

**Deeside Camera Club**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**17.04.13**

**The Boat Inn**

**Present:** Marie Paterson, David Hendry, Geraldine McGowan, Lucy Telford, Harry Scott, Ian Halliday

**Apologies:** Sarah Watson, John Farrington

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the previous committee meeting on 12.12.12 were accepted by Marie Paterson.

**Changes to Programme:** Various changes to the remainder of the season's programme were discussed because of the unavailability of certain speakers - this included a treasure/scavenger hunt to be led by Marie Paterson on 15 May. All club evenings are now fully covered.

**Trophies:** Due to the introduction of the Novice section there will be more trophies needing to be bought. In all three x 1<sup>st</sup> (Photographer of the Year, Advanced of the Year and Novice of the Year), three x 2<sup>nd</sup> and three x 3<sup>rd</sup> will be required. Harry Scott estimated this cost to be approximately £130 and will source the trophies - money to be refunded to him by the treasurer.  
Ian Halliday said that he would also present the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners of the Distillery photo competition - thanks very much Ian!

**Club Exhibition:** Harry Scott had kindly printed out and brought along pictures of three potential venues for a club exhibition outwith the NEOS period. He had also found out details and costs. Thanks Harry! Possible venues were The Victory Hall, Aboyne which, although a good venue was deemed too costly at £15/hour rent. Scene on The Green, also Aboyne, was considered and would be free to rent - however, the people in charge were very specific about the exhibitors sticking to a theme, all photographs to be framed and that they would take commission on any sales. This seemed to be somewhat contrary to the needs of the club so was discounted. The final venue which met with unanimous approval is the Bowling Club which is situated next to The Victory Hall. It is a large space with potential to set up a studio-type portrait shoot at one end to help raise funds for the club (although boards will need to be sourced for the actual exhibited photographs) and there is plenty of parking at the Victory Hall. The suggested rental fee of £8/hr to include heating etc seemed reasonable and could be negotiated. It would need to be advertised, however, as its location may not be well known. Harry suggested the long weekend of 6 - 10 December as a possible date and will ask Club members how many would be interested in taking part to gauge interest.

**Subscription/Club Funds:** Harry had done some research and found that Deeside is actually twice as expensive as other camera clubs for those who come along every week - taking into account the weekly £2.50 charge plus the annual membership fee

of £10. Regular attendees end up paying £110 over the year. It was discussed whether or not it might be an idea to just have an annual fee of £50 as most other clubs do, split over the season to two lots of £25. It was decided that this should be left for the next meeting prior to the AGM.

Geraldine made the point that it is very useful and interesting, however, still to have people signing in each week (even if an annual fee is decided upon) as it gives information / statistics on, for example, which evenings are popular and how many original as opposed to new members come along. Thanks very much Geraldine for supplying those graphs - interesting reading!

**AGM**: The committee will have another meeting prior to the AGM to try and set a new fee - depending on average attendance.

No date/venue was set for the next meeting.

Lucy Telford, Secretary.