

NORTH NORFOLK

Minutes of the committee meeting held by zoom 02-09-2024 at 19.15

Present: Rob Palethorpe, Paul Radden, Nick Akers, Liz Akers, Hanne Siebers,

Apologies for Absence – Nigel Rawlins, Mick Walker, Val Walker and Peggy Johnson.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes

RP asked about the zoom details for the upcoming speakers, we had previously agreed that this would be tested on the members evening before the speakers' date.

There was a brief discussion with regards to whether the meeting could be held as were the members present a quorum. (the Constitution states 5 can be a quorum).

Quarterly reports had been submitted by all R.P. stated that this system was working well.

Secretary no questions were submitted

Treasurer N.A. asked about the subscription's income questioning the amount shown. He will take up with P.J. at a later date. N.A. also noted the exhibition costs and this prompted a discussion, all agreed that we did not want to lose the exhibition. N.A. said that in round terms the exhibition costs £3.00 per member.

Membership Sec. As of today we have 53 members, 45 full members, 7 noncompeting and 1 life member. N.A. to chase remaining members who have yet to pay to confirm wishes to renew membership.

Programme Sec. LA informed the committee that Thomas Swainson would not coming to judge the competition on 15th January and will be replaced by Andy Wilson.. Neil Hall is still coming on 6th November to judge the first print competition.

Internal Competition Sec. report submitted. There was a brief discussion about removing the third image from the competition. It was agreed that this was the best thing to do. It's in the rules and in hindsight the judge would have massively overrun if the full entry had been shown. M.W. need not worry about doing this in future if the need arises.

Exhibition Sec. Report submitted, no questions.

Project group Report submitted no questions

Ext Comp Sec. report submitted no questions

Event Sec. Report submitted; Holkham Hall for Christmas lights wanted £38.00 per person but if we went as a group it would reduce to £36.00 each. She informed the committee that a possible Christmas Photo Shoot could be an event at Cley with carols, lights and the windmill lit up, or possibly the lights at Norwich. R.P. thanked H.S. for the work she does in getting these trips organised.

Equipment Sec. Report submitted no questions

Print labels this was discussed at length, a revised version just showing North Norfolk P.S , author and title could be useful. R.P. to talk to V.W. to let members know what is expected to be put on the back of the prints entered and produce a slide to be shown to the members.

Bodham Village Hall Artists showcase This was discussed at length and finally agreed that we would attend this time with NNPs paying for the tables. R.P. will ask for prints to display. P.R. suggested keeping prints from the next competition to display.

A O B

16th October R.P. and P.R will not be present. N.A. will run meeting

6th November N.A., L.A., P.J. P.R. are not there. N.A suggested that N.R. be instructed in the use of the sum up machine, H.S can use the sum up machine and look out for the Judge.

N.A. half our members do not currently have a gallery on the website, we should encourage members to put their images in a personal gallery on the website. If members need a demo how to do this, can this be done at the Christmas social?

Donated equipment has raised £70.00 for club funds. We agreed to dump the possible non-working flash and the scruffy bag, 2 cameras N.A. will list on Ebay.

Meeting closed at 20.25.

Secretaries report October 2024

It has been relatively quiet on the Secretarial front until the last few weeks.

I had a email form a lady wanting to pass on some film cameras lenses etc. I replied to her and was told that she had already passed the equipment on to another camera club. On another matter I spoke to Nick who told me that he had collected after an email some camera equipment. It was the same lady!

I have passed on to Val the Cambridge Inter Club invitation to compete.

I have passed on the Val the EAF entry packs for the Print and PDI Championships.

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Subject: Treasurer's Report for committee meeting on 7th Oct 24

Hello All

My sincere thanks to Nick, Val and Rob for collecting fees and keeping records of the attendance at meetings and project groups, for authorising bank payments, and for looking after the finance during my forthcoming absence.

