

CHELMSFORD CAMERA CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2009/2010 held at Moulsham Mill, Chelmsford at 19:30 on Wednesday 19th May 2010

Present: Adam Rowe, Alec Fraser, Andrew Pickess, Andy Donn, Ann Burley, Barry Collin, Barry Henshaw, Bruce Gray, Colin Birch, David Bishop, Dave Bladon, Dennis Clarke, Derrick Cutts, Dorothy Chorley, Elaine Butcher, Garry Fish, Jackie Bale, John Fildes, John Goodacre, John Shears, Ken Dawe, Konrad Borysiuk, Marion Miller, Mark Elvin, Melvyn Frewin, Mike Smith, Pat Frewin, Paul Beko, Paul Griffiths, Peter Herries, Phil Voyez, Ray Bacon, Ray Lawrence, Robert Goodwin, Steve Baxter, Steve Docherty, Tom Peacock, Tony Cockrell and Tony Mansfield.

Barry Collin (President) opened the meeting by introducing himself, Bruce Gray (Chairman) and Colin Birch (standing in for Annie Ringland, Hon. Secretary). He explained that the business of the Club is run by the President and the Committee, but certain things must be approved by the Members in General Meeting.

- Election of the Committee,
- Appointment of the Auditor,
- Approval of the Financial Accounts, and
- Alterations to the Constitution.

Each Member, excluding Junior Members, is entitled to vote.

In addition, the Committee seeks Members' views on the running of the Club at the AGM, and Members are therefore invited to comment on matters put before this meeting or to raise others under Any Other Business.

1. Apologies for Absence

Sheila Birch, Nick Burley, Trevor Burley, Arnold Cleaver, Veronica Rice and Annie Ringland.

2. Approval of 2008/9 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 A decision to drop slides from all future competitions was subsequently ratified by the Committee. Only one Member used slides exclusively at that time and an offer was made to scan his work to enable him to take part in the competitions.
- 3.2 The decision to bring digital projected images into line with prints was ratified by the Committee. There are now three categories, Entry, Advanced and Premier in the league competitions and three classes in the annual awards.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Report by Andrew Pickess

I would like to thank Ron Gregory for auditing the accounts for this financial year ending 31st March 2010.

The Club's Membership remained at 91 Members: we lost some Members during the summer break but we had 13 new Members join during the season. This figure includes 4 honorary Members. We are averaging 54 Members each Wednesday evening.

There was one item carried forward into this year's accounts, that being the Joe Cornish Evening as we had not received Joe's invoice or any money from the Council for the sale of tickets by the close of accounts on the 31st March. As you can see, this event showed a profit of £900.

The major expense this year was the purchase of a new Projector, Laptop and Software – the total cost being £2527. This also results in an increase in our insurance premiums.

Most of the expenses are similar to last year with the following exceptions:

- Travel expenses are up due to the Club's success and having to travel to, and overnight stays for, the PAGB Digital and Print Championships.

- There was a planned increase in Judges' and Speakers' fees as we have been booking judges and speakers from further away.
- The Club funds social events and these expenses were £513 which was for the Summer BBQ, Mersea Island trip with Colin Westgate and the Christmas Party.
- The raffle still shows a healthy profit despite adding the £10 Camera World voucher.

As you would expect in these times the interest on our savings account has dropped drastically. When I took over as treasurer 2 years ago we used to get about £12 per month but now we get 22 pence.

The Club remains financially stable and I recommend that subscriptions and Wednesday attendance fees remain unchanged. I can confirm that Ron Gregory has agreed to audit the accounts again next year.

Andrew Pickess

Honorary Treasurer

4.2 Questions on the Treasurer's Report

Dennis Clarke asked for clarification on the effect of the Joe Cornish event. Andrew explained that the event spanned the end of the financial year and so some costs were included in the previous year while seat receipts and Joe's invoice came within this year. Overall the event made a profit of about £900.

In response to a query by Melvyn Frewin, Andrew confirmed the figures for the raffle. Prize value had been increased by adding a Camera World voucher but intake had also increased, more than compensating for the difference.

