

Southern Counties Photographic Federation

Club Reps' Meeting no 241

Date: Wednesday 10th September 2025

Venue: Zoom

Present: Stewart Lacey (President), Suzie Kirkby (Vice-president, Championship, Audio-visual), Sue Sibley (PAGB Executive Member, Judging Advisor), Peter Terry (League), John Clegg (Treasurer), Leo Rich (Council Member), Bo Hansen (Webmaster).

Plus, representatives from SCPF clubs: Alton CC, Andover PC, Beaulieu CG, bhpc, Bishops Waltham PS, Bognor Regis CC, Boundary CC, Bracknell CC, Burghfield and Mortimer PC, Chichester CC, Cricklade CC, East Dorset CC, Fareham & Portchester CC, Farnborough CC, Fordingbridge CC, Gosport CC, Hailsham PS, Haslemere CC, Hungerford CC, Locksheath & Sarisbury CC, Lymington CC, New Forest CC, Niton and District CC, Petersfield PS, Practical CC, Reading CC, Salisbury Photography Club, Spectrum Guernsey, Steyning CC, Viewfinders of Romsey CC, Wareham CC, Wimborne CC, Winchester PS, Wokingham PS.

Apologies: From Council: Ray Hems (PAGB Awards), Richard Sheldrake (Exhibition), Sue Teagle (RoH), Ferg Cowhig (PAGB Competition), Brian Howe (Directory).

From Clubs: Aldershot Farnham and Fleet CC, East Wight PG, Focus – Ryde IG, Guernsey PC, Horndean CC, Littlehampton and District CC, Ordnance Survey PS, Sandhurst CC, Witterings CC, Worthing CC, Yateley CC

Minutes: Club Reps' Meeting 240/ AGM – 11th May 2025 – The minutes were approved.

Matters arising: No outstanding actions and no other issues raised

President's Report: We are still without a secretary, and the president is currently filling the gap. We also need a Publicity Officer – there is no focus on getting sponsors. Last year we had £500 in sponsorship for the exhibition. The loss of this income potentially increases the risk of future subscription increases. We also need someone to shadow Suzie for this season's print and PDI championships, with a view to taking over the role for the following season. **Please go back to your clubs and lobby for volunteers to fill all these roles!**

Treasurer's Report: John Clegg - The funds currently stand at £10,000 which includes £5,300 from subscriptions received so far – 54 have paid and 11 are outstanding. Receipts indicate an across the board decrease in membership of 7%. Subscriber numbers are based on a fixed point in time before the Federation AGM.

We want to monitor subscriber numbers closely, particularly those at risk financially or in membership numbers.

Wokingham have paid but have not returned their form.

Hailsham PS have rejoined SCPF but will be affiliated to PAGB via KCPA

Judging Advisor's Report: Sue Sibley – There have been problems getting the new L1 judges visible in directory. This appears to have been fixed now so they are all looking forward to receiving bookings.

A judging course will be organised soon, but we are still short of a few participants to make the session viable. Please go back to your clubs to encourage potential judges to sign up.

The print workshop is on 2nd November at Littleton, with 80 signed up so far. There is still room for a few more so please remind your members. This is part of a wider initiative to get clubs printing so hope to run other related activities.

It was noted that some appraisers are listed but no longer active. Sue can only act if she is notified. Club secretaries can remove individuals who are no longer members of their club.

PAGB Exec Member's Report: Sue Sibley - There is nothing to report but the next PAGB exec meeting is on 4th October. If there is anything you want to raise to PAGB, please email Sue.

PAGB Awards Officer's Report: Ray Hems - The upcoming November APM in Surrey has been cancelled due to lack of interest. The next in Carlisle is already nearly fully subscribed. It appears that northern entrants were not prepared to travel south. Sue can raise our concerns at the exec meeting and whether sufficient attention was given to trying to increase numbers before cancelling

PAGB Competition Secretary's Report: Ferg Cowhig – Concerns were raised about the rate at which images were scored in the Inter-club PDI championship. Chichester and Yateley represented SCPF and were the highest ranking clubs in the plate competition. The inter-club print championship is in October, with Chichester and Yateley again representing the SCPF.

