



Minutes of the committee meeting held by zoom 03-06-2024 at 19.15

Present: Rob Palethorpe, Paul Radden, Nick Akers, Liz Akers, Hanne Siebers, Nigel Rawlings and Peggy Johnson.

Apologies: - Mick and Val Walker.

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: - Mick and Val were not shown as present, Nigel wanted a "g" as name was incorrectly spelt.

Facebook N.A. reported he has now joined the NNPS Facebook Group

- Lizzie Wallis, Robin Johnson and Michaela Bone (ex-member) are the group administrators
- Fredric Landes, Hanne Siebers and Andy Bamforth (ex-member) are the 'Experts' to answer questions
- In the last year, 15 people have joined the group - 10 non NNPS members and 5 NNPS members.

Most of the posts on Facebook are from non members. Rob has not yet talked to Lizzie re this and will try to do this soonest. H.S. is prepared to become an Admin for the Facebook page.

Website P.R. and M.K. had had a zoom discussion re the website M.K. had shown P.R. how to post minutes etc. and suggested that others should be able to administer this site as ay present he is the only Admin!

Remaining events this season

Members evening. L.A. has a number of new members to show and tell about their work.

Summer social. L.A. will ring the list of required menu items for those that were not at the last meeting. Val has a quiz ready.

Exhibition and presentation evening. R.P. will ask the membership if changes are needed. He is prepared to print the certificates if people want them, he will ask membership at the next meeting. The biggest issue is the transportation of the exhibition panels. N.R to contact M.W and see if panels will fit in his Volvo.

Quarterly reports had been previously circulated.

Membership Sec reported that we have 55 members. Both H.S. and N.A. have possible new members that may come along to see us.

P.J. still has not got access to Barclays, R.P. will ring Barclays soonest to try and sort out.

Bodham Village Hall Art and Craft Showcase. 11th August

N.R. confirmed we will have a minimum of one large table and one small table and room for at least one print stand. Questions arose re the selling of prints R.P. will talk to the membership about this. Prints from the exhibition could be used for this. NNPS will be happy to support Bodham Village Hall and pay the going rate for the table space.

A.O.B.

P.R. asked that all committee members should remove M.K. from email lists

N.R. stated that after Howard's query about the projector changes were made and then ended up back where it started but Howard was reasonably happy.

WhatsApp committee group needs updating, H.S. and N.A. started to remove previous and now non committee members from this.

The meeting closed at 20.27

Appendix 1 submitted reports.

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Society Competitions

PDI Photographer of the Year 2023 to 2024

First: Paul Richards 26/30

Second: Diana Knight 21/30

Third: Nick Akers 17/30

The number of entries increased by 26% compared with the previous season. This seems quite significant, and it will be interesting to see if it is maintained.

	2022 to 2023 Competition	2023 to 2024 Competition
PDI 1	61	82
PDI 2	64	89
PDI 3	70	75
Total	195	246

Print Photographer of the Year

First: Paul Richards 24/30

Second: Val Walker 17/30

Third: Robert Geldard 14/30

There was a small decrease in number of entries compared with the previous season. Even this small decline might be because some members found the set subject more challenging than usual.

	2022 to 2023 Competition	2023 to 2024 Competition
Print 1	63	63
Print 2	50	55
Print 3	51	40
Total	164	158

The competition rules have been revised and are on the website.

The performance of the projector at Bodham has been criticised by some members. After the PDI competition on April 17th Nigel Rawlings adjusted the projector settings, using a standard test image, while Howard Denner assessed the result. If the revised settings are used on the next available occasion with a variety of images it may be possible to confirm there is a general improvement and no downside.

The print display stand is not fit for purpose. I intend to pursue this issue over the summer and, if there is no viable alternative, will attempt to build one.

Thank you to everyone who helps on the competition evenings. I am especially grateful to Paul Radden, who keeps the judges on schedule, and takes the lead role during the print evenings.

Exhibition

The details of how to participate have been circulated to the members by both email and in a bulletin on the website.

The Stewarding Schedule has just been issued on the website and members are already offering to help and submitting images.

We have agreed to donate £200 pounds to St Andrew's Church and the Church will provide a collection box for public donations to go towards the upkeep of the hall.

Lizzie Wallis has advised that she and Paul will be away in July and so will not be available to transport the print stands.

