

Deeside Camera Club Committee Meeting 12/ 12 /12 Boat Inn

Present: Marie Paterson (Chair), David Hendry (Vice Chair), Geraldine McGowan (Treasurer), Lucy Telford (Secretary), Sarah Watson, Ian Halliday, John Farrington, Harry Scott.

Apologies: None.

Minutes of previous meeting on 13/ 08/ 12 accepted.

Agenda

- Finalisation of speakers for the programme – the speaker for the night of 15 May has been confirmed although one more speaker is still required for mid-June. It was suggested that Amy Muir might be approached. It was also pointed out by Harry that Darren Wright still needs to confirm the title of his talk.
- NEOS – we discussed whether or not the club would participate in NEOS 2013. Plus the fact that there will need to be a new co-ordinator as Geraldine is stepping down from this role which she has filled so excellently for the last few years. We also talked about the possibility of holding our own mini exhibition outwith the NEOS week, two possible venues mentioned were The Victory Hall and the Bowling Club – both in Aboyne. Harry also mentioned the possibility of us holding something akin to the pre-Christmas portrait day which is done by Donside CC. The Victory Hall may possibly be too expensive although this will be looked into. No firm decisions were made and it was decided that it would be best to ask around club members to assess how much interest there actually is in NEOS and/or another exhibition before coming to any decision.
- Next up we discussed the current payment procedure – ie: Geraldine taking the weekly money as people come in. It seems to be working well as everyone is paying and it gets it out of the way early, meaning that the treasurer doesn't have to chase people during the coffee break etc. We began a discussion on a couple of other suggestions – whether the committee members should pay a reduced amount (as a thank-you for their efforts and also as an incentive to join the committee) and whether people could pay for the year's dues in advance at the beginning of the year and thereby earn themselves a discount. It was decided that these options would be better discussed at the AGM next year.
- The DCC Facebook page was the next item on the agenda. Marie mentioned that she had spoken to Suzie Edge (who originally started up the club's FB page) about the possibility of taking it down completely and beginning again. We have been feeling for a while that our Club page has been somewhat

inundated by images from non-club members. Whilst it is great to exchange ideas and images etc, we felt that this was maybe not the best use of our club page. It was suggested that we could include more on what we do – assignment winners etc. It was decided that non-club members should be able to view the page but not submit images. Sarah kindly offered to assist Marie with this if needed.

- We had a brief discussion on some complaints which have been received about certain members behaviour on club nights. This includes talking privately and bantering whilst speakers are speaking and also carrying on conversations. It was decided that as we are keen to retain our reputation as a friendly and open club, that we should just ask people to exercise common sense in this regard. A completely silent club would not be very welcoming either.
- Under AOB we briefly discussed an idea put forward by a club member that there could be some kind of mentoring system put in place. It was decided that whilst this was a good idea, we already do this – informally. Most people are aware of members' areas of special interest and expertise and are aware that it is fine to approach people for help and advice. It was also mentioned that we could maybe increase the social side of the club – maybe have more days out etc. However, it was pointed out that these days are mostly always attended by the same few people.

Lucy Telford, Secretary. 15/ 12/ 12