4.3 Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Dennis Clarke, seconded by Tom Peacock and approved unanimously.

5. Officers' Reports

5.1 Secretary's Report

5.1.1 Report by Annie Ringland (read by Colin Birch)

First, I must apologise for my absence at this meeting.

This has been my first year in the role of Secretary and I have found it quite challenging!

There has been a lot of interest in the Club this year but disappointingly there have far too many people who have come to a couple of meetings and not joined and the Committee have been looking into this. Most of the contacts have been through email and the old ways of phone and letter have disappeared. Not sure if this is a good thing or not!

I have been responsible for collecting some interesting items from ex-Members, including the original Minute Book and some photos and a collection of lights which have been sold on eBay to supplement the funds!

We do have a lot of successes nationally but have not seen such huge successes locally as we have in previous years although our outstanding photographers continue to do well. BUT we have ended the year on a high note winning the Maldon Challenge in which 13 Clubs entered and the standard was very high indeed. Clacton beat us on the print side of the competition but we did very well in the slides (converted from digital!). We have some new talent on the scene so hopefully next year will be even better.

I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me in this year as Secretary. We are very lucky with the friendliness of our Membership and I hope our Club will remain as friendly and as successful in the future. Don't forget the Wednesday evening get-togethers at the General's Arms in Little Baddow during the "closed season".

I look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of next season and hope that many of you will take part in activities in the summer that will result in some stunning pictures for next year!

5.2 Programme Secretary's Report

5.2.1 Report by Melvyn Frewin

The 2009-2010 season started of with "Virtual Reality" by Russell and Barbie Lindsay, we also had various prestige speakers such as Peter Patterson from Edinburgh, Brian Beaney and Ann Miles, which I hope you, the Members, enjoyed seeing.

We had no cancellations of judges and speakers; generally I feel that the speakers and the judges proved to be satisfactory which resulted in a good balanced programme.

The Committee has again agreed to allow me to spend more money for prestige speakers for the 2010 – 2011 season, which I have done. We have John Gravett from the Lake District, Margaret Salisbury, the Welsh Dragon, Graham Hodgkiss from Worcester and Dr Kevin P Elsby from Norfolk. In addition to the prestige speakers we have a full programme of high quality speakers with a variety of interesting talks.

I have invited a varied list of judges for the new season some whom you will have seen before and some new ones to the Club.

I have increased the number of Digital competitions to six the same as for print for this season.

There will be seven practical evenings on a Thursday at the Bell Centre, Baddow. The subjects for the evenings will be on the Club website and in the programme.

The new programme for 2010 – 2011 is complete and it is hoped to have them printed ready for the annual BBQ on the 7th August.

Should any Member have any ideas they would like to put to me as regards to lectures or demonstration evenings please let me know and we will try to implement them in future seasons if possible.

Melvyn Frewin LBPPA.LRPS.DPAGB

Programme Secretary

5.2.2 Questions on the Programme Secretary's Report

Melvyn noted that despite efforts to avoid the problem it had been necessary to hold the first print competition on the second Wednesday of the new season, necessitating collection of entries at the first meeting. Ray Bacon raised the point that not everyone can make the first meeting and earlier submission is not possible. Melvyn suggested that this can be overcome by contacting the Print Secretary with a list of print titles. The prints can then be brought along on the competition night.

Tom Peacock suggested the use of makeup as a subject for a Club evening and Mark Elvin added that he knows someone who does film makeup. Bruce suggested this would be best dealt with on a Thursday evening and would be taken into account by the Committee.

Tony Mansfield asked that the number of digital competitions be confirmed. Melvyn said that the number will be raised from five this year to six in the coming season in line with the number for prints.

Ray Lawrence asked if any big presentations similar to that by Joe Cornish are planned. Melvyn replied that they this is under discussion by the Committee. Steve Docherty enquired if a bigger venue could be used and Melvyn responded by saying that this is possible if a suitable speaker can be found such that the venue could be filled. Garry Fish suggested that the University may be able to offer suitable accommodation.