The stands are normally stacked 52 cm high x 112 cm wide x 205 cm long (21 x 44 x 81 inches) when being transported, as this is the most stable configuration. They can also be stacked 112 high x 52 wide but would have to be carefully secured. I will arrange to hire a van unless I hear otherwise.

Mick Walker 31/05/24

Quarterly report from the Events Organiser for the committee meeting 03.06.2024.

Four events were planned for April 2024.

Sadly, due to wet and windy weather, all three mornings with the local bird ringers in Cley had to be cancelled. All morning were fully booked with a waiting list so there will new dates for April and May 2025.

An event at Morston Hall with Michelin star chef Galton Blackiston on the 16th of April was equally fully booked. One member had to cancel on a short notice and 7 members had an unforgettable morning with the kitchen team. Galton is a true star!

May: we had our NNPS program evening walk at Wells next the sea.

June 15th, we're going to Mannington Estate for their day "Wild about Mannington!" Entrance fee is CIO PP, but we are granted free entrance assuming we'll share our photos with Mannington which has turned out be popular.

18 members have signed up and I have closed the event as per 28-5.24.

Several requests regarding open gardens, North Norfolk Railway and guided tour at Houghton Hall were unsuccessful.

Hanne Siebers
Events organiser.

Project Group Report

We are nearing the end of the season for the Project Group and at our final meeting in June we will be finalising our choice of images for the Audio-Visual to be shown at the exhibition and the presentation evening.

Since the AGM we have had two meetings, one was held at Bodham due to a clash of dates and for May we returned to Holt. Thanks to Bob Johnson and Paul Newman who contributed information and inspiration on phone photography for the May meeting and also some work on filters for April. It is good to see others helping out with the presentations and I hope there will be more of this next year as I am sure many of the members can take part and show us more of their work.

At the moment we have not made a final decision on the 3 subjects for next year but have narrowed it down to a short list of about 6 topics and will vote on this at the next meeting. Everyone seems keen to continue the project group and the last two meeting have had 15 people present.

External Competitions Report

An update on the entries and successes at the EAF Exhibition.

- 8 people entered colour prints of which there were 12 acceptances.
- 7 people entered mono prints of which there were 6 acceptances.
- 6 people entered PDI's with 9 acceptances.

Liz Akers Print called "Warding off the Hyena" received a Selectors Award and Paul Radden's PDI of Large White on Scabious received a Highly Commended. Several images including the above plus Liz's Wildebeest Confrontation, Nick Akers' Leopard Portrait Masaai Mara and Christine Frost's Stonechat on Foxglove were also selected to represent the EAF at the Inter- Federation Competition. Congratulations to all who had work accepted and it was pleasing that our new members Christine and Graham Frost took part and did well.

Publicity

I have sent off some images from the Wells photoshoot to the local press and also mentioned our forthcoming exhibition dates. Later on I will do some publicity about NNPS taking part in the Bodham Village Hall event in August. Publicity about our work and success in the GB Cup etc will also be put up at the Exhibition.

Val Walker

Secretaries report June 2024

I have had one communication for the EAF, confirming details of the NNPS which has been dealt with.

Treasurers report

please see below our quarterly Income and Expenses report

	NNPS Income and Expenses 1/3/24 to 31/5/24				
	Cash in hand 01/03/2024	103.90		Cash in hand 01/06/2024	152.63
	Bank Balance 01/03/20204	4044.46		Bank Balance 07/05/20204	3812.58
	Funds 01/03/2024	4148.36			
Income between 1/3/24 to 31/5/24		Total	Chq/Tx	Cash	Sum-Up
		444.68	82	165	197.68

Expenses between 1/3/24 31/5/24	to	Total	Chq/Tx	Cash
	Have settled and paid	450.47	116.00	197.68
	outstanding bills that needs paying			
	Bodham Village hall hire 3rd & 17th April 24	72.00		
	Bodham Village hall hire Project gp 30th April 24	24.00		
	Bodham Village hall - PAT testing for 3 items @E2.50	7.50		
	Bodham Village hall hire 1 5th May 24	36.00		
	St Andrew's Church, Holt, Rent for Project gp 28th May 24	26.00		
	IONOS Mail Basic 5 invoice	31.20		
		196.70		