

## **BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held at 34 Link House**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 @ 19.30**

Those attending: Jim Richards (JR), Tim Hearn (TH), Margaret Dolan (MD), Tony Brewer (TB), Andy Francis (AF), Mac Chivers (MC), Tony Coleman (TC) and Michael Bowden (MB)

Greeted by JR with light refreshments

**Minutes of the meeting were recorded by MD and transcribed to print.**

### **Speakers.**

TH asked if the speakers booked reflected the 'wants' of club members. MD confirmed that Ken Holland, talking about 'When the Well Runs Dry', will be 'educational' and Andrew McCarthy would talk about Nature Photography and Ecology

Richard Lappas is good on Press Photography and will possibly be booked for the following year at the College.

Chaz Madge talking about his photography, mistakes and all.

Gordon Aspland is to be booked, if possible.

John Kelley is to be booked by MD for a day out on Street Photography.

MD explained the layout of next seasons' program is having a competition once a month and the following week having a paid speaker. Members are to be asked if they could fill an evening with either a talk or a workshop.

The cost of judges was again discussed. Do we have outside judging or judge in house? We are not cash poor!

TB said that we get more value out of a speaker than we do out of a judge, therefore, he suggests, why not have a judge for the first half of an evening followed by a talk? This would mean restricting entries! TB suggested keeping the speakers alongside the judges, therefore almost doubling the speakers. TH was concerned that neither half of the evening would be fulfilling, it was suggested that a judge could do a longer critique or select a few prints and talk about what they would do to improve said print.

MD felt it wrong to send judges DPIs of prints for a print competition as one judge (at least) had manipulated the dpi to improve it. They could not, however, manipulate the print.

The subject of re-branding was again discussed with objections from TC and MD. The point of re-branding would be to re-ignite interest, get more members and re-launch the club. If it is not done with all the fanfare and massive publicity, it may well not be done at all. MD & TC said they are not in favour of re-branding. TH said he would hope to get more members by re-branding and cannot comprehend the lack of enthusiasm. JR says he wants to attract people who's children have grown and fled the nest, are now in middle age with no hobby and plenty of money. MC suggests doing a survey amongst the targeted persons. TH suggested separate days of instruction to try to get the youngsters in.

### **Program 2018/19**

JR confirmed that on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 'mounting'. MC is prepared to do a talk on 'basic photography' early in the season. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 members are to provide a favourite picture of their own to discuss. This is to be on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Summer prints to be shown on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018. On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 is to be an M.I.Y.O. TH will do a workshop in the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018. On February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 members are to get an A/V to show.

### **The Masters subjects are:**

1. Human Portraiture,
2. Land/Seascape,
3. Low Light,
4. Macro/Close up,
5. Creative,
6. Travel,
7. Action
8. Nature.

### **AGM Agenda.**

Agree minutes of last AGM and matters arising

Data Protection

Reports from officers MD is to provide a hard copy of all reports for the AGM.

Election of Officers for 2018/19

External Competition Secretary

Publicity Officer

League Tables

Proposals

AF proposed to be Chairperson

Non Portfolio.

New fees.

Couples dispensation.

Volunteer Bursary fund for young persons.

### **External Competitions**

We will enter the Knighthayes, WCPF, 3B's, Okehampton.

TH will assist MC as competition secretary.

### **Projector use.**

MC is concerned about the amount the projector is used for the club. It was agreed that MC would be paid £10/ usage, backdated to the start of the 2017/18 season. TH suggested that we also pay half the cost of a new bulb, which was also agreed.

AF confirmed the production of the certificates.

TH brought up the subject of the Devon Battle. TB said that all club members were requested to participate. TH said that it should be the mantle of the External Competition Secretary.

### **Summer Outings**

It was suggested that we go to Clovelly as they stop charging at around 18.00. As the light is not too good it was suggested that we take the opportunity to do some Low-Light photography. That is now booked in for 24/04/18.

MC said about the dance studio in Rope Walk! It was stated that we are not allowed to photograph young girls. The Rugby club was suggested by AF and MD will look into that. Also suggested were the Tennis club, the Football club. The other outings were discussed as not enough people responded to the questionnaire.

### **AOB.**

MC said that someone has set up a web-site to show the 3B's images, this is to be accessed by Competition Secretaries only to allow checking of future images.

Age of entries was discussed again and it was decided that the 3 (three) year limit would stand. Every entry MUST be an original.

The move of The Masters was deemed to be a mistake and will be put back next season to.

An inaugural meeting of the Committee to be held during the summer

Meeting closed at 22.15