



**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, Nigel Rawlins Mick Walker, Val Walker and Peggy Johnson.

*Apologies for Absence* – none

There had been no formal agenda issued.

R.P asked N.A to advise about membership. He reported that at the end of last year we had a total 55 members So far this year we have our 1 Life Member, 31 Full Members paid and 6 Non-competing Members paid which is a total of 38. This includes 3 new members. Of our last year's membership there are 19 Full Members and 1 Non-competing member who have not yet paid. Of these 3 Full Members and 1 Non-competing Member have said they are not renewing.NA will issue a reminder next week to the 16 who've not paid (and not told him they're leaving). NA expects a number of existing members will pay at the first meeting at Bodham on 18th September. There are 4 further potential New Members that he is in touch with.

RP asked MW to follow on

**Exhibition Secretary.** MW reported that all went very well. There were 80 digital images (+ the gb cup entry) and 107 prints submitted. There were 682 visitors to the exhibition over the six days. NW advised Phil (white van man) was delighted with the two bottles of wine! Thanks to Hughes for the Television. Total net cost to the club was £96.14.

**Competition Secretary** 1<sup>st</sup> PDI comp opens on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept and is open until 27<sup>th</sup> Sept with the competition on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. 1<sup>st</sup> Print comp opens.

The meeting discussed the drawings from MW for a new print stand. After much discussion it was agreed that the club will pay the approx. £400 and MW will build. PJ asked that the committee's thanks be minuted for MW taking on this project

This led to a discussion on should we continue to have print competitions, it was agreed that these should continue.

Bodham Arts & Crafts. It was agreed that NNPS had a good display. There was a discussion re payment that was eventually resolved. N.R reported that 125 people attended the event.

New seasons programme. It was agreed that P.R., M.W. and NR with possibly Malcolm English or Malcom Wood will try out the Zoom on the members evening the week before the first Zoom speaker.

It was agreed that we will enter the Cambridge digital competition.

It was also agreed that the end of season social went well

There was a long discussion over Facebook. PR advised that we had previously agreed to let this run watching what was happening and make a decision at the end of the year. The discussion continued and it was agreed that a decision that this should conclude at the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 meeting.