **Election of Officers - Committee proposes the following to be elected en-bloc**

- President - Annette Hockney
  - Immediate past President - on Allanson
  - General Secretary – Mike Beckett
  - Treasurer - Paula Martin
  - Syllabus Secretary - Bernie Rowlands
  - Membership Secretary - Christine Bedwin
  - Webmaster - Simeon Briggs
  - Internal Competition Secretary PDI & Prints - Rob Hockney
  - External Competition Secretary - Noel Patterson.
  - Equipment Secretary - Richard Chandler
- John Maltby volunteered to support Richard in setting up the Equipment each week, resulting in Richard staying as Equipment Secretary for the coming year.
- Publicity Secretary - Annette Hockney
  - Without portfolio – John Depares, Julie Shoesmith

Jon proposed the acceptance of the new committee, and this was seconded by Aamir Sabzwari.

**7. Motions:**

- **Motion 1** To maintain the current subscriptions for year 2018-19. General acceptance of this motion. Proposed by Noel and seconded by Rob.

**Final Comments:**

Colin Pickles thanked the Committee for their contribution over the last season.

Rob Hockney thanked JA for stepping into the breach as President the last AGM and for his contribution in holding both this role and for pulling together the syllabus.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

# **NORTH CHESHIRE PS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO Y/E 31/3/19**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions	1,312	1,350	1420	1665
Weekly entrance money and raffles	2,124	1,933	2682	2125
Big nights and raffles	1,083	1,357	1361	438
Annual exhibition/meal/raffle	1,280	925	1399	1435
Building society interest	0	21	48	42
Lakes Weekend (contra)	400	800	550	
Grant from Poynton TC	250			
Equipment sale (old projector)	50			
	<b>6,499</b>	<b>6,386</b>	<b>7460</b>	<b>5705</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Hall hire	(1,725)	(2,123)	(1,990)	(2,262)
Judges/speakers	(1,397)	(757)	(1,573)	(1,311)
Big nights	(345)	(771)	(889)	0
Annual exhibition and meal	(385)	(703)	(1,095)	(1,175)
L&CPU + PAGB subs	(282)	(245)	(197)	(298)
Equipment purchases	(97)	(3,371)	(560)	(267)
Insurance	(111)	(58)	(244)	(296)
Website	(158)	(238)	(193)	(130)
Lakes Weekend (contra)	(400)	(800)	(550)	0
Poynton Show donation	0	(50)	(50)	(50)
Long service recognition	0	0	0	(125)
Coffee etc	(266)	(77)	(102)	(92)
Sundries	(55)	(40)	(113)	(107)
	<b>(5,220)</b>	<b>(9,234)</b>	<b>(7,556)</b>	<b>(6,113)</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>1,278</b>	<b>(2,848)</b>	<b>(96)</b>	<b>(408)</b>

## **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH**

Vernon Building Society	0	0	4,729	5,281
Nat West Bank (after chqs cleared)	4,710	3,366	1,550	1,100
Petty Cash	20	85	20	14
	<b>4,730</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>6,299</b>	<b>6,395</b>

## **Represented by Income and Expenditure A/c brought forward**

	3,451	6,299	6,395	6,803
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	1,278	(2,848)	(96)	(410)
	<b>4,730</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>6,299</b>	<b>6,393</b>