

# Annual General Meeting

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Deeside Community Centre.

**In Attendance:** John Broomfield, Liz Broomfield, Mike Hall, Claire Kelly, Gaye Newall, Nick Picozzi, Geraldine McGowan, Bob Naylor, Suzanne Edge, John Farrington, Steve Birkett, David Hendry, John Dempster, Harry Scott, Ian Hallander, Roseann Porter, Elena McCabe, Mike Hall, Neil Cook and Gail Amey.

**Apologies:** Marie Paterson, Ian Stutter, John l'Anson, Myrtle Watt, Lucy Telford, James Davidson, Roger Barnett

### Previous Minutes

AGM minutes dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were proposed by DP and seconded by CK.

### Election of Committee

Convener (Chairperson):	Marie Paterson (Proposed GMcG; Seconded JB/HB)
Deputy Convener:	Suzie Edge (Proposed MH; Seconded HS)
Secretary:	Gail Amey (Proposed JB; Seconded JF)
Treasurer:	Claire Kelly (Claire will continue post until she moves)
Competition Secretary:	Geraldine McGowan (Proposed GN; Seconded HS)
Publicity/Website Moderator:	David Hendry (Proposed JB; Seconded HS)
General members:	Ian Hallander and John Farrington (proposed GA; seconded MH)
Programme Coordinator:	Harry Scott (Proposed JB; Seconded GA)

### Chairman's Report

The chairman discussed the slight increase in membership with 36 members currently paying annual fees.

This year Donside won the annual friendly competition by an overall majority, which was a blow for the club. It was suggested that club members needed to raise their game this year and produce new material for submission into competitions. We will hopefully rise to the challenge and bring it home next year. We will also be exchanging images with Martignas sur Jalle

It was noted that in future we may need storage for equipment the club would like to purchase, we would also need to look at insurance.

It was also proposed that it would be good to look at equipment we might like to purchase e.g. screen calibrator, graphics projector.

Speakers were well received and it was suggested that this year with prior arrangement we could hire Aboyne Theatre and sell tickets to pay for the costs.

Claire proposed that we restructure the weekly payments to quarterly or annual installments.

## Treasurer's Report

Claire stated that the club's finances were healthy although there would be extra costs such as the website. The treasurer highlighted that £360 was received from membership fees and that there was provision made for outstanding room hire charges from Aberdeenshire Council of £123.60.

Arrangements will be made for the accounts to be audited.

## Any Other Business

Comments/suggestions were noted from the members:

- JB said that some members would like to introduce talks of experiences from members or external speakers within the programme.
- There was a comment about the bank balance being at £2K so why are the weekly fees so high?
- MH reiterated that lottery funding of up to £10,000 for equipment could be available to the club the club constitution will need to be updated and properly accounts will need to be submitted to secure this funding.
- Ian Halliday proposed some time ago that we could seek funding for a particular project / equipment from the Diageo local Citizen Fund (LCF). This is for smaller amounts but easier to obtain than lottery funding.
- Members liked the cycle of technical night, speaker image critique and speakers. Suggestions were put forward for introducing quiz nights and bring and buy events.
- Ask a professional photographer to come and give a talk or lead an outside event.
- Make the summer outings the first week of every month so that it will be easy to remember.
- Start date for the new season is 17 August 2011 until 14 December 2011. Followed by a 3 week break then reconvening on 11 January 2012 to 16 May 2012.
- Geraldine suggested that she would like to organize a meeting prior to NEOS to finalise the arrangements.
- Organise Aboyne Academy log-on to use equipment in the room.
- Ideas for visits or speakers such as forensic, AV for speakers and Lab visits.

## Deeside Camera Club Competition Winners

3<sup>rd</sup> Golden Eye, Harry Scott

2<sup>nd</sup> Sparkling Violet Humming Birds, Nick Picozzi

1<sup>st</sup> Trying to Keep Warm, Gordon Miller

John Dempster thanked John Broomfield on behalf of the club for his commitment as Chairperson for the last few years. Bob Naylor thanked Gaye Newall and Ian Stutter for their efforts as Vice Convener and Committee Member. The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all for their attendance.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30pm at The Boat, Aboyne.