

Report of the EC Meeting that took place on Saturday 11th June at Euxton, Chorley

Members of the EC met at 10am to frame the L&CPU Annual Print Exhibition.

Following delivery of the prints to Astley Hall, the meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

After **Apologies for Absence** and the **Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting** with a couple of amendments – the meeting moved to **Matters Arising from the Minutes**, most of which had been completed and the remainder were Agenda items.

The third item on the Agenda was a **Review of the Annual Competitions**.

It was felt that on the whole the two judging days went off smoothly.

The entry was 2130 prints – slightly down this year – and almost 3000 projected images making an extremely long judging day. Amongst these were just 23 slides from 5 clubs - some of these were new and some were definitely showing their age.

Asking clubs to apply for Entry Forms was felt to be a good idea as, if a club applied and then we didn't receive an entry, the club could be contacted and the reason discovered. At least one misplaced entry was found by this method.

It was questioned why the results had taken so long to come out especially as the PDI had been judged the week before? It was felt that it was preferable that all the results were published at the same time.

Some mistakes on the entry forms necessitated the results being checked and recalculated over half a dozen times. The most common ones were wrong file names, hyphens instead of underscores, 'O's instead of zeros and distinctions being recorded differently for the same author.

It was agreed that we should maybe publish a list of these common mistakes on the website in the hope that they would not happen in future years.

Our entry into the Inter Federation Print Competition has gone off although it was noted that the PAGB now require each print to be supplied with a digital file. This has caused us problems because of a very short timescale and also because we do not have contact email addresses for individual authors. This year we had to photograph each print so that we could comply with their rules. This matter will be raised by our representative with the PAGB at one of their future meetings.

We then moved on to the **Arrangements for the forthcoming Delegates Meeting**

The Community Centre room booked from 12 noon and refreshments will be provided before the meeting. Various jobs were allocated and the items to be discussed and awards to be presented were finalised.

The next items on the Agenda were on Governance.

At this year's PAGB AGM the **prequalification for those wishing to go forward for the Awards for Photographic Merit** was changed. Now an applicant has to show that they have 'been an active member of a Federated club for the required number of years'. This raised the question of how someone is classed as an 'active' member. A discussion followed on the need to be able to obtain proof that the applicant is a bona fide member of a club without possibly going against the applicant's wishes for anonymity.

Adrian Lines of Wigan PS has kindly agreed and has been to be co-opted onto the EC to assist with competitions.

Norman Thompson has agreed to take on the role of **Events Secretary** with responsibility for the Big Day.

A proposal was made that all the individual Secretaries positions on the EC should come up for election by the whole EC each year.

After some discussion it was felt that this was not necessary as:

- There was not a rush of people wishing to take on the jobs
- The people doing the jobs were doing them satisfactorily and that anyone who wished to assist and understudy them to possibly take over in the future would no doubt be welcomed.
- What would happen if everyone wished to be nominated for one position and the others remained unfilled?

As there was no Secunder, the proposal was lost.

Under **Correspondence** it was agreed to approve the forwarding of the application for PAGB Patronage for the Great Northern Audio Visual Festival to be held at the beginning of December.

There had been no response as yet to a letter from the President to the Association of Chief Police Officers.

The President gave an update on the **Questionnaires**.

Replies had been received from some 30% of clubs and 25% of individuals but, as it was stated that the forms could be returned at the forthcoming Delegates Meeting, these numbers could rise rapidly.

A box would be provided at the meeting for this purpose.

The **Treasurer** sent in a report showing that our finances were in good order.

Letters had been sent out by the **Lecturers & Judges Secretary** to all the lecturers asking them to confirm the details of their lectures and if they had any more that they wanted including in the forthcoming L&CPU Directory. It was felt that we needed more lecturers to go on the list – what about those gaining awards – would they go along and show their images and tell clubs how to go about it?

Some of the travelogue type lectures might be changed to give instruction into how the images were captured and some of the pitfalls that might be experienced. (If you know of any good interesting lecturers who have visited your club and who are not on the list – please let Bob Dennis know and he will contact them.)

The Mentoring Scheme for those wishing to go for the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit was now up and running with 7 Mentors and 29 people expressing an interest in receiving mentoring.

Mentoring is available either prior too or after an application is made to the PAGB to go in for an award.

The applicant would be randomly linked to a mentor who would often initially like to see a sample of their work on a cd to assess what level they are currently at.

If you are interested in being mentored please contact Bob Dennis for further information.

It is however stressed that applying for mentoring is NOT an application to go for the CPAGB award!

Prospective candidates should firstly contact Henry Mullarkey for a form to enable them to make their application to the PAGB

Under **Competitions** it was reported that the Knockout this year is to be held at Poynton with an EC meeting in the afternoon. Next year when Henry Mullarkey becomes our President we will have to find a new Competition Secretary. Various options were discussed as to who might do this important job as whilst it is more a 'team job' there needs to be someone who is the 'overall administrator'.

Jon Allanson reported that the **folios** were now all put together and he is now starting to plan the rota listings for 2012 / 2013.

The **Exhibition Secretary** thanked all those who had helped frame the Exhibition and those who had kindly volunteered to hang it in time for the Official Opening on the 18th June.

There will not be a printed catalogue this year – it is hoped to make an electronic one to go on the web and provide a simple list of all the 150 prints accepted and to be shown at Astley Hall.

Some 300-400 prints in the **Archive** have now been photographed and digital files made. Once data on the club/photographer etc are added then this will make accessing and viewing the archive so much easier.

The discussion then moved on to different methods of digitising the large glass slides.

Our Webmaster, John Royle sent in his **Website** report - I am sure that the website is much appreciated by members throughout the Union as a major source of information on L&CPU Matters.

The quality of material sent in is improving all the time though much needs heavily editing to save memory space and improve readability. He urged the members of the EC to use the website – together with the weekly email to all clubs to spread the good word about their work and help with the culture of open government. He concluded by thanking Ed Roper for doing a sterling job in sourcing the Image of the Week, filtering news and checking links etc.

Under **Any other Business** it was reported that the **Digital Folio** was to be selected during the next week, that **Grange over Sands PS had a new Secretary...**and there was a reminder to the **individual members of the EC that they must respond to any emails as soon as they are received**

There being no further business the meeting was closed - the next meeting is to be held on the 3rd September at Euxton.