Minutes of Whitchurch Photographic Society Committee Meeting
Tuesday 9th June 2020, 7.30 via Zoom

1. **Present:** **Apologies:**

Marc Brimble **Allan Heath**
Stuart Ord
Sandy Robertson
Marian Goody
Julia Finch
David Powell
Martyn Daniels
Paul Hayward
Richard Priestley (invited)

2. **Matters Arising?Actions from previous meetings**

Actions	Designated person(s) Outcome
Purchase of large screen -item for AGM	**SR put on hold due to COVID 19**
Information sheet for new members	**SR/MB To be completed once again meeting at Pearl Yard**
Friends of the WPS to be placed on the AGM Agenda	**SR - Completed**
New rules and Competition rules to be added to AGM Agenda	**SR- Completed**
Ask JE availability of Pearl Yard for Committee Meetings	**SR - Completed**
Censorship Statement to be drawn up and included in rules to present to members at AGM	**RP - Completed**
New Link to be added to Presidents chain with JE's term to be engraved	**SR- unable to complete due to lock down but will now pursue**

3. Running the club whilst observing the "New Normal"

MB suggested that the AGM be held on the 7th July and that the secretary should send out an invitation to members. A license for Zoom is to be purchased.
The members must be made aware of the security implications to avoid the Zoom session being hijacked by disreputable outside individuals. It was suggested that individual members be given their own passwords to enable them to log on to Zoom sessions but MD explained that this was not feasible as the society website does not support this.
SR will send out all papers for the AGM to members together with the ID, password and link as supplied by MD.

Options for the forthcoming season were discussed. It was agreed that the programme for the new season should be based on Zoom sessions rather than at Pearl Yard for the foreseeable future.
However, members who did not wish to participate in Zoom sessions but wish to

remain a member of the society will be offered the option of paying a non-participation fee of £5 per annum. For this they will still receive regular updates from the secretary and have access to both the WPS Facebook page and the Critique group.
The charge for those participating in the Zoom sessions will pay £2 per session. MB suggested a reduced annual fee for 2020-21 to £20 to compensate members for the early cessation of the 2019-20 season. Discussion ensued about the financial viability of reducing the annual fee and it was resolved that those that wished to pay the “normal” annual subscription fee of £25 could by all means do so. Members will be billed for Zoom sessions every 2 months by DP. Payment could be made via BACS or cheque sent to the Treasurer. DP is currently discussing options for an on-line account which would make payments easier to handle and trace.

4.Terms of Reference and Competition rules
The appropriate documents were sent out to committee members for their perusal. A temporary set of competition rules will have to be drawn up as the club would be going over to PDI only competitions whilst using zoom. SO and RP to consult and produce ready for consideration and approval at the AGM.

5. a) Final Treasurers Report and accounts
These documents had been previously circulated and were agreed by committee members. MB asked DP to include a statement in the report to explain that the Shop had never been a mechanism for generating profit but providing an at cost service to members wishing to purchase printing and mounting materials. DP agreed toad something to the report.

b) Financial Viability Report
The members appreciated the report and the re-assurance it offered with regard to the financial viability for the forthcoming year.

2020-21 Programme
6a) Two new suggestions for the **Portfolio competition** were proposed - remove Abstract and replace with Architectural photography or Product Photography.
6b) Set Subject – Still Life
6c) MB reported that the overall structure of the programme is nearly complete but that two of the judges/ presenters did not wish to participate in Zoom session and he was therefore looking for alternatives. There was discussion with respect to an alternative method of judging and the decision was taken to continue with Zoom, Photoentry and Dicentra. MD would carry out a trial of the system to make sure it worked according to the clubs needs for the forthcoming season. MB will contact the remaining judges/presenters to confirm that they are happy with the use of Zoom. If not then alternative members sessions will be set up to replace these sessions.

7. Competition and IT Reports
SO reported that it would be very difficult for members to return trophies so he suggested that certificates be sent to winning members of the competitions held in 2019-20. Trophies can be returned when we can once again meet at Pearl Yard. Any outstanding competitions for this season would be abandoned.
SO reported that he had sent emails to Les Jones and Neil Huggan as they had shown an interest in helping MD in the IT and competitions. SO had not yet received a response from LJ or NH but would phone them to discuss the matter

before the AGM.

8. New Beginners/Intermediate section for competitions
Will remain on hold for the forthcoming 2020-21 season.

9. AOB
Competition rules are to be relaxed to allow members to enter images taken in the last five years provided they had not entered them into a competition during this time.

It was also noted that Allan Heath would be stepping down as a member of the committee at the next AGM meeting.
Haven't done an action box as everything brought forward to AGM.