

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 25 May 2011

Minutes of Meeting for Deeside Camera Club

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2011 at 7.30pm at The Boat, Aboyne.

In Attendance: Marie Patterson, Geraldine McGowan, Claire Kelly, Gail Amey, Harry Scott, John Farrington and Ian Halliday.

Apologies: David Hendry

1. Welcome

The chairman welcomed the new committee and opened the meeting by accepting the minutes of meeting from 16th March 2011.

2. Membership Fees and Registrations for 2011/2012

Further discussions took place with regards to the fees being paid quarterly. After putting it to a vote it was decided that the fees should remain the same.

Action: CK

3. Program for 2011/2012

It was decided that there would be a 10 minute slot at the end of each meeting for AOB. Critique sessions would continue although it was agreed that it should be better structured. Harry would gather the submissions and collectively show in a powerpoint presentation to the membership. .

The program will follow a similar format as the previous session 2 x external judges, 4 x speakers, 8 x assignments. It was flagged that members need to be reminded of future assignments to encourage a greater submission. Clifton Mayor has agreed to do a technical night and a presentation. Gail is to forward an updated members list to the new chair.

Actions: HS/GMcG/GA

4. Review of Assignment Rules

JF highlighted that he would like to introduce more digital images for

review. It was decided that this would hopefully motivate members to submit more images. However submissions for printed photographs would continue. Harry and Geraldine will put up guidelines for using Lightroom and Photoshop to inform members on how to prepare a photo for digital entry. It was finalized that each member would be allowed to put forward a maximum of 2 digital images for entry. They should only have the title of the photo and the order of preference in case there are too many images and the number of entries have to be reduced e.g. Loch Kinord 1, Loch Kinord 2.

Members were pleased with the voting system put into place for the Photographer of the Year but would like to introduce a fairer system. This would require members to have entered at least one assignment within the current year to allow them to win the Photographer of the Year.

Suzie will inform DH to upload guidelines on to the website.

Actions: DH/SE

5. Assignment Ideas 2011/2012

The committee decided that there needs to be more assignments during the session and finalized the topics as follows:

- Scotland in a Picture
- Open
- Shadows
- Texture
- Red
- Shapes
- Closeup
- Movement

It was noted that Ian McCullin was well received and should be invited back to critique our photos one evening.

Action: HS

6. Summer Outings

The outings were set for:

5th June 2011, Loch Muick to meet in car park 12.30pm

3rd July 2011, Isle of May, timings still to be arranged by Harry Scott

7th August 2011, Loch Kinnord to meet at Dinnet Car park 12.30pm

Actions: HS

7. Selection of Prints for Assignments

It was agreed that a selection committee would choose the prints to go forward on behalf of the club the volunteers were John Farrington, Gail Amey and Suzie Edge.

Actions: JB/JF/SE

8. Guest Speaker and Judges

It was agreed that Gail would organize the speakers as usual and Geraldine would take on the task of getting the judges. The general consensus was that the caliber of speaker was higher this session and well received. Further research regarding the costs of hiring Aboyne Theatre to promote speakers to a wider audience is required. A cost of £5.00 per person would be charged for non-members.

Peter Cairns and Mark Hamlen are speakers to research.

Actions: GA/GMcG

9. Website

Suzie informed the committee that the website will be live until the 30th May 2011 and then it will be transferred over to DH, whom has arranged domain name and hosting for £50/2years.

Actions: SE/DH

10. A.O.B.

- a. Claire reiterated the financial information given at the AGM to the committee. It was agreed to give £87.20 left over from last year back to NEOS; £360 deposits from exhibitors are in the bank for this year.
- b. Discussions ensued with regards to welcoming New Members. It was agreed that the Chairperson took on the initial responsibility and the committee members made more of an effort to introduce themselves.
- c. David Hendry will be asked to research ways to restrict downloading images from the website because this is preventing members submitting to the gallery.
- d. It was agreed that refreshments would not be supplied for the next

session. It will be the chairperson's responsibility to supply for speakers and judges.

Action: MP, DH

Next Committee Meeting: 29th June 2011, 7.30pm at Claire's House