

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 29 June 2016

Minutes of the Deeside Camera Club AGM held on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at
Belwade Farm.

In Attendance: Alistair Emslie, Bob Thorp, Caroline Heard, Chris Bell, David Hendry, David Packer, Harry Scott, Ian Halliday, John I'Anson, Margaret Fraser, Marie Paterson, Mary Laing, Moyra Gray, Nigel Corby, Richard Rogers, Steven Penny,

Apologies: Bob Naylor, Sarah Watson.

Previous Minutes:

AGM minutes dated 1st July 2015 were proposed by Chris Bell and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was presented by the treasurer, Moyra Gray, and approved.

Chairperson's Report:

Chris reported that the move to meet at Belwade Farm has been very positive, and that the new premises are a big improvement on the rooms offered at the community centre. A special vote of thanks and a small gift was presented to Caroline for opening and locking up and generally dealing with the venue for the whole of this season.

As well as the weekly meeting the club has had various trips and photo shoots – Aboyne highland games, multiple theatre nights, the Isle of May, Iceland as well as informal evenings out in the summer break. This session we also hosted our first Christmas Dinner and Quiz night, which was a success and will hopefully be repeated again this year.

Unfortunately Deeside did not repeat its win of the Deeside/Donside friendly competition this year, however we did improve our standing in the Grampian Eye competition. This coming year we are looking to improve our competitiveness by including images other than those submitted for assignments, Nigel will take responsibility for creating our competition portfolio.

The exhibition of members images held at Belwade Farm was deemed to be a success with 238 people coming to view it the first weekend, some visitors expressed an interest in joining the club after the summer break.

Next year's assignment titles are up on the website and a most of the itinerary is in place for the first half of next season.

Election of Committee

Chairperson: Chris Bell (continuing in role)

Deputy Chair: Marie Paterson

Secretary: David Packer (continuing in role) □

Treasurer: David Hendry.

Competition Secretary: Caroline Heard □ (continuing in role)

Events Organizers: Murdo MacDonald (continuing in role) and Harry Scott.

Website Coordinator: Nigel Corby plus committee members

General Members: Maggie Ward □ (continuing in role) Mary Laing and Steve Penny

Thanks to those now leaving the committee for all their work - Moyra Gray and Rory Sheldon

Awards.

This year we decided to give two new awards:

Most Improved (chosen by the committee) awarded to **Mary Laing**

Chairpersons Award awarded to **Harry Scott** for his extra efforts in coaching and helping other members as well as organizing the exhibition, Isle of May trip, and theater nights.

Photographer of the Year (awarded for achievement in the assignments):

Novice Group

3rd – Bob Naylor

2nd – Steve Penny

1st – Nigel Corby

Intermediate group:

3rd – Murdo Macdonald

2nd – Mary Laing

1st – Nick Bell

Advanced group:

3rd - Moyra Gray

2nd - David Packer

1st - Harry Scott

Photograph of the Year (as judged by the clubs members):

- 3rd: Harry Scott with 'The beast of Bellwood'
2nd: Moyra Gray with 'Red grouse heading into the mist'
1st: David Packer with 'Improved grip'

Assignment Groups:

The following members have had a first placed image in one of assignments and will move up from their current group (see AOB for more information on the move from Novice to Intermediate).

Novice to Intermediate:

- Nigel Corby. (*Open I, Dusk to Dawn, and Life in the City*) □
- Bob Naylor (Coast)
- Steve Penny (*in the Style of..., and Emotions*)
- Richard Rogers (*Open II*)
- Ray Stuart (*Sports*)

Intermediate to Advanced:

- Murdo MacDonald (*Open I, Open II, and Sports*)
- Nick Bell (*Coast, Dusk to Dawn, Life in the City, Emotions*)
- Caroline Heard (*In the style of....*)

Congratulations to all the winners.

Any Other Business

It was decided that for assignments new members would not automatically be put in the Novice category, but instead they would be asked if they thought Novice or Intermediate would be the most appropriate group for them, likewise existing Novice members who have not automatically moved up will be given the opportunity to move to Intermediate group.

In the future the "Photograph of the Year" images will be open to all Assignment Images, Images posted on Facebook, and Images submitted for use in exchanges and competitions.

This coming season we will be hosting the Grampian Eye Competition – David Hendry will be the club contact for this event.

□ Minutes taken by David Packer, 29th June 2016. □