

**MINUTES OF THE FRODSHAM & DISTRICT
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S EGM MEETING
AT CASTLE PARK ART CENTRE ON 16th MARCH 2020**

Present: Liz Kenny - Chairman - **LK**
Ian Stanley - Programme Secretary -**IS**
Delena Harris –Treasurer -**DH**
Miriam Manners - External Competition Secretary- **MM**
Andrew Williams - Website Manager - **AW**
Peter Edwards- Competition Booking Manager –**PE**

Apologies: Brian Lunt - Competition Entry Manager - **BL**
Liz Pearce - Secretary- **LP**
Ann Gardiner - Membership Secretary- **AG**

Due to the Covid-19 threat, the committee has decided to suspend all club meetings until the start of next season in September. The EGM has been held to select new committee members and discuss member's ideas to help shape the 2020 to 2021 club calendar.

EGM; Election of Committee Members;

Chairman.....Liz Kenny (as before).....Proposed by Ian Stanley.....Seconded by Delena Harris
Secretary..... Wynford Evans **WE**.....Proposed by Miriam Manners.....Seconded by Andrew Williams
Treasurer.....Roy Bowden **RB**.....Proposed by Nicky Higgins **NH**..... Seconded by Marie Aldridge
Committee....Marie Aldridge **MA**.....Proposed by Bill Griffiths **BG**.....Seconded by Barry

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Club Members Ideas to Help Shape the 2020 to 2021 Club Calendar

Next AGM and Committee Meeting;

IS advised that the AGM would now be expected to be held in September, during the first meeting of the 2020 to 2021 season. The next committee meeting would be held as soon as is possible.

Competitions

A number of ideas were discussed to encourage more members to enter competitions:

- **BG** proposed two types of competition themes; Open Subject and Technique Based subjects, such as High Key or Low Key. The possibility of members learning new techniques could encourage new members to participate.
- Seven competitions are planned for next season; three open and four with defined topics. The cancelled 'Looking Through' competition will be included next season.
- Re-introducing Beginner and Advanced groups may encourage new members to participate. **DH** asked whether the previous season's competition results could be used to calculate which group members belong to, beginners or advanced.
- **IS** requested feedback re the bi-annual 'Transport' competition. Should this continue or perhaps

revert to the Black and White theme. There was little support for continuing with 'Transport' as a bi-annual theme and no consensus for a replacement.

Learning

- **MM** would like members to be encouraged to improve their photography. **NH** agreed and considered the practical evenings were helpful with interaction of ideas, techniques and increasing confidence.
- **BG** thought the Judge Janice Barton was a good example of a judge discussing images with the photographer.
- **PE** thought Club Demonstrations of techniques such as Contre' Jour and High Key could be helpful.
- **DH** asked if teaming a beginner with an advanced member for guidance would be helpful.
- **MM** suggested having photo topics on the club website over the summer break.
- **LK** considered keeping in touch with members over the summer by email for their feedback on ideas considered.

Speakers

IS asked for feedback about this year's choice of speakers. All present agreed the speakers booked had been excellent covering a wide variety of topics.

Josh Tomalin, presenter of the 'Behind the Scenes' evening has offered a 'Dance Group' workshop for around £60 to £70 each for a group of between ten or twelve photographers. The club website would be used to see if sufficient members are interested. **(Action -AW)**

As an alternative, **NH** thought perhaps a local dance group could be contacted to see if they would be interested.

Club Exhibition

LK announced the cancellation of the planned club exhibition at Frodsham Golf Club because of Covid19. The club was now looking for a new venue and invited suggestions. Castle Park Art Centre would be ideal but arranging to cover the cost would need to be explored. **(Action -LK)**

Finances

DH reported the finances were in order with details to be available at the AGM. The Frodsham Life relationship was working well although **LK** would like more club members to submit photos of local summer events.

AOB

LK is considering trying to obtain a grant for a Print Cabinet and Colour calibration Device.

Wynford Evans 17th March 2020