Earl Shilton Camera Club

Secretary's Report

The 2022/23 season has been another successful year for the club with a diverse and entertaining program. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role as club secretary and being a part of the committee. During the past year the committee have continued to meet on a regular basis and have worked extremely hard to provide members with the best experience possible. All the committee meetings have been well documented, and minutes have continued to be issued to members via the website. The Committee has again tried to be pro-active in its approach to running the Club, and every effort has been made to engage with members, asking for their comments, thoughts, and feedback. I would like to thank Paul for his continued support as Chairman and his passionate approach to engaging with members and making sure the club caters for everyone's needs.

Following last year's AGM, we have worked hard this year to prepare a welcome pack for new members, as we recognize that it is not always easy for people to integrate into a new club. With a new welcome letter and the additional support of a personal mentor we hope to much improve the experience for new members in the up-and-coming season.

During the past year the Committee have been discussing a wide range topic, some of which are listed below.

- The introduction of new committee member, Alan Wardropper.
- Developing a welcome pack for new members.
- Workshop evenings for the new season.
- Arranging model shoots.
- Creating a new program for the 2023/24 season
- Agreeing the POTY rounds for the new season.
- Preparing an equipment audit of studio lighting.
- Reviewing the POTY format with members.
- The annual exhibition
- Club financial and membership fees
- Arranging the Christmas Meal.
- Assisting Dan with the website rehosting.

This season I have noticed an improvement in the overall standard of images that all members are creating, which is something which the committee are very proud of. A lot of effort goes into creating a program which encourages all members of all abilities to improve their work. This has been most evident in the club's success in external competitions, with 13 images being accepted Photofolio and the club coming 5th in the first print round of the MCPF championships.

This year the committee have discussed more than ever how the club should develop in the coming years. We strongly believe that the club should continue to have a broad and diverse program, with an emphasis on education and improving members skills, which will hopefully result in even better results in external competitions in the future.

James Botterill Club Secretary May 2023