Earl Shilton Camera Club

MINUTES – Committee Meeting

Held on – Tuesday 3rd July 2024 @ 7.00pm

1.0 Present

Paul Steans: Chairman	PS
James Botterill: Secretary	JB
John Langham: Treasurer	JL
Ian Waite: Programme Secretary	IW
Debbie Lowe: Publicity Officer	DL
John Denny	JD
Daniel Wood	DW
Julie Holbeche-Maund	JHM
Phil Mallin	PM

2.0 Apologies

Alan Wardropper: Competitions Secretary	AW

3.0 Welcome

3.1 PS welcomed Jules and Phil to the committee and also noted the Publicity Officer role that Debbie has agreed to undertake.

4.0 Previous Minutes

4.1 The minutes to the previous committee meeting held on 9th April 2024 were accepted as a true record by all members.

5.0 Matters arising from the last minutes.

5.1 21 panels for the exhibition have been allocated.

5.2 The 2024 travelling portfolio, pdi only, will be obtained for use in the new season's programme when there is a free spot.

6.0 Club financials and membership.

6.1 JL reported that he had received 3 membership renewals of £55. The AGM agreed to increase subscriptions to £60; the shortfall is being addressed.

6.2 JL reported that there is a balance of £2746.59, which includes new subscriptions of £170, so £2576.59 without these. We still have

£1280 rent to pay even though JL has emailed Carrie at the Conny Club asking for an invoice for this amount. When this is paid the balance will be £1296.59.

6.3 JL has estimated that the year balance at the end of the 2024/25 season will be approximately £300 less than this year's balance. This is based on an expected renewal of 34 members plus an extra 4 members.

6.4 JL has applied for a £500 grant from the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society, stating that it would be used to purchase a new projector. He hasn't heard anything back yet.

6.5 JL has also applied for a grant of £400 from Earl Shilton Town Council in line with last year.

6.6 JL reminded the committee that this will definitely be his final year of undertaking the treasurer's role so a replacement needs to be identified well before the end of the season so that a handover can be performed.

7.0 Programme.

7.1 There are no changes to the planned programme for the new season. The programme will again appear in the handbook.

7.2 Leicester Forest will be contacted to see if they would like to replace the now defunct Fosse Camera Club in our annual inter-club competition. Alternatively, Melton Mowbray or Coalville clubs could be considered.

7.3 PM and JHM have agreed to lead a "still life" workshop on Nov 13th.

7.4 A technical workshop could include a session on the use of filters.

8.0 Handbook

8.1 JD distributed a final draft of the handbook with the suggested front cover, an image by Peter Lawrence. This was agreed by all the committee.

8.2 It was agreed that we would again order 100 copies of the handbook as the cost was just £5 more than the cost of 50, at a cost of £85.61. This would give us plenty to issue to prospective members.

8.3 After a discussion about pdi sizing it was agreed that there should be no limit on this. The reference to 1920 by 1080 pixels will be removed from the handbook. In the event that jpeg images are too large to transfer by email, members will be instructed to use WeTransfer.

9.0 Annual Exhibition (19th – 30th August)

9.1 21 panels using the same formats as last year.
9.2 IW has agreed to produce the labels, so will require mounted images by August 3rd.
9.3 PDI format images will need to be sent to AW for onward transmission to Rebecca Wilbur for displaying on the Atkins website.
9.4 JD will arrange the slideshow for the TV at the Atkins gallery.
9.5 JB will be sending out publicity to local establishments.
9.6 PS will collect banner and visitors book from the Conny Club.
9.7 JL will organise another camera display in the cabinets.
9.8 PS has emailed Janet Jarvis and Oli Wain about presenting trophies. Janet has replied but Oli has not yet. JL said £25 cost for Janet for trophy and engraving.

10.0 AOB

10.1 Chairman's Trophy will again be "Best of the rest" in 2024/25.

11.0 Date of next meeting.

11.1 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th September at 7.00pm, at the home of IW.