



Sevenoaks Camera Club

Affiliated to
The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain through The Kent County Photographic Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 18th November 2024 8pm at Roger Lee's House

Present : Derek Medhurst, Roger Lee, Susan Wilkinson, Tom Briody, Sandy Wyndham,
Rob Weighill, Jean-Pierre Darque

Apologies for absence : Mick Dudley, Ann White, Anne Roberts, Peter Dillon

1. **Minutes of meeting of 23rd September** were approved subject to changing misprint 'Oxford' to Otford.
Constitution The latest version of the Constitution was approved and SaW agreed to send it out to the membership this week, notifying of the EGM on 9th December. (*Sent on Tuesday 19th*)
2. **Review of activities** and season so far :
 - a. There is now a display of members' photographs at Swanley Station as well as at Otford Station.
 - b. There is a Club Smartphone Safari on 4th of December in the London Bridge area of London. This is run by Jeannette Lendon of JetBlack Squares and is being organised by Sandy Wyndham.
 - c. Peter Dillon photographed for the Sevenoaks Young Musician of the year. Graham Usher and Roger Lee are assisting with photography projects for 'Active Hearts and Minds'.
 - d. Derek Medhurst's exhibition on 'Early Days of Photography in Sevenoaks' opened on 20th November continuing until 7th December on the Kaleidoscope Mezzanine.
 - e. Sevenoaks District Council is planning the regeneration of Bradbourne lakes, probably in 2026 and there is the possibility that members could photograph before and after. Derek Medhurst will ask for members to participate. Rob Weighill's picture of Bradbourne Lakes in the snow is being used by the Sevenoaks District Council for their winter newsletter.

The non-scoring method has started well. The holdbacks in a PDI competition need to slow down slightly so that names of the photographers can be given, but this will be easier with experience so we can direct the judge better.
Hearing was a problem with one very soft-spoken judge.

Prints will not be projected now that all the prints can be displayed on new stands. PDIs of prints are still required to put on the website.

3. **New committee members**
Tom Briody has agreed to stay on as Treasurer for another year.
Quite a lot of suggestions were made of members who could be

approached to become External Competition Secretary.

4. **Next Season's programme** - Sandy put forward some suggestions for discussion.

It was agreed to start the Season later, on 8th September, as numbers were rather thin at the first meeting of this season.

The committee were open to investigating the possibility of a quiz on the first Club Night - various club members might do this or we could bring in an outside quiz provider as we did previously (we have the contact details.)

It was agreed that the Zoom sessions could be spread out more to give less time between the 2nd and 3rd print competitions, but still to allow speakers from further afield.

No decision was taken on a Theme for next season. Technology was suggested with the possibility of arranging outings around the theme. Some preferred more personal subjects such as portraits.

There is increasing difficulty in finding judges from the KCPA so the committee approved going further afield, for example for the exhibition. It would be possible to ask artists as well as photographers.

We are sometimes constrained by lack of wifi in the Hall. There is no telephone line. The possibility of our installing something was brought up, also to improve the sound. This can be investigated by Rob and Sandy, but we suspect that this would be very difficult.

5. **Membership** We now have 44 members with the possibility of two more. This is a drop from over 50 last season. J-P suggested he could put us onto the Better Together website which is free. This was agreed, and Sandy said she might be able to put us in more of the free local magazines. Derek has our details up in his exhibition in Kaleidoscope.

It is difficult to get younger members - we might consider follow-up after the Smartphone Safari.

- 6 **The triptych evening** has had no submissions so far. Susan Wilkinson will send out an e-mail to all members to encourage them to send entries to Susan and to explain what is needed.
(e-mail sent on 20th - closing date of 27th December given.)

7. **AOB** including deciding a date for next zoom meeting.

It was decided that there will be a short informal Zoom meeting on **16th December** (the third Monday)

The meeting closed at 10.20. (it opened late at 8.15)