

Report on the EC Meeting held at Euxton, Saturday 4th September 2010

The first item on the Agenda was the **Apologies** and the acceptance, with one minor alteration, of the **Minutes of the previous meeting**.

Annual Exhibition & Delegates Meeting Review. The exhibition held at Kirkby Library had been well received with some good appreciative comments written in the Visitors' Book. As an aside, it was wondered if anyone spotted the one print that had been hung upside down!

Whilst the venue was excellent, the extra cost of travelling had increased our costs and it was suggested that if we go back we might ask for more help with hanging the prints from the surrounding clubs.

There had been no further comments from clubs following the presentation by Mr Reg Way of Davyhulme CC however his suggestions that we should allow proxy voting and for all the sub section reports to be sent to the clubs prior to the AGM have been taken on board.

A decision was made to recommend acceptance of proxy voting with one against and one abstention. There then followed a debate on the changes and wording that would be needed in the rules to allow this to take place. The suggestion was that proxy votes would be registered by the handing in of a special form signed by the club secretary naming those allowed to vote. The final wording would be sorted out for the next meeting in November.

It was suggested that the practice of asking for Apologies to be called out at the start of the meeting took a great deal of time and was difficult to accurately record. The decision was that an apology sheet would be available prior to the meeting for apologies to be recorded and the number could then be read out.

Under **Correspondence** it was agreed that the application for PAGB Patronage by Southport PS for their Exhibition should be approved and forwarded to the PAGB for their approval.

Following the receipt of a number of letters there was some discussion regarding the honouring of bookings by lecturers and judges and, equally importantly, the treatment of lecturers and judges by clubs and their members.

There was also a letter asking if clubs were still required to send in copies of their syllabus to ensure that they were fully covered by the Public Liability Insurance – they do NOT now need to send them in but need to keep records of every activity for FIVE years.

The East Anglian Federation celebrates their Centenary this year and has sent us a copy of their Centenary Book.

The **Treasurer** asked that all members of the EC submit their expenses for the whole year by the end of November so that the accounts can be audited and included in the proposed 'Annual Review' document. The three new clubs have now got Public Liability Insurance and the number of clubs in the Union is now 98.

We are slightly 'over budget' due in the main to travelling expenses – again it was suggested that, where possible, we request assistance from local clubs when hanging and taking down exhibitions.

Other Governance Items -

Due to other commitments there had been no progress on the compiling of the **Club Questionnaire** and our **PAGB Representative** reported that there had been no meetings held, the next one being on the 3rd October. In response to a question it was confirmed that Ian Platt, the PAGB's FIAP Representative, had resigned at the AGM but as the PAGB have not appointed a replacement, he continues to act in that role.

We then moved on to **Priority Matters**.

The first of these was the **Big Day**. Various venues had been looked at and after some discussion on the pros and cons of each it was suggested that we obtain firm prices for one of them. Bob Dennis and the President were tasked with selecting the speakers.

It was hoped to have an exhibition of pictures by David Marsh on show.

We now moved on the one of the main items on the agenda – **Competition Matters.**

The sub committee reported that the volume of prints had been increasing at around 4% per annum and the sheer number of prints was making the judging days extremely long.

Part of the problem was our criteria for members wishing to go for the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit is *'they should have entered the L&CPU Annual Competitions for two years'*. It was suggested that maybe we should look into this criteria and maybe modify it *'to have regularly entered their own club competitions for a certain time'*.

It was suggested that we accept **6 prints per member with no more than two prints in any one section.**

Also that we now have a **Monochrome Projected Image Section** so that, like the prints, we now have three sections with a maximum of **6 entries per member and with no more than two images in any one section.**

It is also suggested that:

An image may be only used in ONE section.

The maximum mount size will be 50x40cm.

The entry should be in **Fibre Cases only** with a **Maximum Depth of 4 inches and not overfilled.** This is to ensure that no one suffers any injury in handling heavy cases.

Photographic Distinctions should be shown on the entry form.

A new rule re-added for the Audio Visual Competition – the Authors name must NOT appear in the sequence

We then moved on to the **Lecturers and Judges Report.**

There is to be a **Judges Seminar** held in Rochdale on Saturday 16th October – please follow the instructions on the website if you wish to attend.

The Mentoring Scheme for those wishing to go in for PAGB distinctions – names of those willing and qualified to mentor are being compiled and if anyone is requiring mentoring, then please contact Bob Dennis.

Folios.

This year's Folios have now gone out and next year's folio dates have been sent to all club secretaries. It is hoped that we might make up a new folio using some of the prints from the archive – watch this space. The Digital Folios are going down well.

Getting clubs and individuals to do the commentaries within a relatively short space of time is proving difficult and it was suggested that maybe we should not provide these in the future. Your comments please on this as the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Exhibitions.

The Exhibition Secretary is currently on the lookout for venues for both the PAGB and our Annual Print Exhibitions. This year's PAGB Exhibition goes on show at Townley Hall during December and January.

Archives.

Discussion on making the L&CPU archives more accessible will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Website.

The Website has a new Header and our thanks go to Dianne Owen for its production. Members who submit images for the picture of the week are advised to ensure that the EXIF data contains a copyright reference.

The final item on the agenda was **Any other Business**.

To enable an 'Annual Review' document to be produced and ready for the January EC meeting initial reports should be presented at the November meeting.

We are looking into purchasing a portable public address system for use at all L&CPU events.

The next PAGB Adjudications are taking place at Wilmslow Guild on the 27th and 28th November. Discussions took place as to who from the EC were available to help. Tickets for the two days are limited and only available from the PAGB Awards Officer, (the event organising secretary), Henry Mullarkey.

The stopping of people taking photographs in public places was mentioned again and our PAGB Representative, Gordon Jenkins, and L&CPU President, Christine Widdall, agreed to try and get some definitive answers from the four local Chief Constables in our area. It was pointed out that the RPS have published a definitive statement from the Chief of Police in the UK and have recently issued a small card to all their membership.

It was suggested that if we are to purchase any capital equipment, then it might be prudent to do this prior to the VAT increase in January.

Ian Aldcroft our 'Infotech' genius informed the meeting that we now have a L&CPU page on Facebook.

There being no further business the meeting closed at around 6.15pm.