



CARSHALTON CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of 67th Annual General Meeting
Held online via ZOOM on 2nd September 2020

Those Present: Nigel Laflin – Chair
John Cheshire – Secretary
Anthony Ogilvie – Treasurer
Gerald Kitiyakara – President
Plus 16 club members

The Meeting was called to order and opened by the Chair at 20:01

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Received in advance from Pippa Barnes and Judy Taylor, no further apologies were recorded apart from Balwant Thanki who joined the meeting late and sent an apology to all present.

The Chairman Nigel Laflin addressed the members to apologise for the delay in holding this AGM and thanked everyone for their patience and understanding.

Dave Rayers then explained how the Zoom voting system would work and carried out a test vote which ran successfully.

2. Minutes of Last AGM

The Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019 had been circulated to members using the MailChimp facility prior to the 67th AGM.

A vote was carried out to approve the minutes.

Vote Result 100% Yes, 20 total votes. The minutes were accepted.

3. Matters arising out of Minutes of the 66th AGM

It was agreed that there was one matter arising and that is covered in Item 6 of these minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented the following report. It should be noted that reports were made available to club members before the AGM and were not read out in full during the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Strictly speaking this report should cover the year up to March 2020, but we are now living in unprecedented times in which it has not been possible hold any physical meetings since the beginning of March. As a result, my report is for an AGM postponed until September 2020. At the start of the Covid-19 outbreak and lockdown your Committee took prompt action to keep the Club running. They have subsequently worked extraordinarily hard to ensure the Club offers a full programme of weekly online (Zoom) meetings. On behalf of Carshalton Camera Club and its Committee I would like to thank all those that have in the past year and a half facilitated the smooth running and success of the Club

There are some names that deserve a special mention. In no particular order they are:
Gerald Kitiyakara (President) for his work often behind the scenes, encouraging us all, as well as representing our club at the meetings of the South London Federation of which we are a part.
Dave Rayers (Digital and A/V Secretary) who so competently supervises and handles the technical facilities of our club. There is a lot of work involved in setting up the sound, computing, and the projection needs of our club. In the past year he successfully managed the introduction PhotoEntry to ease our submission process for digital images. Dave has also presented occasional AV shows to

other clubs.

Darren Pullman (Publicity Officer) who does a great job maintaining an up-to-date website with the latest events, news and results.

John Cheshire (Secretary), who in addition to valuable work supporting the committee, sends out numerous and informative MailChimps (emails) to remind members of forthcoming events and activities.

Joan Tucker (Judges Secretary) who books and communicates with the judges of our various competitions - recently a particularly challenging role coping with last minute changes arising from the temporary move to online competitions.

Ann Rayers (Print Secretary) who spends many hours sorting the prints and organising the frequent

print-based competitions and events. As ever I have appreciated her advice and inspiration on competition matters. In May 2019 Ann took the lead in organising a very successful Annual Exhibition (with lots of help from others) and May 2020 Ann was the driving force for an on-line exhibition.

Tony Ogilvie (Treasurer) for maintaining the accounts - most of us are unaware of the significant effort that goes into this task that includes chasing up members for their subscriptions and encouraging new members to join up.

Steve Lenaerts (Programme Secretary) who continues to amaze us by putting together a comprehensive programme that includes interesting and informative speakers. In the past few months he has gone even further, tracking down fascinating presentations from the wider UK and putting together the future programme based on significant uncertainties. Steve also organised a weekend away to Canterbury last September.

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The late Pat Bradford who hosted our Committee Meetings, organised raffles and managed a hosting rota for visiting judges and presenters. See below for a tribute to Pat.

Gareth Curtis (Vice Chairman) for running meetings when I'm absent.

Doug Crocket, for his input as Chairman of the Competition Sub Committee.

Finally, our club only works at all because of the contributions made by many members, those who come early to set up, those who stay late to put away and all the people who have helped to serve the coffees and teas.

