Earl Shilton Camera Club

MINUTES – Committee Meeting

Held on – Tuesday 9th April 2024 @ 7.00pm

1.0 Present

Paul Steans: Chairman	PS
James Botterill: Secretary	JB
John Langham: Treasurer	JL
Ian Waite: Programme Secretary	IW
Alan Wardropper: Competitions Secretary	AW
Debbie Lowe: Competitions Secretary	DL
Steve Pears	SP
John Denny	JD

2.0 Apologies

Daniel Wood	DW

3.0 Previous Minutes

3.1 The minutes to the previous committee meeting held on 13th February 2024 were accepted as a true record by all members.

4.0 Matters arising from the last minutes.

4.1 Images have been sent to Earl Shilton Town Council for inclusion in their website.

4.2 JB is awaiting a response from Carrie (Conny Club) about repairing the dimmer switches.

5.0 Club financials and membership.

5.1 JL reported that there is a bank balance of £2663.36, cash £107.69, total £2771.05. We still have £1280 rent to pay, payments to Richard Cobby and Peter Gennard and cost of refreshments for AGM. Balance at the end of the year expected to be £1376.

5.2 In light of reduction in end of year forecast and expected costs for next season JL reported that a membership fee of approximately £66 would be required to maintain the current level of retained funds. After a discussion it was agreed that JL will present these figures at the AGM and recommend an

increase to £55 for the annual membership, recognising that this would still reduce our end of year funds.

5.3 40 current members. Two new members are expected to join: Andy and Julie Morgan, who attended just before the Easter break. A reduced membership for the remainder of the season of £10 was agreed.

6.0 Programme.

6.1 There are no changes to the remaining programme except that the Conny Club informed JL that we will not be able to meet on 24th April as they are having carpets replaced downstairs so will need to use upstairs for their club members.

6.2 It was agreed to have a zoom meeting on 24th April when we will review the images of members taken in the style of the classic photographers that we have looked at. Images will need sending to DW. If we have any time we will view part of the MCPF travelling portfolio.

6.3 Next season's programme: IW is yet to finalise all the speakers.

7.0 AGM (29th May)

7.1 All committee members and officers have indicated willingness to stand for another year. JL indicated that he will continue for just one more year.

7.2 Members will be asked if anyone wishes to join the committee in any role and must notify JB at least one week before AGM.

7.3 Reports by officers, excluding Competitions Secretary, will be emailed to members one week before the AGM.

7.4 Members will be asked to submit questions for AGM in writing at least one week before AGM.

7.5 POTY league table publication to be discussed at AGM.

8.0 Annual Exhibition (19th – 30th August)

8.1 21 panels, as last year will be available for members. However, if only 19 panels are requested then the POTY winning images will also be displayed.

8.2 The public photography competition will be repeated, with the prize of two annual memberships for the winner.

9.0 POTY7 theme.

9.1 After a discussion it was agreed to allow the theme "Events" to include natural events as well as organised events.

10.0 AOB

10.1 JD is progressing well with the handbook.
10.2 The winner of the Chairman's Trophy will need identifying after the final POTY league table is completed.
10.3 IW mentioned the Photofolio competition and we agreed not to enter. It was understood we haven't entered it before anyway.
10.4 SP mentioned an exhibition in London put on by an individual and was selling prints at £500 each, and has sold 14.
10.5 MCPF print and pdi competition on 20th April at Braunstone Civic Centre, admission fee £10. We have entered both sections.
10.6 JL mentioned that sadly Bill Allsopp, who has been to our club a number of times, died last week. IW also mentioned that Anne Sutcliffe also died recently.

11.0 Date of next meeting.

11.1 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7.00pm, at the home of IW.