

## L&CPU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010 – Kirkby Library/Gallery

### REPORT

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The day commenced at 10am with the framing of the Annual Print Exhibition so that it can be hung on Monday ready for the Delegates Meeting, Awards Presentations and Exhibition Opening next Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm.

The EC Meeting followed at 1pm and commenced with the **Acceptance of the Minutes** and the **Actions** from the previous meeting held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Item three was the **Review of this year's Annual Competitions.**

**The Competition Secretary, Henry Mullarkey**, thanked all those who had helped in any way – those who kindly agreed to be drop off points, the technical staff, the PAGB and Folio selectors and the EC members and helpers who put in a 16 hour judging day.

Apologies were given for the delay in publishing the results – this was due to some clubs not sending in their entry form, as instructed, to Ian Aldcroft and this meant that their entry was not on the database.

Steps will be taken to ensure that this does not happen next year.

The two competitions being held on the same day worked however it was felt that ideally they should be at the same venue.

More clubs took part this year and consequently the entry was up in both the prints and the PDI's.

Just 14 clubs entered the slide section with 70 images in the General section and 35 in the Nature. A good proportion of these gained Acceptances however the judges commented that quite a few slides looked somewhat 'dated'.

The Competition Sub Committee is thinking of suggesting that an image can only be used in one section in a year thus stopping the same image appearing as both a print and a PDI.

It is becoming more necessary to enforce the 50x40 rule as unfortunately if they are larger, the mounted prints will not go into the new frames and that this metric size is also a PAGB requirement.

**It was pointed out that some clubs think that 50x40 is the metric equivalent of 20x16 inches. Please note that this is in fact not the case! The onus is to be put onto the Club Competition Secretaries to ensure that 50x40 size is not exceeded.**

Also we are unable to consider the smaller mounted images for either the PAGB - or the Exhibition as again they do not fit into the frames without additional mounting – something we are unwilling to do.

A couple of pleas to clubs regarding how their entry is sent in to the competition – please use print boxes rather than carrier bags and there is an urgent need to look at the weight of these boxes. Quite a number of clubs are using 6" deep boxes which are expanded to almost 9". **The weight of these boxes poses a Health and Safety risk to the members of the EC who have to handle these.**

Finally there was some confusion over the results of the Print Photographer of the Year.

The rules clearly stated that for an entrant to be considered for this award they had to have entered all three sections (eg 2 +2 +2) not just six in any one section.

A full review of the competitions is currently taking place and the Sub Committee will make their recommendations to the full EC at the September meeting.

The next item on the Agenda was the arrangements for next **Saturday's Delegates Meeting**, the EC's views on a discussion document from Davyhulme CC and a suggestion from Sale PS which unfortunately arrived too late to be discussed at that meeting. Following suggestions made at the AGM, a Public Address System will be used to ensure that everyone is heard.

Under **Correspondence** it was reported that three new clubs have applied to join the L&CPU – they are:

**Whitworth Photographic Society** near Rochdale who meet monthly on a Monday with about 19 members.  
**Roby Mill Community Camera Club** who meet on Wednesdays in the Wigan area with about 20 members.  
**Irwell Valley Photographic Group** who meet alternate Fridays with about 20 members.

The **Treasurer** then gave his report. He asked the members of the Committee if they could give some indication of their expenses for the remainder of the year. He announced that he proposed to recommend that the subscription for next year should be £3.05 per member and £2.90 per member for clubs with less than 10 members. The subscription this year was £3.30 and the year before was actually £3.50. He is able to recommend this reduction because of the economies that we have made and increase in membership - and should still be able to afford to pay the £600 Trustee Insurance on behalf of all clubs.

**Club Questionnaire.** It is ten years since we carried out the exercise of asking the clubs to fill in a questionnaire on how the L&CPU was serving them and their plans and requirements for the future. The members of the EC were asked what should be included in the 2010 questionnaire and what information they need to get out of it and this information should be sent as soon as possible to the President who has offered to compile the document once again. It is hoped that the questionnaire will be ready to go out to the clubs before the end of the year.

There were no **PAGB Matters** apart from a suggestion that either we or the PAGB be able to provide a 'model' Constitution to be available for adoption, should they so wish, by new clubs.

There then followed discussions on venues for the '**Big Day**', the hosts for the **PDI Knockout, the Judges and Lecturers Seminar** and the setting up of a **PAGB Awards Mentoring Service**.  
**The Folios** and **Exhibitions** were both in hand, on time and with no apparent problems to report.  
Work was continuing on digitising the **Archive** using the new scanner and dummy web page to try things out.

The final item on the agenda was the **Website** which has had 13,000 visitors since the beginning of May with some 31,600 page views. The Webmaster would like to add more comments to the items posted to help avoid confusion and guide those new to club procedure.

**There being no further business the meeting closed on time at 4pm.**

**John Smith**  
**27<sup>th</sup> June 2010**