

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 03 July 2014

Minutes of the Deeside Camera Club AGM held on Wednesday 3rd July at Deeside Community Centre.

In Attendance: David Hendry, Rhona MacConnachie, Sarah Watson, Lucy Telford, Roseann Porter, Lindsay Smith, Charlotte Smith, Andy Buchanan, Marie Paterson, Chris Bell, Harry Scott, Ian Halliday, Rory Sheldon, David Packer, Ann Burns, Walter Burns, Sarah Barker, Murdo McLeod, Maggie Ward, Moyra Gray.

Apologies: Aidan Bell, John Dempster

Previous Minutes

AGM minutes dated July 2013 were proposed by DH and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Rhona stated that the Club's finances were healthy, standing at £2,171.78. The treasurer highlighted that while £69 was made from the Club's exhibition in December, the cost incurred was actually £354.45. However, the new method of taking subscriptions has resulted in an income of £1,320.00.

Chairperson's Report

David reported that the new fee structure seemed to be working well although membership numbers were only up by one, giving the Club 44 fully paid-up members. Attendance throughout the year had been good and the number of images submitted to each assignment was as follows -

Open I: 65 images, Close: 41 images, Portrait: 46 images, Deeside at Work: 29 images, Yellow: 38 images, In The Style of Harry: 57 images, Chaos: 37 images and Open II: 64 images.

Deeside lost out in the Deeside/Donside friendly competition by a very narrow margin.

Next year's assignment titles are already up on the website and the programme has been prepared almost fully.

Election of Committee

(There is an amendment, which was accepted, to the constitution to permit the election of one additional member – this splits the competitions secretary / events organiser role into two)

Convener (Chairperson): David Hendry (continuing in role)

Deputy Chair: Sarah Watson (continuing in role)

Secretary: David Packer (proposed LT, seconded MP)

Treasurer: Rhona MacConnachie (continuing in role)

Competition Secretary: Harry Scott (proposed IH, seconded SW)

Events Organiser: Chris Bell (proposed SW, seconded LT)

Website Coordinator: Rory Sheldon (continuing in role)

Ordinary Members: Charlotte Smith (proposed MP, seconded IH), Murdo McLeod (proposed RM, seconded MW)

David thanked Suzie Edge and Lucy Telford for their work on the committee over the last two years.

Photographer of the Year

Novice section -

3rd place: Eain Scott

2nd place: Alex Fyfe
1st place: Ian Halliday

Advanced section -
3rd place: Nick Picozzi / David Hendry
2nd place: David Packer
1st place: Harry Scott

Photograph of the Year

3rd place: Louise Gospel with 'Child by a Window'
2nd place: Eain Scott with 'Two Goldfinches'
1st place: Walter Burns with 'Costas Hummingbird'

Congratulations to all the winners and, as a result, the following members will move up from the Novice to the Advanced section: Eain Scott, Alexander Fyfe, Moyra Gray, Ian Halliday and Walter Burns.

Any Other Business

The projector was the number one topic of discussion – having borrowed a projector (thanks Sarah Barker!) from the Hillwalking Club, we were able to see how poor the one we currently use is. A budget of between £300 - £500 was mentioned for a new one plus a lockable box. Andy Buchanan has kindly offered to look into it for us and come up with some options.

We also discussed whether or not we wanted to do another exhibition, either around Christmas or at another time of year. The general consensus was that the Bowling Club exhibition had raised our profile in Aboyne (and resulted in some new members) and that it is something we would be happy to do again. To be discussed in more detail at a later date.

Minutes taken by Lucy Telford, July 2014.