



North Cheshire Photographic Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 12th May 2020

In Attendance: Annette Hockney - President & Publicity
(Via Zoom Teleconference) Bernie Rowlands - Syllabus Secretary
Rob Hockney - Internal Competition Secretary
Paula Martin - Treasurer
Mike Beckett/John Depares – Secretary/Acting Secretary
Christine Bedwin – Membership Secretary
Noel Patterson – External Competitions Secretary
Richard Chandler – Equipment Secretary
Simeon Briggs - Webmaster
Julie Shoesmith
Aamir Sabzwari
Jill Hargreaves
Bruce Kendrick
Jerry Niman
Tony Hughes
Roger Dye
Brian Turnbull
Agnes Barlow
John Maltby
Joyce Streets
Peter Richardson

Apologies: Tony and Dorothy Redford, Anthony Berry, Andrew Whettam

Minutes of last AGM - 9th May 2019 - were approved as a true record. Proposed by Aamir and seconded by Noel

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

President's Address:

Annette thanked Jon Allanson and Christine Bedwin, who are stepping down from their roles, for their contribution to the Committee. She also welcomed two new additions to the Committee: John Maltby and Bruce Kendrick. She detailed the highlights of the season, which, unfortunately, came to an abrupt end because of the Covid 19 pandemic. Detailed discussion regarding the future format of the Society's Meetings would be discussed later in the AGM.

Committee Reports: There were no comments about any of the Reports.

Committee Appointments: All appointments for the coming season were accepted and proposed by John Maltby and seconded by Bruce Kendrick.

Motions:

***Motion 1:** Club meetings for the next season 2020-2021. The Committee propose that the club continues to meet on Tuesdays 8pm to 10pm using a web-based video conferencing facility for the 2020-2021 Season. Should it become possible, safe and acceptable to the membership, a move back to face to face meetings will happen at the discretion of the Committee.*

There was much discussion about this with slightly different viewpoints, but a broad consensus was achieved. The relevant points from the discussion were:

1. Keep Government advice under review.
2. The average age of our membership is higher than that of the population, so it may take longer for many of our members to feel safe about returning to our usual meetings at the Civic Hall.
3. Predictions as to how long the Social Distancing rules etc will go on for, varied, but it was generally agreed that it would be sometime, later, in 2021.
4. The Syllabus secretary has planned the Syllabus with a view to having all meetings as Zoom Videoconferences. All except two of the previously chosen speakers have agreed to modify their presentations. Thanks to Aamir for offering to help with this. Bernie said that if circumstances allowed, and it was deemed safe to do so, it would not be difficult to revert to traditional meetings at the civic Hall/
5. Another argument for carrying on with Zoom, perhaps for most of the next season, is that we could only have realistic "Social distancing" in the large hall. That is only available to us for a quarter of the meetings.
6. "Parallel" meetings, where some members would meet in the Civic Hall, while connecting with others via Zoom, might be worth considering as an intermediate step.

The Motion was passed – Proposed by Noel and seconded by Aamir.

***Motion 2:** Annual subscriptions and meeting charges. To maintain the current subscriptions for year 2019-2020 at £25 per person, £15 for junior members. To provide Zoom virtual meetings to club members without charge until the end of 2020, if face to face meetings are not possible. At the Committee's discretion, a charge of £1 per member per virtual club meeting attended from the beginning of 2021, to be collected as soon as face to face meetings can continue*

The Motion was passed – Proposed by Christine and seconded by Paula.

The Meeting closed at 21.00