Minutes of Whitchurch Photographic Society Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2020 via Zoom

Present: **Marc Brimble; Sandy Robertson; Marian Goody; Julia Finch; David Powell; Martyn Daniels; Les Jones; Richard Priestley; Paul Hayward**

20.10. Minutes of meetings;

20.10.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2020 were approved as a correct record.

20.10.2 Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2020 were approved as a correct record

20.11 Review of 2020 programme

Marc gave a brief overview of the 2020 programme to date which was **agreed** to be very successful within the constraints of a ZOOM / virtual based programme.

It was **proposed** by Richard that it would be appropriate for the Committee to undertake a review of the WPS programme on a bi annual basis by seeking the views of all members on the contents of th programme . This could involve e.g. an analysis of the extant programme by categories such as internal / external competitions, presentations, new ideas etc seeking views on e.g. the balance content and shape of events. In the light of responses the Committee could formulate plans for consideration at the 2021 AGM with the opportunity to introduce any ideas for implementation in 2021 and 2022 as practical.

It was **agreed** to support this concept and that Richard would draft a paper for consideration at the next Committee meeting with a view to then seeking member's ideas / suggestions etc in early 2021 **ACTION RP**

20.12. Officers Reports;

20.12.1 Chairman

1. It was **noted** that the local council had broached the concept of converting an unused building in Whitchurch near the swimming pool into a Creative Zone ; it was **agreed** to keep in touch with the Council to consider if WPS could play a role in this facility if it proceeded. **ACTION MB/SR**
2. It was **noted** that "Amateur Photography" magazine had provided an opportunity for clubs to submit details about their activities and a portfolio of photographs. It was **agreed** that details and proposals would be circulated to Committee members for consideration and that members would be asked to submit one photograph each for consideration by a selection committee before forwarding them to AP. **ACTION MB/ SR**
3. it was **agreed** that Christmas cards / Newsletter should be sent to all members as a way of keeping in touch ,together with the possibility of a competition to design such a card .**ACTION MB**

20.12.2 Secretary

It was **agreed** to record the grateful thanks of the Committee to Martyn and Les for their hard work in implementing ZOOM based communications and redesigning the website and to David for implementing significant changes to the banking arrangements and membership records.

When the remaining changes to the website had been completed it was **agreed** that Richard would write to all members confirming the updates to information etc therein **ACTION LJ / RP**

It was **noted** that Sandy had paper copies of past Committee minutes/ agendas.

It was **agreed** that electronic copies of minutes / agendas etc should be kept on the website for 3 years and then reviewed accordingly .**ACTION LJ/RP**

20.12.3 Treasurer.

1. It was **noted** that David's Financial report confirmed that as at 10th November 2020 WPS had total assets = £10662 ,debts = £29 , predicted income =£2063 and predicted expenditure = £1827.68 resulting in a predicted surplus at year end of £ 235.32 . Overall WPS remained in a financially healthy position, providing attendance levels continued as present. **ACTION; DP**
2. it was **noted** that David's Membership report confirmed that at 10th November 2020 WPS had 36 active members. 2 former members had confirmed that they would not renew membership, 5 members had not yet confirmed whether they would be renewing their membership and 2 members had indicated they might move to another club. Following discussions it was **agreed** to write to the 7 members whose membership status was uncertain to confirm their wishes by 30th November 2020 or if no reply was received to consider their membership had lapsed. .**ACTION MB**

20.12 4. Membership Secretary

It was **noted** that the Whitchurch Herald had publicised a new venture of its photography club. It was **agreed** to contact them to ascertain how WPS might contribute to such a venture **ACTION JF**

20.12.5 Competition Secretary

It was **noted** that there had been a good number of submissions to recent ZOOM based competitions with 56 entries to the next competition. A meeting of the selection committee was arranged for the next inter club competition. A disparity existed with regard to the number of members etc within the Photoentry scheme limits; it was **agreed** that this disparity should be resolved. **ACTION MD/ DP**

20.12. 6 IT Team

It was **noted** that there were no further items to report.

20.13 Any other business

1. It was **agreed** that a virtual Christmas party should be arranged for 15 December 2020 to include a quiz and a ZOOM display of winning images from 2019/ 2020 **ACTION JF/ MB**
2. It was **agreed** that the panel evening on 12th January 2021and the AV evening on 26th January 2021 should be based on a series of ZOOM based images / presentations with commentary as appropriate. **ACTION MD**

20.14 Date and time of next ZOOM based Committee meeting

It was **agreed** that this should be held at **730 pm on Thursday 21 January 2021**.