League Secretary's Report: Peter Terry – The uploader is open. There is a lack of distinctions in some of the entries. Please add these where appropriate. All materials – labels, scoresheets, etc will be available by 25th October.

We only have 27 clubs competing in the print league.

Peter has found many instances of the directory information being out of date. Please ensure that your club secretary carries out an audit of your club records.

Bo gave an explanation of the relationship between users and roles in the directory. There are videos available on the website at

https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/directory_static/. If there are any issues with the directory, please email directory-support@southerncountiespf.org.uk

If you have problems with the uploader and miss the deadline, please contact Peter and he will help you.

Championships Report: Suzie Kirkby – urgently needs someone to shadow the role and take over the following year. We must find another venue for 2027 and Newbury's venue is no longer available. Hosting the event is kudos for the club as well as giving members the opportunity to see excellent images. Please contact Suzie to offer your club as a 2027 host and/ or a volunteer for to shadow the organisation.

The general rules for all competitions were recently updated for all competitions. There is no change in competition mechanics, but we have clarified retention of images by SCPF and entries from members who have passed away.

Audio-visual Report: Suzie Kirkby - Entries close for the championship on 28th Sept. Even if your club has only one AV creator, please encourage them to enter a sequence. All details are on the website. We need more AV judges – only have 2 AV judges in SCPF. Suzie/ Sue would like to hear from potential new judges, who must be AV workers.

It was observed that the AV Championship is early in the season, which puts some off. This was deliberate to spread competitions through the year and to spread the load of the limited pool of helpers. There is no reason why entries can't be prepared in the previous season.

Directory Secretary's Report: Brian Howe – No report, discussed earlier

Exhibition Secretary's Report: Richard Sheldrake – The judging is on 16th November. The exhibition will follow the format agreed at the AGM. It will open on 6th January, but the club preview and awards will be on Saturday 10th January. The format will be slightly different as the library will be open, and we can't serve alcohol! The exhibition hanging will be 5th January.

We want some more clubs exhibiting prints. We have space to hang 30 club panels. Clubs who enter panels must make sure that they conform with the hanging plan.

The uploader is open now and some clubs have already paid entry. The exhibition registration form is available on the website, but no email has been sent out to remind clubs to register. The registration form is at

<https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/exhibition/scpf-exhibition-registration/>.

Payment is via Paypal at completion of the registration

AP 241.1 Richard Sheldrake to send out email with entry details

Richard will also start chasing stewards, update the steward rota and other details on the website

Roll of Honour Report: Sue Teagle – Sue had a catastrophic PC failure and lost data. Original data from the website forms has been retained, only follow-up information/ communication might have been lost. Let Stewart and Sue know if there are any RoH request that have fallen through the cracks as a result.

Identify members of your club who deserve admission to the RoH

Webmaster's Report: Bo Hansen – Let Bo know if any suggestions to changes/ additions to the website. Suzie has updated the logo.

It was suggested that a gallery of images should be included – possibly competition winners. This can be considered but needs resources. It is on Bo's list but no promises!

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

AOB: We need volunteers for catering for exhibition judging in Sparsholt on 16th November and also for the print workshop on 2nd November.

We would like to offer refreshments at the Reps meetings in Littleton too, but again we need volunteers. Also, if anyone can give presentations on innovations and other topics at Reps meetings we would be delighted to hear from you.

It was asked if future Reps meetings could be simultaneously run on Zoom. This requires technical resources and kit – which the SCPF doesn't have, so we rely on volunteers/ kit provided by clubs. We would be happy to do this if someone steps forward!

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Next Club Reps meeting: 242 on Monday 3rd November 2025 at Littleton including delivery of Exhibition and League prints