There are a few other things to mention:

A significant change to the competition league structure will be introduced in September. This is the

introduction of 'Critique Class' where members of all skill levels can submit their photo entries on a non-competitive basis for a judge's assessment. The competition rules have been revised to reflect this change and the opportunity taken to clarify the presentation of all rules. The previous 'Preliminary' category in the league competitions has been removed. If you haven't done so already,

please find and read these on the Club Website.

During early 2020 our membership reduced for various reasons including the sad death of two members. It seems unlikely that we will the grow the membership again until our meetings resume once again in the Church Hall.

In April we heard that Peter Rowlands had died suddenly at home. Peter (and his late wife Joyce) had been a leading light in the Club for many years. He was one of the Club's great characters, always helpful and supportive and of course a great photographer. From the many tributes received

it is clear he will be very much missed as a friend at our meetings.

Then in May when we were saddened to hear that Pat Bradford had lost her brave fight with cancer.

Pat was a strong character and turned up for meetings even when she was clearly exhausted coping

with intensive treatment. She continued bravely during this time supporting the Club activities, including hosting Committee meetings. Pat will also be missed greatly in the Club.

Some good news this year with members obtaining several distinctions; Ann Rayers an AFIAP in June

2019 (now upgraded to EFIAP since May 2020), Darren Pullman his CPAGB, BPE1, BPE2* (he already held the AFIAP distinction) between April '19 and April '20 and Balwant Thanki his ARPS in May 2019*

Looking forward and despite the current restrictions, I'm confident that the Committee will offer you an interesting programme of events in the forthcoming Club year. Let's hope there will be favourable circumstances for us all to meet in person once again.

Happy photo shooting wherever you manage to do it!

Best wishes,

Nigel

(Nigel Laflin, CCC Chairman)

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary presented the following report

Secretary's Report

Becoming Secretary in a well run committee

Is it really the end of March last year when I took over the Secretary role? It seems longer ago and not just because of the strange new world we are living in now. In May 2018 I joined the Club committee not to fill any specific role but in the first committee meeting I attended it was clear that a volunteer was needed to look after the Club trophies. At the second committee meeting I attended it was news to me that our Club Secretary Doug Crockett was standing down due to work commitments and we would need to elect a new Secretary from the current committee or a new committee member, though it was also noted that we already had a very reasonable number of committee members. I looked around and saw no volunteers. I saw a well functioning committee with members perfectly suited to their roles, carrying out their numerous duties as a well knit group of, in some ways, diverse people with a common goal for the smooth running of the Club. It was clear to me that there were committee members who could take on the Secretary role but it would take them away from their current very well performed role. At our next Club meeting Nigel asked me if I would consider becoming the Club Secretary. I would like to thank the committee for inviting and accepting me and also thanks to members who have given me feedback on mailchimp communications.

League Competitions – fun and challenging but there's much more to enjoy

For the 2019/2020 season I decided to take a break from Club League competitions. This primarily came from a time and financial constraint for prints and I do like printing on expensive paper. I generally prefer print to PDI competitions so did not want to bother entering PDI if I was taking a break from print. This did allow me to experience the Club for one season without having a personal interest in our league competitions. While I did regret not having entries in league meetings I attended I was pleased with the non competition-centric approach taken by the Club. Members are encouraged to enter competitions but there is absolutely no requirement to do so. Club meetings are varied and interesting and include great innovations such as the Photostory evenings. It will be interesting to see how the new Critique Class works in practice. Joan Tucker does some excellent hard work lining up judges for all our competitions.

The Club continues to entertain and educate with varied and quality guests

Some of our varied 2019/2020 meetings included; Olympus Imaging Guru Jez Sugars –

perhaps a bit of an Olympus sales pitch but also informative of a system used by some members and no more manufacturer specific than our Canon specialist a previous year, Dave Mason who delights in showing us sometimes humorous images and often nonleague worthy photos, Bob Webzell ARPS EFIAP who gave us so much to think about by turning the exposure down and then down some more, Eddie Hyde ARPS who is always generous with his time and knowledge. There were many great speakers for our Club also including recent online meetings via Zoom where we welcomed speakers such as Kylie-Ann Martin, Gareth Martin with his inspirational editing approach and Tracey Lund with her superb mostly non edited nature images. This paragraph is not at all intended as a complete recap and there were some meetings I personally missed so apologies for not highlighting good points from all our speakers. I can nonetheless summarise that the varied entertainment and education from our Club guest speakers is in itself a great

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reason to be a member and the line up of guests seems to get even better every year, thanks of course to the superb work by Steve Lenearts.

