

## Minutes of the South Skye Camera Club AGM 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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**Present:** Louise Love, Martin MacDonald, Phil Taylor, Simon Larson, Steve Heap, Olenka Beal, Vivian McDonald, Russ Colpus, Ian Turnbull, Jim Coomber, Irene Kay, Richard Smith, Rob Kerr.

**Minutes:** Simon Larson

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Phil welcomed the group to the 2018 AGM

Apologies received from: Geraint Ashton Jones, Tracey Macritchie, Su Rennie

### 2. Minutes of previous AGM (1<sup>st</sup> March 2017)

These were read and accepted. Proposed: Steve Heap, seconded: Simon Larson

### 3. Chair's Report

Phil gave a presentation divided into three sections:

- a. Response to the list of ideas
- b. Other Developments
- c. Account of all the sessions taken place during last year

At the section on the collaboration between SSCC and FG, Simon reported he had received an email from May explaining that members from FG wished to end the collaboration because of all the work involved in writing and then translating their feedback from Dutch to English as well as translating our feedback from English into Dutch. It was hoped that the collaboration could be retained in some format.

Phil proposed a vote of thanks to Rob Ware in his role as webmaster who is retiring from the position and to Simon Larson in his role as Club Secretary who is also stepping down. A presentation of a gift was made to Simon and will be also be made to Rob.

### 4. Treasurers' Report

Martin showed two slides – the first giving an overall summary of income against expenditure that showed the club is in credit to the sum of £1,455.92. The second slide showed the Co-op Bank account page.

### 5. Membership Fees 2018-2019

Discussion followed on retaining the trial pro-rata membership fees for 2018-2019. Martin reported that due to some additional door-income from non-members at the two visiting speaker events, the waiving of the weekly £1.00 membership fee hadn't made a significant difference in lost income. The rent paid to SMO was almost exactly the same as door income.

Martin proposed that the pro-rata membership fee and the waiving of the £1.00 members' session fee continue for 2018-2019. It was seconded by Russ Colpus and unanimously agreed by those present.

Discussion followed on whether the Club should take out an insurance policy that might offer insurance during field trips.

Actions: Iain Turnbull and Russ Colpus will forward details of the insurance companies that their respective organisations use. Martin will speak to John-Norman MacCleod with regards the Sleat History Society's Insurance cover.

### 6. Membership cards & Ffordes discounts

Simon showed the group a draft design for a membership card and it was suggested that the club website and email address be added. It was also suggested that the words 'valid until 31 March (and relevant year) be added. Simon to action this.

### 7. Election of Office Bearers/ Committee

Phil gave a brief overview of the changing situation with regards the structure of the Office Bearers/ Committee.

Phil Taylor proposed Martin Macdonald to take on role of the chair. This was seconded by Olenka Beal and unanimously agreed by those present.

Steve Heap proposed Martin Macdonald continue as Treasurer until another committee member can take over the role. This was seconded by Louise Love and unanimously agreed by those present.

Simon Larson proposed Phil Taylor to take on role of Secretary. This was seconded by Russ Colpus and unanimously agreed by those present.

Tracey Macritchie was proposed to join the Committee by Simon Larson and seconded by Iain Turnbull and unanimously agreed by those present. She may volunteer to take on the Treasurer's role in the future.

With regards a replacement Webmaster, Richard Smith said he would consider taking on the role if Rob Ware could give him some guidance and instruction into the Spanglefish platform. Irene Kay proposed that Richard Smith join the committee. This was seconded by Louise Love and unanimously agreed by those present.

The Committee now comprises: Martin Macdonald, Vivian Macdonald, Steve Heap, Phil Taylor, Olenka Beal, Simon Larson, Geraint Ashton Jones, Tracey Macritchie, and Richard Smith

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **8.1 SSCC Photographic Exhibition**

Olenka Beal gave a presentation on the current progress of the exhibition. There are currently eighteen names on the list and it was stressed that between twenty and twenty-five participating members are needed to make for an effective exhibition. She also showed the group an A3 presentation book and a sample A3 page. Each participating member was asked to provide an A3 page similar to the one displayed to promote themselves and their photography. The A3 book will accompany the exhibition. The deadline to provide an A3 page to Olenka Beal is 1<sup>st</sup> June. The group was reminded that high resolution digital files should be sent to Simon Larson by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### **8.2 Ideas - open discussion, a chance for everyone to make suggestions**

Phil Taylor explained that this was an opportunity for members to make suggestions as to what they would like to see in future SSCC sessions.

A number of visiting speakers were suggested:

Russell Sherwood – Action Richard Smith to contact

Morton Hansen

Pete Kerns – Action Iain Turnbull to contact

Willie Urquhart – Action Irene Kay to contact

Field Trips – Phil discussed the situation with regards 'bad weather' and cancelling proposed field trips. It was agreed that any planned and scheduled field trips would continue unless there was potential for danger to life.

Vivian Macdonald suggested some input on protecting camera gear from the weather

Photoshop sessions were also suggested – perhaps specific aspects of Photoshop could be demonstrated using a laptop through the screen – for example, white balance, correcting verticals etc. Monitor calibration was also suggested.

Analogue photography

### **AOB**

Vivian Macdonald suggested using the skills of an English-Dutch translator when sending the feedback to the Dutch Club as well as translating Dutch to English. She knows someone whose son may be

interested. This may incur a cost. Action: Vivian will check out the possibility of a translation service and explore costings.

Phil thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting concluded at 21.20