



Bideford Camera Club

**MINUTES OF A BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 20.00 HRS ON 15 JULY 2020
ON-LINE VIA ZOOM**

In Attendance: Margaret Dolan, Vice Chairman (MD)
Mac Chivers, Treasurer (MC)
Tony Coleman, Member's Rep (TC)
Michael Bowden, Member's Rep (MB)
Mike Middleton, Secretary (MM)

1 Resignation of Vice Chairperson

MD opened the meeting by saying that as she was moving to Barnstaple in the near future. Although she will remain a member of Bideford Camera Club she would not be able to attend every meeting and therefore would resign from the committee.

2 Annual General Meeting

The AGM should have taken place at the end of last season but the lockdown prevented it. As there are a number of things members must make decisions on before the start of next season, it was decided to hold the AGM online via Zoom at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 August. Instructions for joining the meeting will be sent to members at a later date together with an agenda.

3. Committee Vacancies

MC said he is willing to remain as treasurer, and also look after our website, also MM said he is willing to stay on as secretary. This leaves the following posts vacant:

Committee

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Internal Competition Secretary

External Competition Secretary

Publicity and Marketing Officer

Non Committee

Equipment Officer

Newsletter Editor

Concern was expressed that the workload is falling on just a few people, and unless we can recruit more members to the committee there is a real risk that the club may not be in a position to go forward next season.

It was agreed that members should be encouraged to join the committee and anyone willing to put themselves forward should submit their names to the secretary by 27 July.

4 The 2020/21 Programme and Delivery

MM reported that the Methodist Church has not made a decision regarding letting out its community halls again. Because Covid-19 safe conditions have to be met, eg. social distancing and extensive cleaning, etc. they are having real doubts whether they will be able to comply. MC said that he was also aware that some members will not attend physical meetings either because they are at higher risk or wish to avoid any unnecessary risk.

It was agreed that there is a need to plan for running the club on-line at the start of the season. This will mean contacting speakers and judges already contracted to find out if they are willing to present talks and judge on-line. MM will contact speakers and MC judges. Also, other items on the programme will probably need adapting to suit the on-line medium – quite a lot of work over the next couple of months.

5 Financial Risk Management

MC stated that operating this way will reduce our costs and when we have a good estimate of that, we may be able to reduce the annual subscription accordingly. However, we still need people to subscribe in order to keep the club afloat. It was agreed that present members should be asked if they will be rejoining in September and inform the secretary by 27 July so that this can be factored into our plans.

6 Undating Present Members of Future Plans

It was agreed that MM should email all current members informing them of the date of the AGM and the discussions and decisions made at this committee meeting as outlined above.

Mike Middleton
Honorary Secretary
19 July 2020