Minutes of Whitchurch Photographic Society Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21ST January 2021 via Zoom

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

21.1. Minutes of the meeting;

21.1.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

21.2 Matters arising
It was **agreed** that**:**
20.12.1 A meeting of **MB/SR /RP** with the Whitchurch Creative Zone should be arranged week beginning 25 January 2021 **ACTION SR.**
The article in the publication Amateur Photographer had been very successful and Marc was thanked for his hard work in undertaking this venture.
The Christmas cards for 2020 had been very well received. .
2012.4 Discussions with the Whitchurch Herald to seek publicity for the WPS should be followed up **ACTION JF/SR**
20.13. Thanks were conveyed to Martyn for the successful Panel competition and to Julia and Stuart for the Xmas social event.
Martyn would advise members re the necessary links for the AV competition **ACTION MD**
20.4.1 A gift(s) would be forwarded to the Senior Citizens Club at or near to Easter 2021 to thank their Committee for keeping the meeting room available to WPS during COVID19. **ACTION MB**

21.3. Minute 20/11 Creative review of 2020 WPS programme
It was **noted** that:

- Papers had been sent to all members requesting ideas , comments etc
- 4 sets of proposals had been received to date and members were urged to submit further comment s by 26 January 2021
- Richard would then prepare a summary of ideas / proposals and circulate these to all Committee members with copies of original emails etc

It was **agreed** that a special Committee meeting should be arranged for 730pm on Monday 15th February 2021 to discuss these papers and agree proposals to be put to the 2021 AGM for consideration and adoption .**ACTION RP**

21.4 Proposed Learning Zone on WPS website
It was **agreed** that a Learning Zone should be designed and placed on the WPS website to provide a location for e.g. training sessions / presentations / articles / publications / links to uploads on You tube etc which would enhance knowledge and understanding of the craft of photography.. **ACTION MB/LJ**

21.5. Chairman's report
It was **noted** that ZOOM attendances at weekly meetings had stabilised
It was **agreed** that Committee members should identify subjects for potential talks and member sessions for inclusion in the 2021/ 2022 programme **ACTION ALL**
It was **agreed** that an annual subscription to ZOOM should be taken out at a 20% discount to allow for continuing remote usage and usage at Pearl Yard as appropriate **ACTION MD**

21.6 Secretary's report

It was **agreed** that the Committee should consider at the March 2021 meeting issues relevant to the AGM to be held in April 2021.These would include:

- Members planning to stand down at April 2021 from the committee – Marc and Marian - and Succession Planning of appointments
- Changes / additions to the Terms of Reference and Constitution
- Review of WPS programme for 2020/ 2021 – see Minute 21.3 above
- Regular items as appropriate

ACTION RP

21.7 Treasurers report

The following issues as at 18 January 2021 were **noted and / or agreed:**

- The financial report was **received**
- 18 ZOOM meetings had been held successfully ; Martyn was thanked accordingly
- The financial position was viable albeit with some degradation from plan with a current surplus of £174.91and with no debts outstanding
- To continue banking services with NATWEST Bank
- The total assets of WPS were £10486
- Appropriate insurances had been arranged via MCPF/ PAGB
- Income from membership subscriptions amounted to £730 and attendance fees equated to £638
- Overall the forecast surplus was a little lower than anticipated .It should be noted that at the beginning of the financial year, a break even position at the year end would be regarded as a good outcome and any surplus would be a very positive outcome.

21.8 Membership report

The following issues were **noted:**

- There were 36 paid up members
- 1 membership was presently on hold
- 4 members had not renewed their membership and 2 further members had resigned at 1.1 2021

21.9 Competition Secretary's report

It was **noted** that publicity would be given to the forthcoming AV competition and the 7 towns competition to be held at 730pm on 8th February 2021. ACTION **MD / MB**

21.10. IT Report

It was **noted** that a considerable number of changes had been made to the WPS website as per the attached email from Les who was thanked for his work in getting to this point. Other factors identified for consideration included reviewing the Font size / script and the logo of the WPS title. **ACTION LJ**

21.11 AOB

It was **noted** that the MCPF website was potentially unsafe to access.

21.12 Date and time of next ZOOM based Committee meetings

It was **agreed** that these should be held at ;

- **730pm on Monday 15th February 2021 to consider the Creative Review of the 2020 / 2021 WPS programme**
- **730 pm on Monday 15th March 2021 for a routine meeting to include preparation for the AGM on 27th April 2021**