

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 14'th December 2011

Deeside Camera Club

at the Boat Inn

1. Present: Marie Patterson, John Farrington, Claire Kelly, Harry Scott, David Hendry, Geraldine McGowan, Ian Halliday. Apologies: Gail Amey, Suzie Edge. It was noted that the time of the meeting was inconvenient for some members of the committee given their family commitments, and so an alternative time should be sought for future committee meetings.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting. Accepted.
3. Equipment purchases on behalf of the club.
 - (a) The purchase of a board cutter as demonstrated at the recent meeting on image mounting was discussed. It was agreed that such a cutter, at a cost of about £100 should be purchased. The cutter would be stored at a member's house from which other members could request the board as required. This will be either for free on each occasion, or a nominal cost of £1 would be incurred to pay for replacement blades.
 - (b) The purchase, and funding routes to the purchase, of a data project suitable for club meetings was discussed. Canon Xeed projectors were noted as one of the few options. It was felt that the less costly SX80 Mark II was the most appropriate machine. The next machine up cost an additional one thousand pounds with the advantage of offering a colour space of aRGB, rather than just sRGB. The additional cost was not felt to be justifiable. Both machines come with a three year bulb guarantee.

Agreed that documentation on the projector and an associated laptop should be passed to Ian Halliday who would then prepare a bid to Diagio for funds to purchase both the projector and a laptop.
 - (c) There was also some discussion of the purchase of a colour management system such as a Spyder. It was agreed that further study of software license conditions was needed as it was believed that without a club license, the software could only be installed on two or three computers. To be revisited.

- (d) An easel for print showing was discussed, Marie *may* have a suitable easel that can be borrowed when required.
- 4. The club had been invited by the Rotary to help with a photographic competition at Aboyne Academy. Agreed that we should help with this.
- 5. Agreed that we should take part in the Grampian Eye competition. The rules of the competition allow for 15 images per club, with a maximum of two images from any one member. Club members will therefore be asked to provide up to two images. The selection committee to then choose images from those supplied, and those already entered into assignments or image critique nights.
- 6. There was some discussion of the club constitution. It was agreed that further study of the proposed amendments was needed by committee members prior to further discussion at a future meeting. Any amendments to the constitution could only be made at the AGM with support of the membership.
- 7. End of season trophies. Trophies are now to be awarded for the photographer of the year, and the photograph of the year, each with first, second and third places. One additional large plaque needed, and five further small plaques.
- 8. AOB. It was reported that a member has felt that the club has become to an extent polarised. While this was seen as human nature we should nevertheless try to retain the spirit of inclusivity and our reputation as a friendly club.

David Hendry