Membership

While not at a high point for our number of Club members, we still remain with a good mix between Critique, Standard and Advanced members. The lockdown situation is not the best time to attract new members but our committee has been working even harder than usual in these strange times and we continue to discuss new ideas. As our Chairman Nigel has stated in his report we regret the sad loss of Peter Rowlands and Pat Bradford, two members who passed away and will be greatly missed.

Internal Competitions

Some of our league competitions finished with a point or two separating some of the top three, so they continue to be well contested and exciting to the end.

It is good to see a high standard of photography appearing in all three tiers of the league. Our open competitions show that our non advanced members can make their presence felt by sometimes providing images worthy of top marks.

The Photostory evenings have become a Club favourite and deservedly so. Apart from anything else it is great to have members sharing a set of images which may not be league worthy. Our leagues are challenging and fun but our love of photography goes beyond Club standard photographs.

External Competitions

Ann Rayers EFIAP and Darren Pullman AFIAP CPAGB BPE2* both had a number of acceptances in to the SPA Biennial Exhibition 2020.

In the SLF, CCC received Runners-Up trophies for both the Monochrome Print and PDI Competitions, CCC also won the PDI Plate competition. Congratulations of course due to Lynda Bailey for winning best PDI in the individual open competition.

CCC was delighted and proud to win the Inter-Club Competition hosted by Kingston in June 2020.

General Notes

The club aims to keep members informed of various club and external events through email and the web site and Steve Lenearts produces a wonderful list of exhibitions each month. Members are welcome to let us know if they are aware of events that other members may be interested in then these can be notified to the Secretary for circulation to the whole club.

The club committee work to try and concoct a varied programme for the members but as we say every year it is perhaps worth reminding you all here that the committee are always happy to take suggestions for new activities or presentations that individual members may want to put forward – this is your club!

6. To vote on a change to section 7 of the Club Constitution (deferred from AGM 2019)

7. The Club shall hold its Annual General Meeting not later than the 31st March. A minimum of 14 days notice of this meeting, together with a copy of the agenda, shall be sent to each member. At this meeting, the Treasurer shall submit the annual accounts, duly *inspected by an independent examiner audited by a member* appointed by the Committee for this purpose. ~~The auditor shall not be a member of the Committee.~~ Twelve members shall form a quorum.

Vote Result 100% Yes, 20 total votes. The change was accepted.

7. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's report.

Before presenting his report the Treasurer spoke to address two questions raised prior to the AGM as any other business. The two questions were;

1 Given the decline in club finances, is there a financial forecast for 2020?

2 Are there any plans to increase the subscription in 2021?

The Treasurer stated that there was currently no financial forecast for 2020/2021. Various costs have however decreased while meetings are held online. A forecast can not be made until a return date for physical meetings is known. The Club Committee will be discussing this in the autumn.

The Treasurer stated that there was no plan to increase subscription cost.

The Treasurer submitted the following report

Carshalton Camera Club Finance Report for the year 2019

This is to report on the club accounts for the year 2019, these have been shown to an Independent Examiner (T Laws) who has agreed that they are a true and fair accounts for the year and a copy is attached.

During the year we had 48 members, these generated subscription fees of £2,835.

This amount did not cover the normal expenses of the club as we only reported a £4 (£521) surplus during the year.

We would have made a loss of £913 if it were not for other income that we have generated during the year. This has been made up of

Raffles £146 (£287)

Canteen £311 (£344)

Annual Exhibition £370 (£280) This in net of costs for the hall etc.

Other £90 (£44) This is from money on the door from visitors etc.

