

## Deeside Camera Club

### Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2013. The Boat Inn, Aboyne

**Present:** David Hendry, Sarah Watson, Lucy Telford, David Packer, Suzanne Edge, Rory Sheldon, Harry Scott, Chris Bell, Jean Bell.

#### Agenda:

**Fees** – After some discussion the general consensus was reached that an annual fee of £50 should be put into place. To be paid either as a one off payment or as two instalments of £25. There will be no money collected on club nights as per the previous arrangement. It was also decided that only the unwaged (in receipt of benefits) should receive a concessionary rate. New members will still have a free first night.

A related addition to this is that Rhona MacConnachie has very kindly volunteered to take Geraldine's place as Treasurer. Thank you Rhona.

**Assignments** – Some judges for the assignments are still needed but it has been decided that all images should be sent to [assignments@deesidecameraclub.org](mailto:assignments@deesidecameraclub.org)

**New Member Recruitment/Retention** – It was mooted that a welcome pack could be organised for new members. An idea for team competitions was suggested to encourage people to mix with folk they don't know. It was decided that the coffee break should come at the end of the session – thereby allowing half an hour for coffee and chat which might encourage people to socialise more. Jean Bell will find out if it might be possible for us to leave a box with our coffee and tea things on top of one of the shelves in the room – thus negating the need for someone to have to lug it all home every week! Thank you Jean.

**December Show** – Harry said that 8 – 10 people had shown an interest in exhibiting work which should be enough to get this up and running. He confirmed that it would be at the Bowling Club in Aboyne (just behind the Victory Hall) and that he has booked the space for 4 days over the first weekend in December. Thanks Harry.

**Club Programme** – There are still some gaps in the programme so various ideas were discussed eg:

- 'How Do I...?' night
- another flash/macro/table top night
- a black and white night
- a re-invitation to the Chair of Aberdeen Camera Club to bring in and talk about the old glass plates of Aberdeen which their club has as many people missed it the first time
- an underwater photography night
- a night with the owner of Flash Photography in Aberdeen – portraits/studio work etc
- Steve Smith a lecturer at Aberdeen College whom Sarah knows possibly to talk on his time as a pro photographer in London
- the Deeside Theatre rehearsals
- a night on the use of social media in photography – ie: where do you put your photos, Flickr, iPernity etc and Facebook/Twitter...

David suggested that it would be a good idea to make a start on next year's programme earlier to make it easier and not leave everything up to the new committee. It might also be the case that committee meetings in the future will take place after the club evening has wrapped up.