

Deeside Camera Club

Annual General Meeting
(9 May 2012 in the Aboyne Community Centre)

Present: Andrea Fraser, Bob Naylor, David Hendry, Deirdre Rattray, Elsa Danielsson, Geraldine McGowan, Gordon Miller, Harry Scott, Ian Halliday, Jean Bell, John Farrington, Lucy Telford, Margaret Fraser, Marie Paterson, Nick Picozzi.

Apologies: Helena McCabe, John Broomfield, Liz Broomfield, Mike Hall, Roseann Porter, Stella Hall, Suzie Edge.

Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted subject to minor amendments.

Chair Report

Marie Paterson reported on Club activities during the last session. There were 36 paid up members; average attendance was 19, maximum 25 and minimum 11. The planned programme proceeded with few alterations. The speakers were good. The judges did a good job. The new venue (room 7) was superior to last year and could accommodate those attending. The DCC won the friendly competition with Donside CC (by 2 points). The club would participate in NEOS again this year, it was a good advertisement for the DCC. The website, set up and managed by David Hendry, was updated weekly, and was an asset. The Club had purchased a mount cutter for use by club members. Marie thanked the committee and the membership for their support over the past year.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer for most of the year was Claire Kelly, but she had moved away from the area recently. Geraldine McGowan completed the accounts which were tabled. The club started the year with £1988.11, had income of £1866.97, outgoings of 1891.64, giving a closing balance of £1963.44 at the AGM date. This is a deficit of £24.67. However, these sums do not include the membership fees collected this evening which will appear in next year's accounts.

Constitution

Some comments were received. Bob Naylor proposed and Ian Halliday seconded a motion to approve the new constitution subject to minor drafting amendments. This was passed unanimously by those present.

Suggestions for next year

A broadly similar programme for the coming year was suggested. Seven assignments (competitions) were suggested, but possibly fewer image critique sessions. Perhaps include some tutorial sessions (e.g. metering, standard settings for image types). Members suggested the following assignment topics for consideration by the committee: green, Deeside landmarks, a picture in the style of

Lucy, photoessay, social comment, liquid, emotion, home, still life, food, seascapes, paradox, 'straight from camera'. Also a photographic treasure hunt was suggested.

The club had been contacted by the group organising the Aboyne Jubilee Celebrations to consider contributing to a photographic record of the event. Marie Paterson will keep in contact with the group and with DCC members.

Photoshoots during the summer break were suggested. It might help to provide a formal programme. Possible venues were Potarch, Finzean sawmill/bucketmill, Lochnagar Distillery.

Feedback

Some speakers had wanted to display prints rather than project slides. The club should consider how facilities for displaying prints could be improved.

Elections:

Suzie Edge resigned as Vice-Chair. Claire Kelly resigned as Treasurer.

The following continue or were elected to post for the next session:

Chair – Marie Paterson (continues),

Vice-Chair – David Hendry (prop Geraldine McGowan , sec Harry Scott),

Treasurer – Geraldine McGowan (prop Marie Paterson, sec Jean Bell),

Secretary – Lucy Telford (prop Ian Halliday, sec John Farrington),

Competition Secretary – Harry Scott (prop Bob Naylor, sec Marie Paterson),

Events – Ian Halliday (prop Marie Paterson, sec Andrea Fraser)

Ordinary Member – Sarah Watson (prop Harry Scott, sec David Hendry)

Ordinary member – John Farrington (prop Marie Paterson, sec Geraldine McGowan)

Tea break

Those present enjoyed the refreshments, including sandwiches and photographic cakes, supplied by Marie Paterson.

Awards

Photographer of the Year:

1 – Harry Scott (31 points), 2 – Lucy Telford (27), 3 – John Farrington (26).

Photograph of the Year

1 – Chris Bell (25 votes), 2 - Gail Amey (20), 3 - Harry Scott (19)

Final comments

Marie Paterson was thanked for her work as Chair of the DCC over the past year. Elsa Danielsson would be returning to her studies in Sweden in June and the members wished her well for the future.

Bob Naylor 10 May 2012