Our main expenses were

Hire of hall £1,820 (£1,839) which is slightly down on the previous year due to a difference in the number of meetings.

Judges £324 (£314) which has remained stable

Speakers £522 (£428) we have to pay more for quality speakers

We are at present unsure what will occur in 2020 so can not make any estimates for the coming year, so at present we are still maintaining the same subscription fee.

We are still trying to maintain a programme but this has to rely on Zoom meetings and speakers are charging for their services so there is still a cost for keeping the club going.

The Treasurer submitted a copy of the accounts for the year which can be found in Appendix A of this document.

A vote was carried out to approve the accounts.

Vote Result 100% Yes, 20 total votes. The accounts were accepted.

8. To elect the Officers for the forthcoming year

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

Chairman – Nigel Laflin

Vote Result 100% Yes, 20 total votes. Nigel Laflin accepted to continue as Chairman

Secretary – John Cheshire

Vote Result 100% Yes, 20 total votes. John Cheshire accepted to continue as Secretary

Treasurer – Anthony Ogilvie

Vote Result 100% Yes, 20 total votes. Anthony Ogilvie accepted to continue as Treasurer

It should be noted it was proposed to re-vote the Committee membership 'as is', noting that other members can be co-opted onto the committee if needs be.

Vote Result 100% Yes, 20 total votes. Committee membership re-elected as-is.

9. Any other business

Two questions had been submitted via email prior to the meeting. The questions were sent by David Graddidge and were answered by the Treasurer in item 7 of this document;

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The Club President Gerald Kitiyakara spoke briefly to thank the Chairman and the Committee, also highlighting thanks to the sub committees which have some members from the Club who are not members of the main Committee. He thanked Steve Lenaerts as Programme Secretary for keeping meetings going so well online via Zoom.

The President also noted that Peter Stroud who passed away last year had honorary membership to the Club and that Peter's son had asked to donate a trophy in his memory. This new trophy is now in the possession of our President. It is expected that the Peter Stroud trophy will replace the blue circle trophy as the cup for the advanced PDI competition.

Margaret Stevens asked a question regarding the history of previous winners of that PDI competition and was concerned a new trophy would effectively wipe that clear. The Secretary John Cheshire explained that he is recording all past Club trophies in both text and photographic form. Images and history of our past trophies will be made available on our website.

Our Chairman made closing comments, thanking everyone for attending and assuring members that we are all eager to get back to physical meetings. He asked everyone to please bare with us while we keep an eye on when getting back to those meetings will be possible.

10. Date of next AGM

The date if the next meeting remains to be advised TBA

11. Close

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 20:42

APPENDIX A

Carshalton Camera Club Income and expenditure

	2019	2018
MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,835.00	3,095.00
RAFFLES NET OF COSTS	145.80	286.82
CANTEEN NET OF COSTS	310.92	344.39
AV Competition	-	-
	-	-
OTHER INCOME	90.00	43.98
INTEREST ON DEPOSIT A/C	-	-
Total Income	- (3,381.72)	- (3,770.19)
	-	-
RENT	1,820.00	1,839.00
PRINTING & STATIONERY	35.00	-
JUDGES	324.00	313.90
LECTURERS	522.00	428.00
ROY KING TROPHY	-	2.50
SUBSCRIPTIONS & FEES	219.54	65.54
WEBSITE COST	61.97	45.99
INSURANCE	330.06	247.56
ENGRAVING	70.00	69.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES & DONATIONS	75.12	103.20
Total overheads	3457.69	3114.69
ANNUAL EXHIBITION INCOME	(549.00)	(432.05)
COSTS	179.16	151.95
Total Annual Exhibition	(369.84)	(280.10)
DEPRECIATION ON EQUIPMENT	289.94	414.02
WRITE DOWN ON AWARDS FOR ALL	-	-
	289.94	414.02
(Excess) / Deficit for the year	(3.93)	(521.58)