Andrew Pickess proposed congratulations on a very good year and Members concurred.

5.3 Projected Image Competition Secretary's Report

5.3.1 Report by Tony Cockrell

League

This season there were five competitions, two of which were themed subjects "Creative" and "3 in a frame" all to count.

	Members Entered	Images Entered
	Entry/Advanced	Entry/Advanced
No 1 Open subject	15/30	30/56
No 2 Open subject	14/30	31/58
No 3 Themed "Creative"	11/22	24/45
No 4 Open subject	15/24	35/53
No 5 Themed "3 in a Frame"	14/22	33/49

2009/2010 league competition:

Entry Level:

1st David Heath	46.5 marks
2nd Andy Donn	44.0 marks

3rd Paul Griffiths 43.5 marks

Advanced Level:

1st Barry Collin 48.0 marks

2nd Garry Fish 47.0 marks

3rd Steve Docherty 44.5 marks

Premier Level:

1st Bruce Gray 46.0 marks

2nd Ray Lawrence 45.5 marks

3rd Mark Elvin 45.0 marks

At the start of the season a lot of Members were having trouble with entering the correct file format, this has improved but we still receive entries with incorrect File Name/Image Size/Author and Title Details/No Black Canvas if image is less than 1400x1050 pixels. But I will keep on writing those little notes to you. Do not despair I am struggling also.

Entry Level Moving To Advanced Level 2010/2011 Season:

David Heath Andy Donn Paul Griffiths Elaine Butcher Hemant Patel David Bishop Phil King Adam Rowe Michael Smith

Premier Level 2010/2011 Season:

Bruce Gray Ray Lawrence Mark Elvin Colin Birch Jackie Bale Derrick Cutts Barry Collin Garry Fish Steve Docherty Malcolm Macgregor Veronica Rice Andrew Pickess Pat Frewin

Annual Awards

Twenty two Members entered this season's competition.

Class 1 Creative/Pictorial 70 Images

Class 2 Human Portrait 22 Images

Class 3 Record/Natural History 35 Images

Total Images 127

Class	Winner	Title
Class 1	Tom Plucinsky	Just looking
Class 2	David Heath	Freddy the dreamer
Class 3	David Bishop	Yellow Warbler (Dendroica petechia)
Best Projected Image Overall	David Heath	Freddy the dreamer

I will once again just mention that a number of you are still not entering your images in the correct file format.

Before ending my report I would like to express my thanks to Committee Members especially to Bruce Gray and Andrew Pickess for the help they have given me this season, and hoping all you Members will continue to support the competitions next season.

The last thing I have to do is rectify the mishap which occurred last Wednesday when the judge Heather Clarke DPAGB was surprised to see the image "Boat trip" in third place in class 1. While transferring the positions from her score sheet to mine she should have marked the image "Pickwick". Fortunately both images were by the same author, Garry Fish.

Tony Cockrell

Projected Image Secretary

5.3.2 Questions on the Projected Image Competition Secretary's Report

Tom Peacock asked if portraits could be 1400 pixels high and Barry Collin responded by saying that this was limited by the projector but noted that *there is a movement in some clubs to apply a square format, e.g. 1050 pixels square, but it is not well supported and certainly not by open exhibitions and salons*. Ann Burley commented that a good photo will be good regardless.

Robert Goodwin enquired if there was guidance on how to submit digital images. Barry Collin referred him to the detailed instructions on the website. Tony Mansfield suggested brief details might be given on a Wednesday evening. Barry agreed this will be done again and Andrew Pickess noted that it will be covered on the third extra Thursday workshop in July together with mounting and resizing.

5.4 Print Competition Secretary's Report

5.4.1 Report by Colin Birch

League

There were six competitions in the League this season with 48 Members submitting colour prints and 30 submitting mono prints. This made a very competitive year with an average of over 100 entries to be judged at each competition evening. This is quite challenging for a judge and ways of limiting the numbers have been discussed, but it has been decided to let it ride for the moment.

