Earl Shilton Camera Club

MINUTES – Committee Meeting

Held on – Monday 18th November 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
John Denny	JD
Julie Holbeche-Maund	JHM
Phil Mallin	PM
Steve Pears	SP

2.0 Apologies

Daniel Wood	DW

3.0 Previous Minutes

3.1 The minutes to the previous committee meeting held on 24th September 2024 were accepted as a true record by all members.

4.0 Matters arising from the last minutes.

4.1 Regarding item 4.1, JL reported that he has now received a response from Hinckley and Rugby Building Society that unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our application.

4.2 Regarding item 4.2, SP has been co-opted onto the committee in preparation for taking on the role of Treasurer.

4.3 IW reported that he has contacted Melton Photography Society about replacing Ashby in the inter-club competition. They meet on a Friday and would like a chat about it. JB said he is happy to visit their venue to discuss it.

4.4 The post-exhibition press release has been issued.

4.5 JB will investigate suitability of 4K projectors to replace our existing HD projector. JL suggested that when we do eventually purchase a replacement, the current one should be sold, maybe via eBay.

5.0 Club financials and membership.

5.1 JL reported that there are currently 42 paid up members.

5.2 JL reported that there is a bank balance of £3538.98, plus cash of £83.21, giving a total of £3622.19. All invoices have been paid.

5.3 JL identified current year expected costs as: room rent £1240, insurance £120, MCPF £80, speakers (estimate) £400, exhibition £140, leaving an estimated end of year balance of £1642.19.

5.4 JL will be applying for an increased ESTC grant in the New Year.

6.0 Programme.

6.1 The workshop on 18th December will consist of a number of workstations, including covering post production in Lightroom and Photoshop. In addition there may be a short video on workflow.

6.2 The workshop on 29th January will hopefully include use of the strobe lights, plus a number of workstations on post processing.

7.0 New members

7.1 A discussion took place on how new members had settled in to the club with comments made by mentors. All seemed to be well on this front.

7.2 Perhaps it would be a good idea to populate the website with photos of new members on the gallery pages together with an update to competition images displayed there.

8.0 Publicity Items

8.1 Due to the resignation of DL from the committee there is now a vacancy for the role of Publicity Officer. The members will be asked if anyone would like to undertake this role.

8.2 Views on the production of a quarterly (for example) newsletter will be sought from members.

9.0 Christmas Social Evening

9.1 JL reported that he has booked the Red Lion in Huncote for the evening of 8th January. Hot food will be available as usual. We will also make use of the long alley skittles facility as well as a quiz. The cost will be £15.50 per person and JL will be collecting cash and issuing tickets on club nights.

10.0 AOB

10.1 Ian will start putting SP on the club's bank account in readiness for him taking over the role of Treasurer at the end of the season.

10.2 SP suggested we might want to consider a portrait session at next year's exhibition to encourage more visitors. This suggestion initiated a number of other ideas which need to be further examined over the remainder of the season.

11.0 Date of next meeting.

11.1 The next meeting will be on Monday 20th January 2025 at 7.00pm, at the home of IW.