



Sevenoaks Camera Club

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

Minutes Committee Meeting

Monday 17th February 2025

8pm at J-P's house

Present : Derek Medhurst (DM), Jean-Pierre Darque (JP), Mick Dudley, Ann White, Peter Dillon, Susan Wilkinson (SuW), Sandy Wyndham (SaW), Roger Lee, Anne Roberts, Rob Weighill

Apologies for absence : Tom Briody

1. **The Minutes** of the meeting of 18th November were approved.
- 2.a. The Malling Battle of the Prints took place on 11th February with judge Helen Taylor. We came 6th out of 12 clubs.

b. Four club members contributed to the 'Your Work here' exhibition at the Amelia Scott gallery in Tunbridge Wells.

c. The Club along with the Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership is going to replace some of the pictures in the Otford gallery on 14th March. There is a 'Railway 200' event all year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first passenger train.
The Command Strip fastenings have proved to be nicely durable.
3. **Committee Members**
Mick Dudley has agreed to take over from Anne Roberts as External Competition Secretary as well as acting as backup to Rob Weighill as PDI Secretary. Anne is travelling from 1st April so we will have a vacancy on the Selection committee as well as on the Committee. We will approach some members to try to get more back-up for the present committee members.
4. **The programme** : SaW is going to check with Peter Humphrey and Mike Robinson that all is well for the demonstration evening on 7th April.
SuW will ring Athene to find out when would be a time when we could test out whether a Zoom presentation could be carried out in the Hall. *SuW has discovered that our Mondays, Thursdays after 8.30 and Saturdays are possible. Saturday afternoons seem to be the most promising. Mencap is just appointing a new bookings manager. (Nick Hall - Tel: 01959 561787)*

SaW suggested another quiz to start the season which was agreed.
Peter Dillon is happy to do another Show and Tell evening.
The idea of having a project and members bringing along what they have done was suggested. Phil Savoie suggested a Prime Lens challenge.
Something on AI was put forward, but there was wariness about it.
5. **The Exhibition** - SaW will try to find others to help with the Exhibition organisation. David Jenner is the judge and SaW will aim to set up the

timetable for handing in as soon as possible.

Neither DM nor SuW will be there on the central weekend so someone else will need to set up the TV.

We will have the three rolling walls on the Mezzanine and hope to use them to display Triptychs.

It was suggested that we could throw away all the worst of the old exhibition frames and only keep some of the best, and the meeting agreed. We might dispose of all of them if they are too damaged, or some could be offered to Club members

6. Titles for the **Theme** and the **Challenge**

The title “**Fill the Frame**” was decided for the **Theme**.

The title of “**A Beatles Song**” was decided for the **Challenge**.

7. **Trophies** : We have decided to award the Starter Cup and the Theme this season as well as the four trophies for the Exhibition which will continue in subsequent seasons..

Next season we will discontinue the Starter Cup and the Theme. SuW will write a review of the year as a report to the AGM and congratulations should be given to those who have done particularly well in the competitions.

The abandonment of all ranking has been suggested along with re-naming competitions as appreciation evenings. It would need re-writing of the competition rules and the constitution.

The feeling was that the membership would need to be consulted about how they feel about the present arrangement and any possible changes.

Peter Dillon will have a first go at writing something to present to the membership before the AGM and will consult with Derek Medhurst.

8. **AOB**

- a. Rob Weighill would like to buy an HDMI to Mac cable for the Club and this was agreed.
- b. Peter Dillon would quite like people to be able to bring their prints on the night and with names on the back.
- c. The individual panel on 24th March can have 3-9 mounts. Each mount may have more than one print. Prints can be surface mounted. The complete rules are on the Cub website.
- d. The Bradbourne Lakes renovation project is likely to be planned this year for construction works in 2026.
- e. Sevenoaks Society would like to borrow our display easels for a day, but they are not very robust and need proper assembly so Peter or Graham would have to assemble and dismantle them in the Stag Plaza Suite.

The meeting finished at 9.40