My Treasurer's report as below:

NNPS Income and Expenses 1/3/24 to 07/10/24 **

	Cash in hand 01/03/2024	103.90		Cash in hand 07/10/2024	135.40
	Bank Balance 01/03/2024	4044.46		Bank Balance 07/10/2024 (Expected) **	4681.68
	Funds on 01/03/2024	4148.36		Funds on 07/10/2024 (Expected) **	4817.08
** Expected Bank Balance to be £4681.68, once Rob authorises two outstanding payments ; £25 to Bodham for Artists Showcase event and £60 refund back to Robin Myerscough.					
Income 1/3/24 to 7/10/24		Total 2321.48	Chq/Tx 1543.00	Cash 394.00	Sum-Up 384.46
	Subs	1185? 1154.75			
	Meetings	703.90			
	Exhibition	327.00			
	Donation	135.81			
Expenses 1/3/24 to 7/10/24		Total 1687.74	Chq/Tx 1325.24	Cash 362.50	
	Hall	447.50			
	Judge	193.40			
	Speaker	175.00			
	Refreshment	39.65			
	Exhibition	492.06			
	Website	127.20			
	Stationery	22.05			
	EAF/Ins	0			
	Equipment	0			
	Other	190.88			

best wishes
Peggy

Membership Secretary's Report – October Committee Meeting

As of 1st October, we have 52 members comprising: one Life Member, 44 Full Members and seven Non-Competing Members. This compares with 55 members at the end of last season.

The following have told me they are not rejoining: Bev Cole; Tony Hallsworth; Glenda Hallsworth and Karen Hall.

In addition, the following have not yet renewed their subscriptions despite several reminders: Hugh Barton; Phil Cory; David Robinson; Malcolm Wood (he is away and told me he will renew).

So far, we have five new members: Paul Keates (who has rejoined); Roy Scrivener; Kim Scrivener; Steve Martin (who has rejoined) and Janice Seymour (Non-Competing member).

We also have a number of potential new members: Paul Milner (who has indicated he will join at the next meeting); Gary Heard; Kate Tillett; Matthew Roe; and Rosie Peacock.

Nick Akers

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Competition Secretary's Report

The first 2024-2025 PDI competition was held on Wednesday 2nd October.

Thirty-two members submitted a total of ninety-five entries.

Concerned that the Judge would not have sufficient time to properly evaluate and comment on each image, I reduced the number of entries to two per member.

The Judge had no difficulty in assessing sixty-four images. He thought that he could have managed ninety-five. In the previous season a Judge thought eighty-seven was too many.

Given that NNPS only have three PDI competitions a year, taking out the third image is a substantial reduction in the number of images seen by the members. In general, the third image is of the same quality as the others.

If the numbers remain high, I may use all the entries, risk stressing the Judge, and try to discern if it reduces the quality of the comments and scoring. Would need to give the Judge very frequent time checks to avoid having to rush through the later images.

The work on the print stand is taking longer than anticipated, mainly due to the manufacturer's lack of experience in print assessment stand construction. Nevertheless, it should be ready in time for the first print competition.

Exhibition Secretary's Report

Thank you to everyone who helped with 2024 Exhibition by stewarding, setting up, taking down, and submitting such quality pictures.

It was good to see an increased attendance at the prize giving evening.

In November will try to reserve the same venue for the Holt Festival Week.

Reports for the October 2024 Committee Meeting

Project Group Report

As we have only just started the new season, we have only had one meeting so far with 16 people present. The 3 new themes of Norfolk, Monochrome and Low Light brought in a wide variety of entries for discussion and we had a short time at the end to give feedback on a few images. I will be on holiday for the next meeting so Jane Osborne is going to collect in the images and either Bob Johnson or Paul Newman will help with the showing of the images on the night. One new member, Pete Alder, came to see what goes on at the meeting but did not contribute any images on this occasion.

External Competitions Report

As yet ,no external competitions have taken place for the 24-25 season but we are committed to entering the Wisbech Pat Goode Trophy in November and have already signed up to enter Cambridge in January and the Mersea Island Challenge with our home round in February. We are also in a 3 way battle with Wayland and Kings Lynn but this is being hosted by Wayland so is not on one of our club nights. I will send the Wisbech entries after the first digital competition but as we will not have had a print competition, my plan is to use prints which did well in the EAF prints or exhibition.

