

Southern Counties Photographic Federation

Club Reps' Meeting no 240/AGM

Date: Sunday 11th May 2025

Venue: Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall, Hall Way, Littleton SO22 6QL

Present: Stewart Lacey (President), Suzie Kirkby (Vice-president, Championship, Audio-visual), Sue Sibley (PAGB Executive Member), Peter Terry (League Secretary), Ferg Cowhig (PAGB Exhibition Secretary), Brian Howe (Directory Secretary).

Plus, representatives from SCPF clubs: Andover PC, Basingstoke CC, bh pc, Bishops Waltham PS, Bognor Regis CC, Chichester CC, Fareham & Portchester CC, Farnborough CC, Fordingbridge CC, Gosport CC, Horndean CC, Locksheath & Sarisbury CC, Lymington CC, New Forest CC, Newbury PC, Oakley CC, Petersfield PS, Salisbury PC, Sandhurst CC, Winchester PS, Yateley CC.

Apologies: From Council: Ian Hardacre (Secretary), Ray Hems (PAGB Awards), John Clegg (Treasurer), Ian Byers (Exhibition), Sue Teagle (RoH), Leo Rich (Council Member).

From Clubs: Southampton CC, Wokingham CC, Steyning CC, Focus-Ryde IG, Burghfield & Mortimer CC, Worthing CC, Niton & District CC, Guernsey PC, Haslemere CC, Viewfinders of Romsey CC, Alton CC, Wareham CC, Aldershot, Farnham & Fleet CC, Jersey PC, Cricklade CC.

Minutes: Club Reps' Meeting 239 – 17th February 2025 – Proposed: Jim Munday, Seconded: Kerry Turner. Minutes were approved although Jim Munday, who had been present was incorrectly listed in the apologies for non-attendance.

Matters arising: There was a discussion around the form that the Exhibition would take; discussed later in the AGM. There was a discussion around the proposal that there was no need for the past-president and vice-president to serve on Council at the same time and the Council decided that they would be able to step in should the need arise, and this is reflected in the changes to the Constitution later in the meeting agenda. There was a question raised regarding whether Council had sight of the finances of the PAGB and the answer was that we do. They were distributed at the PAGB AGM in April, and it was confirmed that the PAGB was running at a deficit and for that reason we accepted their justification for increasing the subs per affiliated club by £2 (from £39 to £41). There was also a discussion about the initial proposal for the way the subscriptions operate. The treasurer's report shows that we are not increasing the amount we are taking from subscriptions but merely changing the model.

Constitution Review: Stewart highlighted the changes that have been proposed by Council. Proposed changes that had been previously distributed were approved. Proposer: Jon Mitchell, Seconder: Kerry Turner. Carried unanimously.

President's Report: Stewart Lacey. In addition to the previously circulated report Ian Byers has had to leave Council for family reasons which left a vacancy for Exhibition Secretary, but Stewart was pleased to announce that Richard Sheldrake of Southampton CC has agreed to step in to the role. Ferg Cowhig suggested a vote of thanks for Ian's contribution to the Exhibition and Council. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report: John Clegg - no comments received.

Accounts proposer: Keith Polwin, Seconded: Carol Wiles. The circulated accounts were accepted by a show of hands and unanimously approved.

Change to subscription model: Proposer: Jon Mitchell, Seconded: Kerry Turner. Carried unanimously.

PAGB Exec Member's Report: Sue Sibley - no comments received. Stewart thanked Sue for stepping into the role and noted that Council confirmed the appointment as it needed to be done before the PAGB AGM.

PAGB Awards Officer's Report: Ray Hems - no comments received. At the recent APMs in Dunblane, of the 5 entrants only 1 was successful: Tony Cowburn of Winchester PS.

PAGB Competition Secretary's Report: Ferg Cowhig - no comments received.

All prints from the day would be collected.

Judging Advisor's Report: Sue Sibley - no comments received.

