BROMSGROVE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT

STOKE HEATH COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE 18th APRIL 2017

 The Meeting Started at 8.05pm.

ITEM 1) APOLOGIES:

 Don Cambell

 2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

 These were accepted as read.

 Proposed: June Longmuir Seconded: Tony Freil

3) MATTERS ARISING:

 There were no matter arising.

 4) CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

 Roger gave a verbal report, he referred members to our constitution; this was accessible on

 our website. He read out the second paragraph this is what the society was about with

 competitions, lectures and practical demonstrations, the promotion of photography in an

 organized environment. The next sentence went on “also the improvement, benefit and

 recreation of its members in a social and mutually supportive environment”. Roger said that

 the society had more than met these Constitutional requirements during the year. This year

 the committee were recommending a new post of Membership Liaison coordinator to

 ensure the constitutional principle was always represented.

 Looking back over the year we had a few ups and downs, regrettably we had lost several

 members due to health issues. On the whole he believed we had had a good selections of

 judges and lectures, next season looked even better.

 Roger ended his report by thanking all those members who had made a contribution during

 the season he made paid thanks to:-

 Committee members for their efforts behind the scenes, to Dave Riddle(nature) and Adrian

 Butt (Lightroom) for their presentations.

 To Roger Tyler for organizing Practical groups and for his teaching of Photoshop.

 He thanked Colin Close for encouraging entry into exhibitions, for organizing models and

 running Studio groups. He thanked Julie Bridgewater and friends for organising

 refreshments each week. Nigel Hall for pinning up prints and for his organization on studio

 nights. Finally he thanked those who stayed behind and put everything away at the end of

 the night.

 Rogers report was accepted Proposed:Barry Green Seconded:John Davidson.

5) TREASURER’S REPORT:

 June Longmuir reported. Total membership up to 31st March was 91 (now 92)

 Profit on refreshment was down on the previous year.

 Total income for year was £6,038 expenditure was down on previous year, due to fewer

 Professionals being used, model costs had increased this was due to us having 2 models

 per meeting.

 June thanked Linda Allen and Tony Hawksbee for helping while she was ill and to tony for

 setting out the accounts.

 June’s report was accepted Proposed: David Riddle Seconded: Janet Cox.

 6) PROGRAMME SECRETARY’S REPORT:

 Jan Harris said that she had taken on this role during the current season and had focused

 on compiling next years 2017/18 programme. She now had Lectures in place.

 The Bill Chambers Memorial Lecture would be at Bromsgrove School in their Lecture

 Theatre, the lecturer would be Dez Ong. It would be a ticketed event at £2:50 to cover tea

 and coffee. Adrian Butt raised the requirement for directions and the size of room was

 questioned, Jan said this was 130.

 Report was accepted Proposed: Colin Close Seconded :Richard Pope.

 7) COMPETITION SECRETARY’S REPORT:

 Nigel reported that entries for PDI’s continued to give concern numbers had peaked at 184

 with an average of 143. (90 – 110 was considered acceptable). The Panel competition had

 not been well supported and a change would be considered for next season.

 Nigel confirmed that entries for next season would remain at 3 per section.

 He identified that Travel and Creative would be the Set Subject competitions with a creative

 nature section within the General section.

 Dicentra software now offered an online link, Nigel said he would be looking at using this in

 the future.

 Nigel thanked Tony Hawksbee for putting the winning entries on our website so efficiently,

 he thanked those who pinned up prints and Adrian for offering support.

 Report was accepted Proposed: Tony Friel Seconded: Mike Norton.

 8) SOCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT:

 Janet gave a verbal report. She said this had been a difficult year but she hoped to continue

 next season. Janet said that she would cover refreshments for Awards night in May. She

 requested members to bring raffle prizes for future events.

 Report was accepted Proposed: David Ward Seconded: June Longmuir.

9) WEB MASTER’S REPORT:

 Tony repoted that our website contined to show an increase in usage.

 Thank you to Colin Close and Peter Garnet for adding information and to David Riddle for

 adding a Nature section this had taken off well.

