



**MINUTES OF A BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 19.30 HRS ON 11 AUGUST 2020
ON-LINE VIA ZOOM**

In Attendance: Mac Chivers, Treasurer (MC)
Tony Coleman, Member's Rep (TC)
Michael Bowden, Member's Rep (MB)
Tim Sanders (TS)
Bob Jinks (BJ)
Andy Milham (AM)
Mike Middleton, Secretary (MM)

1 As the club does not have a Chair or Vice-Chair, MC acted as chair for the meeting.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2020

2 The minutes of the committee meeting held on 15 July 2020 were read and accepted as a true record. It was confirmed that all actions listed in the minutes had been dealt with.

Club Programme

3 The pre-covid19 programme from Sep 2020 to Dec 2020 inclusive was discussed and amended as follows:

15 Sep Welcome, Enrolment and Member's images.

- a MM will introduce and chair the evening.
- b MC will update attendees on fees for the season, method of payment, etc
- c MM will contact direct potential new members who have been identified via Facebook etc. and ask them to contact him for Zoom joining details if they intend to join the club. MM will also insert an entry on the club website with a similar request which could generate additional new members.
- d MC will email present members who will be rejoining and ask them to send DPIs of images they have taken since the club last met and the end of Aug 2020. There is no limited to the number of images submitted. If the number of images submitted is greater then time will allow, MC will edited the number ensuring that everyone sending in images is equally represented.

22 Sep Presentation by a BCC Member – Photographic Equipment

MC agreed to prepare a presentation covering the equipment (other than a camera) that can be used for taking both general images and those of a more specialist nature.

29 Sep Talk – Water Drop Photography by Hugh Letheren

Hugh Letheren has been contacted and has agreed to present his talk on-line via Zoom.

6 Oct DPI Competition – OPEN – Judged by Jane Kearney on-line

13 Oct Presentation by a BCC Member – Introduction of Using Layers and Blend Modes when editing an image

MC will contact Steve Carsons and ask if he will give the presentation.

20 Oct Image Evaluation and Technical Problem Clinic Evening

27 Oct Talk – Walking the SW Coastal Path by Gary Holpin

Gary Holpin has been contacted and will deliver the talk on-line.

3 Nov DPI Competition – SKYSCAPE – Judged by Ian Bateman, FRPS MPAGB AFIAP on-line

10 Nov Presentation by a BCC Member – Sharpening an Image plus members problems

17 Nov Image Evaluation and Technical Problem Clinic Evening

24 Nov My Life as an Opportunist Photographer by Michael Longhurst

Michael Longhurst has been contacted and will deliver the talk on-line.

1 Dec DPI Competition – REFLECTIONS/REFRACTIONS – Judged by Kay Wilson on-line

7 Dec Presentation by a BCC Member – Bracketing and Stacking Images for focus, HDR, etc

15 Dec Image Evaluation and Technical Problem Clinic Evening

22 Dec &
29 Dec Christmas Break

5 Jan 21 DPI Competition – BUY A THEME – Judged by Peter Fry ARPS DPAGB BPE3 on-line

It was agreed that contacting speakers and judges booked for after 5 Jan 2021 regarding on-line delivery, should be deferred until later in 2020.

Club Website

4 AM confirmed that he would take over the role of Webmaster. Hosting of the site was discussed and it was agreed that remaining with the present host was probably the sensible option. MC informed the meeting that Andy Francis (AF) wants to relinquish the webmaster by 4 Oct at the latest but it would be desirable if this were to happen as soon as possible. MC will contact AF to inform him that AM will be taking over the role and will be contacting him.

Zoom Account

5 TS said that he had checked and his Zoom account would be free for club use on Tuesday evenings. Committee members thanked TS for the offer of it's use.

Competitions

6 TS agreed to contact speakers and judges in advance of them presenting talks or judging competitions to ensure that they were happy with the on-line arrangements and iron out any technical issues that may arise. He said he would remain in the background during Zoom meetings to cover technical issues 'on the night'. A committee member will act as host for each event.

7 It was decided to hold a 'dry run' of an on-line DPI competition at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 August. Zoom joining details will be sent to committee members before then.

Subscriptions

8 MC (Hon Treasurer) said it was important that subscriptions were set at a level that ensures the club breaks even as a minimum at the end of the season.

9 Working out an accurate budget forecast was difficult as the way the club will operate in 2021 is unknown at the moment. From September the club will loose income from refreshments, sales, etc. He had worked out that the season would cost an estimate of £1176 rather than the original pre-corvid19 estimate of £1562.

10 An additional unknown at this point of time is membership numbers. MM said the results of the Moving Forward paper, previously circulated to members, had produced the following results:

- 14 present members will return in September
- 4 present members will not return in September
- 7 present members did not respond
- From contacts MM has had with others there may be 2/3 new membership

This would indicated a probable 2020/21 membership of between 21 and 24.

11 After much discussion it was agreed to leave subscriptions at their present level, ie. £45. MC will send an email to all present members informing them of this decision and how it had been arrived at.

Bank Account

12 MC reported that no banks are opening new accounts at the moment. The club will therefore have to remain with HSBC.

13 It was agreed that, to overcome signature difficulties, all outgoing and incoming transactions (including subscriptions) would be by direct bank payments into or out of the club's bank account.

Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.51 hours.

M Middleton
Hon. Secretary
14 August 2020