Minutes of Whitchurch Photographic Society Committee Meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021 via Zoom

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

21.17. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2021;

21.17.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2021 were **approved** as a correct record.
21.17.2 The paper headed "WPS committee proposals to implement the recommendations from the Creative Review of the 2020/2-21 WPS programme dated March 2021 were **approved** to be submitted to the 2021 AGM for consideration, and recommended for approval.

21.18 Matters arising
Les was thanked for his work on establishing the "Learning Zone "button on the WPS website in respect of which links to e.g. videos / you tube references / internal lectures etc could be uploaded .

21.19 Meeting with Creative Whitchurch 25th January 2021
The notes of a meeting of **MB/SR /RP** with the Whitchurch Creative Zone on 25th January 2021 were **received** and a range of issues discussed**.** It was **agreed** to keep in close touch with this organisation and to consider more detailed possibilities for association with them as appropriate. **ACTION MB/SR/RP**

21.20 Draft WPS Programme – 2021 / 2022
Following a detailed discussion on this paper which contained major changes based on members suggestions from the Creative Review **– minute 21.17.2** above, it was **agreed** that an updated paper should be presented to the 2021 AGM ,which would take account of :

- The summer programme
- The potential impact of COVID 19 restrictions
- Lectures and the costs thereof
- Members / practical sessions-**PH/MD** and hopefully **DM** would be able to lead sessions ; other members were asked to let Marc know of their availability and interest including a session based on "Inspirations for Photography"
- The use of Pearl Yard/ ZOOM based meetings

ACTION MB/ all Committee Members

21.21 Publicity / Poster about WPS
It was **noted** that **:**

- Good publicity had featured in the Whitchurch Herald and was planned to continue on a 5/6 weekly cycle
- An approach to the MD Advertiser / Shropshire Star had been made for publicity
- The MD library and Festival Drayton Centre had confirmed their support for displaying posters about WPS
- A poster for the above would be designed shortly
- Shropshire Council would publicise WPS in their Community Handbook
- Whitchurch Town Council would be approached re similar publicity
- Further local contacts in e.g Ellesmere and South Cheshire would be considered

ACTION SR/RP

21.22 AGM 27th April 2021

The agenda for the 2021 AGM was considered and it was **agreed** that :

- The draft agenda, with some amendments should be circulated to all members with appropriate available papers on 14th April 2021; other papers should be forwarded to the WPS Secretary to enable them to reach all members by 25th April 2021
- The 2 proposed changes to the paper circulated on the Terms of Reference and Constitution in relation to paragraph 4 on the function of the AGM and the second sentence in paragraph 7 on the terms of appointment of Officers **were supported for consideration and recommended for adoption by the AGM accordingly**
- Reports from officers should be based on bullet points wherever possible and the general approach might be " Less is more **"**

ACTION RP/ MB/ DP/ MD/LJ

21.23 Officers reports

21.23.1Chairman's report – NIL

21.23.2 Secretary's report –NIL

21.23.3 Treasurers report

The following issues as at 12TH, March 2021 were **noted :**

- The financial report was **received :**
- 29 ZOOM meetings had been held successfully
- The average revenue per meeting was slightly lower than forecast
- The annual surplus should be some £360 at 31 March 2021
- The total assets of WPS were £10586 , including £4804 in bank accounts
- Income from membership subscriptions amounted to £730 and attendance fees equated to £962.
- Overall ,WPS was in a relatively healthy financial position

21.23.4.Membership report

It was **noted** that WPS had 36 paid up members at 10th March 2021 with an income of £750

21.23.5. Competition Secretary's report

It was **agreed** that the closure date for entries to the Portfolio Competition should now be 20th March 2021 **ACTION MD**

21.23.6. IT Report

It was **noted** that the website was now up and running again and the Learning Zone had been established

21.24. AOB - NIL

21.25 Date and time of next ZOOM based meetings

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

- **730pm on Tuesday 27th April 2021 for the AGM**
- **730 pm on Wednesday 1st September 2021 for a Committee meeting**