



Newsletter, July 2020 v2

A small change from the original, the third bullet point in the AGM report has been removed.

Another short Summer break edition this month!

SCPF AGM

We broke new ground on 12th July with our first ever online AGM. We had an excellent attendance of 50 which could easily have been a nightmare to manage, but clearly everyone has by now got used to Zooming and respected all the appropriate protocols to make it a successful meeting. We even had some suggestions for switching Club Reps' meetings post-lockdown to the Zoom platform, something which the Council will be considering, at least for some meetings.

The major discussion issue was what we should do with the Leagues for next season. There was lively discussion on the two main options before a Zoom poll was held, the result of which was overwhelmingly in favour of dropping the Print leagues and holding only the PDI leagues. It is expected that these will at least initially need to be done with online judging. For more on the League see our League Secretary's report below.

Briefly, other items of interest were

- An update to the Constitution was agreed, to bring us into the digital age.
- Subscription levels for clubs will not be issued for a while pending further information from PAGB and from our clubs.
- Judging: expect new guidance shortly on the approach to judging workshop images, and more clarification and standardising of marking range.
- Subject to Covid-19 restrictions being lifted, it is hoped to run the Championships in Alton in March; though at this stage it looks as if it may be PDIs only.
- The annual Exhibition is likely to be PDI only, and we will have a digital rather than printed catalogue. If it is likely to go ahead, registration will be extended to end of September.
- The existing Council members were all re-elected. No new nominations were received.
- Following on from the AGM, the current Council roles are clarified as below:

President	John Hodge
Treasurer	Graeme Sleeman
Secretary	Sue Teagle
Vice President	Anne Eckersley
Immediate Past President	Peter Rocchiccioli
PAGB Executive Member	Patti Platt
PAGB Awards Officer	Leo Rich
Handbook & Records Secretary	Eric Bennett
Publicity Officer	Peter Rocchiccioli
League Secretary	Jean Brooks
Judging Advisor	Ken Scott
Roll of Honour	John Hodge
PAGB Exhibition Secretary	Anne Eckersley
Webmaster	Jason Hyde
Council Member	Stewart Lacey
Council Member / AV lead	Steve Kirkby

Club Reps' meeting in September

It was agreed at the AGM that the September Reps' meeting will be held online, at the same time and date as already in the diary (Tuesday 8th September, starting at 7.30 pm)

League Secretary's Report

As you now know, we will be running a PDI League only for the 2020-21 season.

It is expected that the majority of the rounds will be held via Zoom, depending on when/whether your particular Club returns to physical meetings.

All Clubs need therefore to get in touch with their booked judges to either cancel the booking (print rounds only) and/or to check that their chosen judge is willing to judge a PDI round using Zoom.

The current position is that all clubs who participated last season will also participate this season. No club has asked to either join or to leave. You therefore must inform the League Secretary urgently if your club has decided to join or to withdraw from the 2020-21 PDI League:

league@southerncountiespf.org.uk

Around 50% of the clubs still need to notify the League Secretary of the date and/or judge for their round.

The League Secretary is currently updating the website and as soon as it is ready for the uploading of images, Jean will email all participating clubs with further information.

PAGB Awards

Here's the latest information from Leo Rich:

Closed Adjudication (incorporating the April and November 2020 entrants)

As previously advised every entrant was contacted because it does not look as if this event will take place until early in 2021. They were given until the end of June to make their choice of either withdrawing, being included in the Closed event or, if they wished to attend their Adjudication, to transfer to a later Adjudication. This exercise has now been completed and the Closed event list is now finalised.

May 2021 Adjudication - Birmingham

There are still spaces available at Credit level but very few still at Distinction and Master. The Master entrants were not allowed to be in the "closed" adjudication so anyone wishing to enter at that level has a golden opportunity to go head to head with some extremely good photographers. Please remember that to enter this level you have to hold a Distinction level pass for at least 11 months! The venue should be within a day's drive (there and back!) and well worth attending even as an observer.

November 2021 - Newton Abbot

Plenty of spaces at all levels for this adjudication. As this is fairly close to our Federation I am trying to encourage anyone wishing to enter to attend their adjudication - may be worth a long weekend though, perhaps, not the best time of the year.

If and when I receive a further update I will let you know.

Leo Rich SCPF PAGB Awards Officer

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