League Secretary's Report: Peter Terry – no comments received. Peter thanked the clubs and the judges. The draft leagues are on the website. Peter asked clubs not to book PDI league matches on the same night as other clubs in the same division.

Peter handed out certificates to the winners of both the Print and PDI Leagues as described in his report.

Championships Report: Suzie Kirkby - no comments received.

Judges for 2026 are Sandie Cox, Ralph Snook (WCPF) and Edward Hyde (SPA).

Audio-visual Report: Suzie Kirkby - no comments received.

Directory Secretary's Report: Brian Howe – no comments received.

Webmaster's Report: Bo Hansen - no comments received.

Jon Mitchell expressed a concern that the appraisers list was not being updated. Sue Sibley is aware of the issue, and it is being progressed with the webmaster. Stewart also mentioned that there is a progressive handover between Jason and Bo over the summer. Jason will remain available for ongoing support and Stewart thanked him for that.

Exhibition Secretary's Report: Ian Byers - no comments received.

The matter arising regarding whether the exhibition was a competition or a showcase was answered by Stewart by saying that it remained both so that it would continue to be judged and show them in the library in the best possible light. The exhibition would stay in the same format and venue mainly due to the advantageous cost. A preview on Saturday is under consideration dependent on the library's management. We want to encourage more participation especially from the smaller clubs and every club could enter PDIs. We also want to promote club membership in general and hopefully improve the demographic of club membership. The visitor's vote is to be reintroduced and there is a potential of a prize for the best image. The club guidance on panels is to be improved to improve the coherence, presentation and display of the panel. There was no consensus on judging the images as a panel, but practicalities preclude it for now. There will remain only a single judge. Additional publicity may improve footfall but that requires a publicity secretary but there is no current volunteer. It was confirmed that the proposals from clubs were reviewed and will be kept in mind for the future. Footfall counting by stewards will be reintroduced even though that may need additional stewarding. Stewart appealed for ideas to submitted as soon as possible. Carried unanimously by the attendees.

Publicity Officer's Report: Position vacant – no report.

Stewart mentioned the upcoming Print Workshop hosted by Chris Palmer in November and details will be announced soon. Stewart emphasised that clubs need to be encouraged to do more printing.

Stewart appealed for a volunteer, but none was forthcoming. Stewart asked reps to ask their members and reminded clubs that the roles and responsibilities for Council members has been distributed to clubs.

Roll of Honour Report: Sue Teagle – no comments received. Some RoHs are in the pipeline, but Stewart reminded clubs to suggest potential recipients.

Consideration of Motions received from other clubs: None received.

Election of Council Officers:

There were no volunteers from the floor for the roles of secretary and publicity officer. It was proposed that the following Council members were elected en-bloc.

President	Stewart Lacey
Past President	None
Vice President	Suzie Kirkby
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>

PAGB Executive Member	Sue Sibley
PAGB Awards Officer	Ray Hems
PAGB Exhibition Secretary	Ferg Cowhig
Treasurer	John Clegg
Directory Secretary	Brian Howe
Championship Secretary	Suzie Kirkby
Audio-visual	Suzie Kirkby
Publicity Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
League Secretary	Peter Terry
Judging Advisor	Sue Sibley
Webmaster	Bo Hansen
Roll of Honour	Sue Teagle
Exhibition Secretary	Richard Sheldrake
SCPF Newsletter	Stewart Lacey
Council Member	Leo Rich

Proposed: Pauline Thornhill, Seconded: Keith Polwin. Carried unanimously.

Rebranding of the SCPF: Suzie was thanked by Stewart for proposing/creating the new branding. She explained the rationale behind the new logo and various design features. The logo will become available on the website in the summer.

In memoriam: The following club members were remembered:

- John Randall, Andover PC
- Allan Croombs, Overton PS
- John Ring, Gosport CC
- Anthony Le Conte, Guernsey PC
- John Daykin, Guernsey PC
- Micky Thompson, Hungerford CC
- John Slaughter, Hungerford CC

Minutes by: Suzie Kirkby

Meeting closed at 11:03.