

BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

11th May 2017 @ 34 Link House @ 19.30

The meeting commenced at 19.30 with apologies from Tim Hearn and Michael Bowden.

Present at the meeting were:-Jim Richards (J.R) ,Margaret Dolan (M.D), Andy Francis (AF), Tony Brewer (T.B), Andy Francis (A.F), Tony Coleman (T.C), Mac Chivers (MC)

Welcome from JR with refreshments.

JR mentioned there was no agenda MD accepted that it was her place to draw one up. MC said that she needed instruction from the chairman. JR!

TB queried the start date for the next season, this was confirmed as the 19th September 2017. He then asked when it would finish, this again was confirmed as the 17th April 2018. it was commented that that was post Easter and no-one would want to turn up, MC said that we will just have to make the evenings interesting enough to encourage a good turnout!

MD did say that a Mr Paul Jones would do an evening of practical instruction on Macro photography for £75. If this could be arranged in the post Easter section it could prove an incentive!

It was decided that we would hold the Masters before the 'Friendlies'

MD is to telephone Okehampton and Braunton/ Barnstaple to confirm dates.
Also MD is to book The Thatched Inn for a Christmas Meal on the 9th January 2018.

The subjects for the Masters have been decided as follows:- Transport, Architecture, Street, Animal Portrait, Macro/Close up, After Dark, Creative & Land/Seascape. Definitions will also be printed out by MC.

TB asked when we could fit in Katherine Holden to give a talk about a Mr Philip Jones-Griffiths (her father) who was a war photographer. Katherine Holden is also on the Board of Magnam.

It was confirmed that TC looks into a trip for next summer.

Entries for the POTY will be from ALL competitions throughout the year and will include all Highly Commended up to first place!

MD to contact Maureen Dennis to talk about the Critique.

An evening for image preparation and sizing to be covered in an evening of Competition FAQs. The image size has now changed to 1600 x 1200. Full details including instructions will be on the web-site in July (so all members should be conversant with it well before the new season).

After a lot of discussion the programme for next season is now complete.

MC has now been allocated the Membership no. 31.

AF asked if we were aware of/ interested in a site called Membership Mojo. It would mean that all Committee members would have access to all details of the club. Club members would also have access to amend/update their details.

TC said that he is still coming across bad information about the venue for the club!

Just to explain that this is only a problem with external websites and that our own website is correct. AF monitors this and tries where possible to advise third parties of the correct details but the accuracy is down to their website administrators and often beyond our control.

MC said that at his last club they did several things to introduce membership. One good idea was to have a pre-season meetings to introduce prospective members. It was decided that this will be held on the 12th September. A questionnaire was passed out to members to see whoo wanted what! Like trophies or certificates and mention on the Roll of Honour on the web-site. A two division club was mentioned, an advanced and an improvers! This was thought to be a good incentive to enter competitions. A Make-It-Your-Own evening was discussed and inserted on the programme.

The subject of Certificates v Trophies was brought up and decided that we will have Certificates for non-trophied competitions including MIYO.

An imaginative selfie was brought up as a subject! A permanent exhibition was also mentioned. We will be keeping an eye open for opportunities. The Old Custom House has changed hands and has a large meeting room to be investigated.

Next Committee meeting to be held in late July! We will start to 'sell' the club on all formats in early August.

Sub-committee to be used for the picking of images for competitions. A maximum of 3 to choose!

The meeting closed at 21.50