Earl Shilton Camera Club

MINUTES – Committee Meeting

Held on – Monday 20th January 2025 @ 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
Steve Pears	SP
Daniel Wood	DW

2.0 Apologies

Julie Holbeche-Maund	JHM
Phil Mallin	PM

3.0 Previous Minutes

3.1 The minutes to the previous committee meeting held on 18th November 2024 were accepted as a true record by all members.

4.0 Matters arising from the last minutes.

4.1 PS reported that no-one has come forward to offer to undertake the Publicity Officer role.

4.2 IW reported that he has contacted Melton Photography Society about replacing Ashby in the inter-club competition. As they didn't seem keen, the suggestion now is to ask the judge, Paddy Ruske to do a talk instead.

4.3 JB will investigate suitability of 4K projectors to replace our existing HD projector. It was suggested that Smethwick should be asked what projector they have.

4.4 SP has been added to the club's bank account.

4.5 The social evening was attended by 24 members (including a few partners) and was greatly enjoyed.

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 £3159.87. All invoices have been paid, with a further £1440 of expenditure for the remainder of the season, leaving an estimated end of year balance of £1719.87.

5.3 JL will be soon applying for an increased ESTC grant, to include 50% of a new projector plus the exhibition costs, which are likely to add up to more than the £500 specified on the application form.

5.4 We should ask to be identified on their website as one of the organisations they support.

6.0 Programme.

6.1 The inter club completion on 19th February is now against Leicester Forest, although this will not be continued after this season.

6.2 IW reported that he has booked Ivory Flame for the model shoot on 29th January, alongside Elise Botterill who will use a lighting set-up in the alcove.

6.3 IW had circulated a draft of the 2025-26 season. Rearrangement of POTY rounds in the first half of the season was suggested in order to spread out the competition evenings.

7.0 AOB

7.1 JB relayed an item suggested by PM regarding Member galleries on our website. After a short discussion it was agreed to ask members to send in up to 12 images for inclusion in their own member gallery. All other member images will be removed. It would also be useful if each member provided a selfie image for attaching to the gallery.

7.2 AW offered to deliver images for Midphot, and for Leicester and Leicestershire exhibition.

7.3 It was agreed to continue with the open competition for the exhibition.

8.0 Date of next meeting.

8.1 The next meeting will be on Monday 24th March 2025 at 7.00pm, at the home of IW.