There is a question I would like to raise and this involves entries for more external competitions for which there is an entry fee. We have been invited to enter the St Ives Inter-print competition, which requires 6 prints and an entry fee of £25. I know that some members are keen to put in a panel as it raises our profile and provides an interesting day out. On the other hand historically it has proved difficult to attract people to attend external competitions, especially as weekends when many members have other commitments. So should we enter? NB Graham and Christine Frost have offered to co-ordinate the entry if we wish.

Finally we will also enter the GB Cup for Nature, which is an on line competition National competition, and we do not see the judging but as we are the holders, I intend to try to defend the trophy.

Publicity

We did get the results of the public vote published in the Sheringham Independent etc but this was not until September due to the August issue already being full. I continue to send information about the club to the Bodham Newsletter to make people aware of what events are coming up.

Any Other Business

I have an item to raise under AOB about print labels. I have used the Avery design and print facility to design some labels which would be suitable to put on the back of prints. The design has been amended so that there is now space to put the print number in the top right and space to write on the score. Use of labels would not be compulsory but I thought it would be helpful to put the pdf on the website for people to download and use if they wish.

What do the committee think about this?

Val Walker

**Quarterly report from the Events Organiser
for the committee meeting 07.10.2024.**

As I write this, I should have been in Happisburgh for the first event for new season. Planned was a NNPS workshop with Justin Minns and seven other NNPS members.

The heavy rain forecasted for the whole day forced us to postpone it and the new date is November, Wednesday, 13th. One member cannot make it in November and I would like to advertise the free place at our next meeting in Bodham in two days.

In August I made a m&s pre-visit to Westgate farm in Walsingham to see their stunning display of sunflowers in a HUGE field, some 20 football pitches big. It's an incredible sight, fabulous for drones and photographic arrangements. We will go in August 2025. It will be a different field, but equally big with a great variety of sunflowers. Michael will let us in when they close the field to the public at 4 pm and we will have the place to ourselves. This will be a good opportunity to arrange a portrait photoshoot amidst the flowers. More to come.

September: we had our NNPS program evening walk at Cromer.

October: cancelled workshop with Justin Minns. An issue for Peggy Johnson to sort regarding a payment from Robin Myerscough: He paid £60 into NNPS for the workshop instead of paying Justin Minns directly. Can you please refund the money?

I made a pre-visit to the fabulous Fakenham Gasworks Museum and so far 16 members has signed up for the m&s on October, Saturday, 19th. This should be good for all our members.

I also made a pre-visit to Sculthorpe Moor Nature reserve where Nick Akers kindly gave Klausbernd and myself a guided tour of the reserve including the hides. It was very interesting and informative and we both learned a lot. The reserve is fabulous in its own right but I have decided against arranging a m&s for several reasons. It's too widespread for a photo shoot for our club, many members have mobility problems and the walks between the hides are too long and then you never know what to see regarding wildlife.

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Hello everyone,

The report of the officer for equipment is as follows:

Projector.

Comments were made at the last project group regarding the colour balance emitting from the projector in BBVH. I intend to investigate this and seek to rectify the situation before the PDI comp on 2 October.

Thank you from the BBVH committee.

The committee expressed their thanks for the loan of the large easel to help dress the set for the Murder Mystery evening held on 14 Sept. This turned out to be a great success with over £600 raised, and completed the fund raising required to install an array of solar panels and batteries at the hall.

Incidentally, work is scheduled to start on the installation on 28th October, though I don't anticipate this interfering with our activities.

Asset register.

Please advise if anything like this already exists, but if not then I think it would be good idea to create and maintain a register of assets owned by the club. Presently I know of two sites that we are using to store items, we have the cupboard in BBVH and the other is at Mick and Val's, so thanks must go to them for tolerating the pile of display stands in their garage!

If anyone else is generously giving a home to anything, would they mind letting me know so I can attempt to put together a schedule..

Best wishes to all,

Nigel