League Mono

Entry Level was won by Jackie Bale and she moves up to Advanced Level together with Mike Smith, Derrick Cutts, Phil Voyez, Annie Ringland, Hemant Patel and Dave Bladon. Advanced Level was won jointly by Nick Burley, Mark Elvin and Veronica Rice who move up to Premier together with Barry Collin and Dennis Clarke; the winner of the Premier section was Barry Henshaw. There will now be 12 Members in the Premier section for 2010/11.

League Colour

Entry Level was won jointly by Andy Donn, Paul Griffiths and John Shears and they move up to Advanced Level together with Mike Smith, Elaine Butcher, Tom Peacock, Hemant Patel, Annie Ringland, Phil Voyez, Roger Brian, Ann Vine and Dave Bladon. Advanced Level was won by Colin Birch who moves up to Premier together with Garry Fish and Veronica Rice, and the winner of the Premier section was Barry Henshaw. There will now be 12 Members in the Premier section for 2010/11.

Burley Cup

The competition for the best panel of three prints was well supported with a total of 25 panels submitted. It was won by Colin Birch with a panel entitled Amaryllis with Pat Frewin's Fantasy Forest second and Melvyn Frewin's Exotic Flower Abstracts third.

Panel of Six

The Cyril Chorley Memorial Trophy for the best panel of six prints was won by Pat Frewin for a second year running with a panel entitled Algarve Seascapes. Melvyn Frewin was second with Glass Kaleidoscope and Pat was third with Fantasy Forest, clearly a winner in the panel stakes. There were 12 entries, reflecting the amount of work involved.

Annual Awards

There were over 200 prints submitted which is an increase over last year, resulting in some hard work for the judge, but many excellent prints being shown on the Annual Awards evening. Overall winners were Ann Burley who won the award for Best Mono Print, Derrick Cutts for Best Entry Level Mono Print, Barry Henshaw for Best Colour Print and Paul Griffiths for Best Entry Level Colour Print. Following a vote by the Members, Ann Burley won the President's trophy for the Best Image of the Year.

Many thanks to all those who participated in these competitions: they were very successful and the standard of the prints was praised by the judges. Thanks also to Sheila who manned the laptop and helped to organise the competitions.

Colin Birch

Print Competition Secretary

5.4.2 Questions on the Print Competition Secretary's Report

There was some discussion on having multiple winners of the league trophies and the amount of engraving necessary. Ann Burley suggested omitting LRPS, etc. Mike Smith asked if guidance is given to the judges and Tony Mansfield suggested using 20 as the maximum score instead of 10. Barry Collin explained that guidance is given to minimise the number of 10s and to give a range of marks from 5 to 10.

Melvyn Frewin will review the guidance given to judges to spread the marks and Bruce Gray will raise the issue at the next Committee meeting.

5.5 External Competition Secretary's Report

5.5.1 Report by Pat Frewin

We have had another successful year, winning 9 out of the 15 competitions we have entered. Here are the details:

Competition	Result
PAGB Print Championships: Round 1	9th of 34 Clubs
PAGB Print Championships: Round 2	2nd of 26 Clubs. (We just missed out on winning the Plate Trophy)
Basildon Battle	WIN
ICON Inter Battle	3rd of 5 Clubs
Benfleet Battle	WIN
Basildon Rose Bowl	1st of 8 in Prints, 2nd of 8 in Slides, plus Best Print – "Hope" by Trevor and the Best Slide – "Life behind the grille" by Ann Burley
Halstead Battle	1st of 4 Clubs, plus the Best Print – "Hope" by Trevor Burley
CAPS Print Competition	1st of 8
Baddow Print Competition	1st of 10, plus Best Print – "Hope" by Trevor Burley
Colchester 4-Way Battle	1st of 4, plus Best Print – "Hope" by Trevor Burley
Essex Inter Club	7th of 9
EAF PDI Championships	12th of 35 Clubs
EAF Print Championships	3rd of 24 Clubs. This qualifies us to proceed, for the second year running, to the PAGB Championships in Connah's Quay
Colchester Battle	Lose
Braintree Shield	1st of 11
Maldon Challenge	1st of 13
CAPS PDI Competition	2nd of 8

I would like to thank all the Members for supplying me with their excellent work. It is because of your continual high standards that we are doing so well. I think special thanks should go to "Hope" by Trevor Burley, which seems to have had a great run.

