

**Melbourne [Derby] Photographic Society  
Committee Meeting**

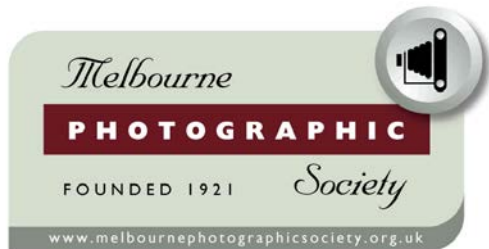
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Venue: 45 Spinney Hill Melbourne

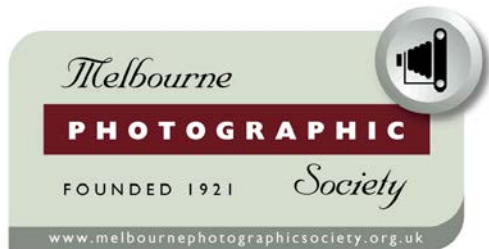
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	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b> Anthony Freeman Simon Hickie</p> <p><b><u>Present</u></b> Ian Pettit [Chair] Gavin Lake Tony Begin Tony Bradshaw</p>	
	<p><b><u>Urgent matters not on the Agenda</u></b> There were no urgent matters</p>	
	<p><b><u>Minutes of The Previous meeting</u></b> The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> <u>[6/10 Lottery Funding</u> IP provided the feedback given in the letter from the Lottery [Awards for all]. This gave the reasons for not accepting our application for funding.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed the outcome would be shared with members and other opportunities would be considered by a sub committee lead by IP, these could include, other lottery schemes, other organisations, sponsorship, self funding options.</p> <p>IP to set up sub-committee using those who have expressed an interest, Steev Stamford, Neil Elliot</p> <p><u>21/10 Annual Dinner</u> GL reported the annual dinner menu was now available and would</p>	IP

	<p>be circulated to members by e-mail. The structure of the after dinner event would be vote of thanks, awarding of certificates and trophies.</p> <p><u>5/10 Website Statistics</u>          TBr had produced a paper for committee showing the usage of the society website.</p> <p>The information contained in the report shows a month on month increase in website activity. Hopefully this would raise the profile of the Society and lead to improved community visibility and ultimately increased membership. Committee thanked TBr for the report and recognised its usefulness.</p>	
01/11	<p><b><u>Federation Membership</u></b>          TBe advised committee that we had recently paid our subscription to Nempf and this was circa £145 per annum, which included public liability insurance.</p> <p>Discussion took place with regard to the benefits gained from membership of Nempf. In general committee felt, apart from the public liability insurance and the annual exhibition, membership delivered few benefits.</p> <p>Committee did agree that membership of a federation affiliated to PAGB was a requirement. It was also agreed to seek the views of members clubs in the Midlands federation.</p> <p>GL agreed to make contact with Burton to ascertain their views on the Midlands Federation.</p> <p>The outcome to this discussion would determine if committee would propose to members at the AGM a change of Federation membership for the 2012/13 season.</p>	GL
02/11	<p><b><u>Committee Members 2011/12</u></b>          IP asked committee members if they were considering standing for office in the following season, subject to re-election by members at the AGM.</p> <p>GL offered to seek re-election as Vice President          TBe offered to seek re-election as Treasurer          TBr offered to seek re-election as Webmaster          IP offered to seek re-election as President          IP offered to seek re-election as Programme Secretary</p>	

	<p>AF Had indicated he would stand down as Advertising Secretary, but would retain interest in producing the printed programme etc.          SH Had indicated a wish to continue as Competition Secretary but would be interested in relinquishing responsibility for Exhibitions.</p> <p>IP agreed to meet with Simon Hickie to discuss the work of the Competition &amp; Exhibition Secretary and the role on the committee.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the membership of committee. It was agreed that the number of committee members was perhaps a little large for the size of the Society.</p> <p>The following posts on committee were accepted as those to be put to the members at the AGM</p> <p>President          Vice President          Treasurer          Exhibition Secretary          Webmaster &amp; Advertising Secretary          Programme Secretary</p> <p>Committee also discussed the forming of 2 sub committee, Fundraising &amp; Selection Committee. These were agreed in principle.</p>	IP
03/11	<p><b><u>Programme Structure 2011/12</u></b>          IP submitted a paper to committee to illustrate the programme structure for the forthcoming season and associated estimated costs.</p> <p>Following discussion the papers was accepted and the Programme Secretary was authorised to proceed with populating the programme with speakers, judges and competitions etc.</p>	IP
04/11	<p><b><u>Arts Festival 2011</u></b>          Committee were asked to consider participation in the Art Festival for 2011 and also to consider if the exhibition should become the Societies annual exhibition.</p> <p>Committee agreed that in principle the Society should participate in the Art Festival for 2011, subject to understanding &amp; agreeing likely costs.</p>	



	<p>Committee also agreed that this exhibition was an excellent opportunity for the Society to showcase its work and should be used as our annual exhibition of work. Committee did however feel there should be a phased introduction over the next two years.</p> <p>Competition &amp; Exhibition Secretary to lead on this development.</p> <p>IP to have discussions with SH</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>IP</p>
05/11	<p><b><u>Society Constitution</u></b>  IP advised committee that the current Society Constitution had been produced some 8 years previously.</p> <p>A revised and updated constitution was placed before committee for consideration. IP advised there were some inconsistencies in the old constitution and that some aspects of the Society and its work were not represented clearly.</p> <p>Committee asked that some reference be made in the constitution for the Society to refuse or terminate a membership if the exceptional circumstance occurred requiring this action.</p> <p>The suggested amendments were approved by committee in readiness for submission to the 2011 AGM.</p>	<p>IP</p> <p>IP</p>
06/11	<p><b><u>AGM</u></b>  IP discussed with committee the management of the AGM for 2011.</p> <p>Following discussion committee agreed that the papers for the AGM would be prepared in advance and for the committee meeting in late March. This would prevent individual papers being repetitive and ensure committee members have fully described all aspects of the Societies work for the past year. This would also allow circulation of all papers to members 2 weeks before the AGM therefore supporting more constructive debate.</p> <p>Committee also agreed that all questions and discussion at the AGM will be through the chair to allow open debate and to ensure all members have equal opportunity to raise issue important to themselves.</p> <p>Members would be asked at the door if they had any items for any other business.</p>	<p>All</p>



	<p>Committee also discussed membership and visitors fees for the forthcoming season. It was agreed that committee should propose at the AGM that visitor and membership fees should remain unchanged for the 2011/12 season.</p>	
07/11	<p><b><u>Book Potential</u></b>          SH had indicated that he was preparing a book for publication and may wish to include member's images. If the Society and individual members did contribute SH would be willing to give the Society a share of the royalties from the book.</p> <p>This matter was not discussed further as SH was unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Date &amp; Time of next Committee Meeting:  <b>29<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 19.30 – 22.00</b>  <b>Venue 56 The Green, Castle Donington</b>          Note: the main purpose of the meeting will be the approval of papers for the AGM</p>	