

Frodsham & District Photographic Society

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT CASTLE PARK ARTS CENTRE ON 15th APRIL 2019

Present – Committee: –

Secretary	Liz Pearce
Competition Booking Agent	Peter Edwards
Treasurer	Delena Harris
Programme Secretary	Ian Stanley
Membership Secretary	Ann Gardiner

Also present 25 members as on appended Attendance Register.

Exhibition of Prints Showing Exceptional Work from the Season

**Miriam Manners organized a Members' vote for Print of the Year – Won by Ian Stanley
'Return to the Sea' – and he was later presented with a new trophy.**

- (1) **Apologies for Absence** – Andy Findlay (Chairman), Jenny Julian (Competition Entries Manager), Jane Brewer, Ken Green, John Smart, Ron Whitely.
- (2) **The Minutes** – The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed as accurate.
- (3) **Chairman's Report** – Ian gave a report to the Members since Andy is still in recovery from his operations. He is standing down as Chairman next season and will be a hard act to follow – thank you Andy. President Hazel is also very poorly and Ian wished them both better health. The Committee had offered John Hughes the position of Vice-president and he accepted with pleasure.

Ian then went on to remark how the standard within the club was improving year-on-year with Judges frequently commenting in glowing terms on the general quality of the prints. The Competitions provoked a lot of interest and together with the input from Members, 2018/19 went very well as indicated on the feedback forms. He thanked the committee for their hard work over the season.

The Belgian Exchange and their club's Exhibition spurred us to consider our own. Ann has volunteered to be Exhibition curator and there will be liaison with St Laurence Church during Frodsham Walk week and the Heritage weekend.

External Competitions are being taken more seriously and Miriam has been working with Pete and Jenny to advance this. A selection panel of Miriam, Ian, Pete and Bill Griffiths seems to be working well.

Delena will present her report but this year we have a couple of 'big item' financial transactions – namely the new laptop by courtesy of Frodsham Town Council and a replacement Projector, the result of a substantial grant from the Marshes Community Benefit Fund. They will make a massive difference to the club.

Frodsham Life continues to provide a financial boost but also the regular column and images printed helps the Society and the authors themselves. Easyfundraising also contributes to our accounts.

Ian congratulated the Trophy winners in advance of the presentation later in the evening. He ended by thanking Andrew Williams for sterling work on the website and the other Members who week by week assist in the smooth running of the club. Ian's Report is on file.

(4) Treasurer's Report - Delena presented a very positive report. There is enough cash set aside to complete the purchase of a replacement projector following the Grant from the Marshes Community Benefit Fund. The club is grateful for the continued support of Frodsham Life and the contribution from 'easyfundraising'. Accounts will be verified when all outstanding amounts are cleared. The subscription remains at £50. The report is on file.

At this point a Representative from the Marshes Fund arrived and presented his cheque to Vice-President John Hughes. He was pleased to support the Arts in Frodsham and advised the club to apply again – but not next year!

(5) & (6) Election of Officers for 2018/19 -

Chair – Liz Kenny – Proposed by Ian Stanley, Seconded by Ann Gardiner – unanimously elected
Competition Entry Manager – Brian Lunt – Proposed by John Hughes, Seconded by Delena Harris – unanimously elected

External Competition Secretary – Miriam Manners – Proposed by Liz Pearce, Seconded by Peter Edwards – unanimously elected.

The present holders of other places on the Committee were prepared to stand again (see above) and were unanimously re-elected.

(7) To announce the Subjects for Competition in the following season –

There will be 3 Open Competitions next season, including the Annual Open (Sept, Dec, April), 3 Broadly themed 'Performance' (Oct), The Seasons'(Feb) and 'Street Life' (Dec) with 2 narrowly defined 'Looking Through'(March) and 'Metal' (Nov)

There will also be a fun 'Intentional Camera Movement' and a 'Mix & Match' with Ellesmere Port which subject Tec Evans explained and whose expertise will be seized on.

(8) Summer Activities – Andrew distributed a hand-out on Events coming up including Lightroom Live on 12th May at Frodsham Community Centre and Tour Series bike racing at Birkenhead on 21st May. Keep an eye on website. Lynda Haney is organizing a couple of Critique sessions on Mondays for which Ann will send an e-mail to Members to judge interest. Miriam is organizing a visit to Cambrian Cameras.

(9) Any Other Appropriate Business –Liz Kenny had previously mentioned a photographic Competition being run by Frodsham Town Council during Frodsham Walk week. Information on the Council's website.

The AGM closed and was followed by the presentation of trophies to the winners by John Hughes. Their names are on file and on the website along with the group photograph. Congratulations to all. Liz Kenny presented John with flowers for his wife Eileen.