

Minutes of SCPF Reps Meeting 9/11/23 @ Littleton.

31 Members were in attendance. {Stuart Lacey (SL) will forward the club sign in sheet}

The meeting started 19:34

Additional Apologies: Jersey, IoW, A*, Yateley

1. SL introduced himself to the meeting.
2. Many members reported that they didn't receive the agenda and reports. It seems that it was mainly the SCPF Reps that didn't receive them. Clubs were informed that if the online directory details were not up to date, then errors could occur.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without change. {Wimborne approached me prior to the meeting saying they were present at the last meeting, Zoom. I did comment that if the attendee did not put the club's name in their zoom name it would be missed.}
4. No matters arising.
5. President Report. Anne Eckersley (AE) was not present. SL added a number of issues were encountered with the league and exhibition uploading and the downloading of print labels. These issues have been resolved. Peter Terry (PT) asked that clubs using Zoom issue the details in good time and include the league.
6. Treasurer Report. Graeme Sleeman (GS) was not present. 69 clubs returned membership forms and there is 2 still to pay. The meeting was reminded that GS was retiring from Treasurer duties at the end of the season and that we were still looking for a volunteer to take over.
7. PAGB Exec Report. Patti Platt (PP) was not present. The floor asked if the PAGB AI comments would be included in the SCPF. Ken Scott (KS) commented that we have looked at the rules and no change is necessary. An image must be entirely the work of the photographer.
8. PAGB Awards Officer Report. Ray Hems (RH) added that the 2 new awards Badge (BPAGB) and Excellence (EPAGB) are for print only. RH then gave the requirements for each award.
9. League Secretary Report. PT stated the league started some 3 days ago. 3 sets of results have been received and of them only 1 complied to the SCPF marking scheme (6-10). The 2 that didn't were SCPF judges. Question from the floor; what to do if the judge doesn't award a 6. After a short discussion KS said that if they were a SCPF judge then report it to him. PT asked clubs to use the EXCEL spreadsheets if possible as it makes things easier.
10. Judging Advisors Report.
 - a. Regarding the shortage of SCPF judges, KS discussed with AE, and it was felt that if each club could provide 1 judge it would help. Names to KS and there are documents on the website to explain what is required to be a judge.
 - b. Two new guides are available on the website.

- i. Titles – Should a judge take them into account? This was discussed by KS. Question from the floor; What about title on the front of the print. Not rejected and had some value. Warned clubs that other Feds may have their own rules.
 - ii. AI. KS added it would be unfair on judges to determine if an image is eligible or not. That is the responsibility of the photographer / club. Judges must not make assumptions.
- 11. Handbook A/V report. Steve Kirkby (SK) stated that it is important the club details are kept up to date. SK added that the handbook is mostly automatic now and is looking for a volunteer to hand the role over to.
The A/V championship went well. There were 36 sequences, but they could not all be shown on the day. There will be a Zoom meeting on Friday 24th November where they will show many of the sequences but there will not be time to show them all.
- 12. Championship Report. SK reported the preparations for the Championship at Bognor is going well. 2 Clubs have shown interest for holding event the following year (2025)
- 13. Exhibition Report. Ian Byers (IB) called for stewards for the exhibition. They are looking for at least each club entered to taken on a session. The booking is open on the website. Question from the floor; could anyone attend the judging.? Questioner informed that it was private, and all roles have been filled. Preview evening at Young's Gallery will be Friday 5th Jan 2024 at 18:30. Refreshments provided.
- 14. Roll of Honour Secretary. Sue Teagle (ST) reported that she has had a flurry of submissions and would welcome more.
- 15. Publicity Report. Peter Rocchiccioli (PR) was not present and there was nothing to report.
- 16. Webmaster Report. Jason Hyde (JH) was not present and noting extra to report.
- 17. Newsletter Report. SL asked for contributions, stories to inspire.
- 18. Update on Useful Information Page on Website. SL reported this is now up and running. There are a number of documents available all based on documents created by Basingstoke CC but generalised for other club to base policies on. SL went on to detail the documents available.
- 19. Print Boxes. PR to talking the Nomad, manufacture of the print box to see if a bulk deal could be done. If it can be done the SL said he would take on the role. SL said that he also orders Archive boxes, cheaper than Nomad, and would look into offering them to the members.
- 20. Membership Survey. SL stated that 61 clubs, out of 69, responded. Full analysis has yet to be done but gave a brief analysis of membership numbers and the trend in the general decline. Two clubs, Stenning (KS) and Gosport, held their own membership survey and it resulted in quite a change to their programmes with less competitions and more interactive events.

Next meeting 22 February @ Littleton

The meeting close at 2100.