 Three interviews were now on the website, Tony said he hoped to add more in future

 months. A Grey scale page had also been added to help members with colour balance.

 Dave Riddle thanked Tony for his work in creating a Nature section.

 Tony’s report was accepted Proposed: Nigel Taylor Seconded: Barry Green.

10) INTER-CLUB CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

 We had competed in the usual three competitions:

 We were convincing winners in the Midland Bank competition against our local rivals

 Redditch and Studley.

 We had come second In the Six Societies competition, this was won once again by Kings

 Norton.

 At our last event, the Five a side at Stourbridge we had come fourth.

 David thanked those members who had supplied work for each of the competitions he also

 thanked Nigel, Barry and Colin for supporting him in making the selections.

 Report was accepted Proposed: Colin Close Seconded: Barry Green.

 11) PUBLICITY OFFICERS REPORT:

 Linda Allen reported, she said that she had established a Media group and was sending

 them regular inputs. The main focus was on the internet because this had been the main

 source for new members. She was also looking at the Artrix and New Library exhibitions but

 there may be a cost involved.

 Dave Riddle suggested we consider the use of empty shop widows.

 Report was accepted Proposed: Adrian Butt Seconded: Derek May.

 12) ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

 12.1 Chairman

 Roger Lewis was elected for a third year.

 12.2 Re election of Officers prepared to continue in their current position(\*)

 Treasurer June Longmuir

 Secretary: David Ward

Competition Secretary Nigel Taylor

 Web Master: Tony Hawksbee

 Publicity Linda Allen

External Exhibitions Sec. Colin Close

Interclub Co-ordinator: David Ward

Social Secretary Janet Cox.

These were re elected on Block. Agreed All.

 12.3 :Vice Chairman

 David Jellie had agreed to take on the role.

 Proposed by Roger Lewis and agreed by All.

 12.4 :Programme secretary Jan Harris. Jan as been co-opted into this role and is already

 doing an excellent job of organizing next years programme.

 Jan’s position was Proposed: Linda Allen Seconded: John Davidson

 This was agreed by All.

 12.5 Membership Co-ordinator Adrian Butt

 Proposed: Linda Allen Seconded Pauline Grainger. Agreed All.

 12.7 Skills and Devt. Officer: Vacant Position, agreed not filled at agm.

 12.8 Committee members (Up to Four positions to be filled).

 Richard Pope

 John Davidson

 Liz Perrings

 Proposed D. May Seconded Jan Harris Agreed All.

 13) WRITTEN PROPOSALS

 Proposals for AGM:

1. Introduction of a ‘Young Photographer of the Year’ External competition.

 Proposed: Richard Pope Seconded Sheila Billingham

 This Proposal was accepted in principle, it was agreed that the committee should Review.

1. BPS to ‘Have a Photographic Book Library’

 Proposed: Richard Pope Seconded: Rebekah Nash.

This proposal was amended Proposed D. May Seconded David Ward.

It was agreed this should go back to the committee to discuss.

1. MembershipLiaison Co-ordinator

Introduction of an additional Committee Role to represent members at committee meetings and to keep the Committee informed of any members difficulties or circumstances in which the Society could offer help or support. To act in conjunction with the Chair to resolve any dispute between members or the Society and to ensure the Society meets its obligations under its Equal Opportunities Policy.

Proposed: Roger Lewis Seconded at committee Agreed All.

1. Skills Development Co-ordinator

 Introduction of aa additional Committee Role to provide (additional to the normal Society

 Programme) a programme of skills and knowledge training for all members but with particular

 targeting to new and beginner members. This involves providing a beginners basic course at the

 start of the season and further ad hoc training sessions during the season depending upon

 demand. The post also involves arranging the theme and content of Members Practical Evenings.

 Proposed: Roger Lewis Seconded at committee Agreed All.

 14) A.O.B.

 Colin Close said that photos of members on the wall had been a good idea and

 thanked Adrian for his efforts.

 It was suggested that a Cupboard coordinator would help keep it tidy.

 David Riddle suggested that we needed a Officer or Team to organize equipment that is

 required each week.