Carshalton Camera Club Balance sheet

	2019	2018
EQUIPMENT AT COST OR 2002 VALUATION	6,956.85	6,956.85
LESS:-ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(5,415.34)	(5,125.40)
Fixed Assets NBV	1,541.51	1,831.45
EQUIPMENT FUND	(1,800.00)	(1,800.00)
SUNDRY CREDITORS		
CCc Holiday	-	-
AWARDS FOR ALL	-	-
	-	-
Total Creditors	(1,800.00)	(1,800.00)
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	4,707.16	4,016.88
CASH IN HAND	20.19	99.32
CASH FLOAT	-	16.00
DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS	(192.50)	108.78
Total Debtors	4,534.85	4,240.98
	<u>4,276.36</u>	<u>4,272.43</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS 1/1/2019	4,272.43	3,750.85
Tfr to Equipment fund		
ADD SURPLUS FOR YEAR	3.93	521.58
	<u>4,276.36</u>	<u>4,272.43</u>

A Ogilvie FCCA
Hon Treasurer

T Laws
Independent Examiner

APPENDIX B

Competition Sub-Committee Report for AGM 2020

1/4/19 – 1/4/20

The competition sub-committee is composed of the Print Sec (Ann Rayers) PDI Sec (Dave Rayers) Darren Pullman, Steve Lenaerts and Nigel Laflin. It was chaired by Doug Crockett.

Its role is to;

- 1) choose panels for external Federation and other competitions
- 2) to recommend promotions in the league to the Main Committee
- 3) to recommend any required update in competition rules annually to the Main Committee
- 4) to recommend to the Main Committee any suggested change in structure of the internal competitions

CCC Competitions (competition year 2018-2019)

The competition year finished in May 2019. The results of all league, non-league comps including the Master Photographer and Set Subjects can all be found on the CCC Website.

Federation of South London Photographic Societies (FSLPS referred to as SLF)

The 2018-2019 season of inter-club competitions culminated in April 2019 with Finals Day. The season had been very successful for CCC and at Finals Day we received Runners-Up trophies for both the Monochrome Print and PDI Competitions. We also received a number of certificates in the rounds details of which can be found on our website in the results section under the '2018-19 season'.

The 2019-20 season had reached the completion of the competition 'rounds', semi-finals and the finals of the Plate competitions. We reached the semi-finals in the monochrome print and the colour print competition but lost at that stage. However, we won the PDI Plate competition.

Surrey Photographic Association (SPA)

SPA Biennial Exhibition 2020. CCC entries were collected and submitted to the SPA in January 2020. Ann Rayers EFIAP and Darren Pullman AFIAP CPAGB BPE2* both had a number of acceptances. The physical Exhibition due to be held in April 2020 was cancelled. The catalogue of photos can be found on the SPA website.

Critique Class

The suggestions for the new Critique Class was approved by the Main Committee, circulated to the membership and posted on the website.

Photoentry

This has been fully operational for the whole season.

Annual Exhibition June 2019

Another successful Exhibition was held and Darren Pullman won the Roy King Trophy for the best panel (judged by Gill Peachey LRPS).

1/4/20 – 1/8/20 (post scheduled AGM)

CCC competitions

The results for the 2019-2020 season are available on the website. The season ended 20/4/20 and these would normally be reported in the 2021 AGM.

SLF Interclub Competitions

Finals Day was not held in April as scheduled but the various PDI competitions were held. Lynda Bailey won the best PDI in the individual open competition. The results of the print competitions are not available yet.

Competition Rules

These were updated, approved by the Main Committee and posted on the club website in July 2020.

Online Exhibition

The Annual Exhibition for 2020 was cancelled due to Covid-19 but members submitted panels of PDI in March 2020 for an Online Exhibition. This went live in April 2020 in the public area of the website.

Inter-Club Competition hosted by Kingston 1/6/20

We were invited to take part in a 6-way PDI competition via Zoom that included some very distinguished clubs. We were very pleased to have won this with photos selected by the sub-committee!

Zoom Competitions

Competitions can now be successfully run via our usual software through Zoom. The Lockdown competition was the first of these.