

GALLERY PHOTOGROUP
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

4th September 2024

Present: Francis Annett, Irene Berry, John Dilworth, Stephen Harrison, Brian Jobson, Kathleen Jobson, Lyn Newton, Richard Price

1. First night arrangements:

RP outlined the programme for the first night – 17th September. He confirmed that rather than sitting in rows, chairs will be grouped so members can talk more easily.

Members Graeme Clarke and Keith Collins will launch our programme with presentations on 'what makes a good image'.

There will also be a tribute to Hugh (Melvin) who played a huge role in devising the season's programme and is sadly missed.

2. Membership forms:

LN confirmed that she will shortly be sending out membership renewal emails to members together with information on how to pay fees via BACS.

SH confirmed that only two members paid without using BACS last year. This has proved to be much more efficient than the old system of handing over cheques and money on the first night.

SH to send updated form to LN for circulation.

3. Programme Update:

LN confirmed that the printed programmes would shortly be ready for collection. The Committee thanked member Dennis Weller for all of his hard work in enabling us to continue with the much valued printed version.

4. Offering Zoomed meetings to wider public:

Members discussed whether to offer Zoom access at a fee, to the 7 external Zoom speakers booked for the season. This is a facility offered by an increasing number of clubs. It was agreed that it be trialled for one meeting before agreeing to go ahead with the whole season.

Members discussed how information could be circulated to a wider audience.

5. Purchase of extra microphones:

JD outlined to the committee the quote for a system of 4 extra microphones which plug into a sound mixer. This would complete the overhaul of equipment (to accompany the new projector and lap top) and would ensure that the system would time proof the club for several years.

In answer to queries from members he confirmed that there would be no trailing cables, and the system would also be Zoom compatible.

JD reported that he had received a very generous donation of £250 which would offset the cost of the microphone system to the club which, taking account of the donation, would cost £347.95 overall.

Following discussion the committee agreed to go ahead with the purchase. JD confirmed he would place the order, and, on its arrival, members would go into the Acklam Green Centre to set it up prior to the first night.

6. Any other business:

LN reported that dates for the forthcoming Gallery Exhibition at the Heritage Centre had now been confirmed. The exhibition would open on 13th January 2025 and close on the 14th February.

It was agreed that every member will be invited to submit a print, which should be mounted in white or light cream mounts to ensure consistency.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.