Thanks also to the Members that come and support the competitions. I have had a good group this year that regularly join us. The hosting Clubs do expect to see a presence from Members.

Lastly I have to thank Colin for covering the Benfleet Battle, and Colin & Tony for running the Basildon Battle. Andrew kindly compiled the CAPS PDI Competition, and Colin ran the evening.

I am hoping to do well at Connah's Quay, and look forward to using all your excellent work next season.

Pat Frewin LRPS, DPAGB, BPE2*

External Competition Secretary

5.5.2 Questions on the External Competition Secretary's Report

John Shears asked how prints are selected for external competitions. Pat explained that she selects prints from both Annual Award and league entries, although not strictly based on the marks attained. She knows the preferences of the various judges and takes these into account when making her choices.

5.6 Exhibition & Publicity Officer's Report

5.6.1 Report by Colin Birch (on behalf of Arnold Cleaver)

Annual Exhibition

The Annual Exhibition in the atrium outside Chelmsford Library was organised last year by Arnold Cleaver and Colin Birch. It was a successful enterprise seen by lots of people and resulting in a number of new Members to the Club. Fewer pictures than planned were displayed, however, due to the limited number of display stand fittings provided by Essex County Council. This has been overcome by the purchase of additional fittings by the Club. The exhibition this year will run from August 23rd to September 4th and volunteers to spend a couple of hours manning the exhibits would be much appreciated.

Community News

A write-up in the Essex Chronicle each week gives a summary of each gathering plus contact information for the Club. Many thanks to Mark Elvin for helping out by writing a number of these reports.

Galleries

Members' prints are displayed in Broomfield Hospital and in the Triangle Club within the Essex County Council buildings to raise the profile of the Club within the community. They are renewed periodically.

Colin Birch

5.6.2 Questions on the Exhibition & Publicity Officer's Report

Andy Donn asked how Members know if their prints are used in exhibitions. Colin answered by saying that a sticker is attached to each print so used to provide a record of that event.

5.7 Webmaster's Report

5.7.1 Report by Andrew Pickess

The web site continues to be a way of attracting new Members to the Club. A number of new Members this year found out about us from our website.

After last year's AGM I agreed to set up discussion forum which I did. It currently has 27 Members, 38 topics and 145 posts. This is quite a low usage but I would recommend Members to join and join in the discussions. You can access directly from the Club's website home page.

The site is well visited, some statistics from Google Analytics:

- 15,100 views of the home page
- The What's New and the Print League scores are the most popular pages.
- 3,400 visitors to the site
- The busiest day was the 14th October when 64 people visited the site.

This is your website, it's a photographic website, but only 19 Members have a gallery of their images – just email 6 of your favourite images to webmaster@chelmsfordcameraClub.info and I'll add them to the gallery section.

A major update to the sites design will be undertaken in the next few weeks. The site may not be available for a day or two while this is undertaken.

Any new ideas for the site then just let me know.

Andrew Pickess

Webmaster

5.7.2 Questions on the Webmaster's Report

Tom Peacock asked if it is possible to run two galleries and Andrew responded that the limit is one per Member.

5.8 Chairman's Report

5.8.1 Report by Bruce Gray

Following my wife Eileen's stroke late last year, I have to confess that the past season has been a personally difficult one. However, thanks to the tremendous support given to me by your Committee Members, I have managed to continue in my role as chairman and for this I would like to express my sincere thanks to them all.

I would particularly like to thank Colin Birch for standing in for me on Club nights over many weeks and for hosting the January Committee meeting. Thanks also to Arnold Cleaver who is standing down this year from Committee after many years of service to the Club. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking Pat and Melvyn Frewin for once again hosting a summer BBQ for the Club.

Your Committee spent some of your money last year under the watchful eye of Andrew Pickess, your treasurer, on new projection equipment and software. We are now in a good position having "state of the art" equipment.

The Club has had another successful year with Membership numbers holding just below the threshold to trigger a waiting list. This is in no small way due to a varied and interesting programme set by Melvyn and an active web site maintained by Andrew.

Under Pat Frewin's stewardship, the Club has been successful in external competitions and recognised as a force to be reckoned with. Internal competitions have been well supported and we have seen new categories in projected image competitions and compulsory theme competitions. It has been very satisfying to see new Members producing excellent work and to have some new names called out on competition evenings.

I would like to finish by thanking you all for making this a successful and friendly Club and, on behalf of Eileen, for the good wishes given. I hope that you all have a good summer and look forward to seeing more stunning images next season.

5.9 Approval of Reports

Paul Beko proposed acceptance of Reports, seconded by John Shears and carried unanimously.

6. Year 2010/2011 subscriptions

The Committee sought the approval to the proposal that "the 2010/2011 subscriptions should be as follows: Annual Membership £27, Concessionary Membership £22, Family Membership £44; Junior/Student Membership in full time education under the age of 21: £10, Overseas Member £10, the entrance fee £1.50 and the evening workshops to be free entry." i.e. no change from the current year.

John Shear asked what are concessions and Barry responded by saying that this covered over 60s and unemployed. This is not a clear definition but it would be too difficult to define it absolutely, and as it is not generally a problem it will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

Acceptance of the Year 2010/2011 Subscriptions was proposed by Steve Docherty, seconded by Dave Bladon and carried unanimously.

7. President's remarks

As I said last year, there is more to the job of Chairman than just reading out notices and introducing speakers and judges on a Wednesday - the Chairman leads the Committee throughout the year and ensures the business of the Club is completed and runs smoothly; not always an easy task when there are many different views to be balanced after everyone is given a chance to have their say. So our thanks go to Colin Birch for taking over the role of Chairman while Bruce nursed Eileen who we were pleased to see has made it back to the fold.

This has been another year for successes, both for individual Members and for the Club, many Members gaining acceptances and medals in Regional, National and International Exhibitions. Congratulations to those who gained their BPE Crown Awards: Nick Burley BPE1, Ann Burley & Pat Frewin BPE2 and Trevor Burley BPE3 and acceptance of two prints by the London Salon.

Also, I am pleased to see yet more new names succeeding in the Club lists for both League and Annual Awards.

The Club has won 9 out of 15 local external competitions, and also represented the East Anglia Federation in both Print and Projected Image National Championships – the first I believe in the Club's history. It goes on to represent the EAF in the 2010 Print Championships.

Our thanks go to Pat Frewin for her untiring work as External Competition Secretary, with Melvyn's much-appreciated help, and for taking along all of our entries to Clubs all around the area as well as Warwick and North Wales.

And, let us not forget their generosity in hosting our annual BBQ.

This Club prides itself on a good programme, and I congratulate Melvyn Frewin whose first programme has helped to keep up Chelmsford's reputation as the Club with excellent and high quality speakers.

We have continued to gain many new Members, which again is due in no small way to Andrew's website and to the warm and friendly atmosphere that greets us on our arrival.

We bought new digital equipment during the season out of our own funds, unlike most other Clubs who have to rely on obtaining grants, and it has proved a success.

Some of us had a grand day out at the British Wildlife Centre last July, and to keep alive the Club spirit for the coming summer months, many events have been arranged: tutorial workshops, fortnightly meets in the pub, another Photo Trek organised by Andrew, a walk around Colchester with Tom and possibly a visit to photograph foxes. So I hope to see you at these, and here again in a year's time after another successful season.

Thank you.

Barry Collin

President

8. Proposed Amendment to Constitution.

It was proposed that Rule 11 of the Constitution under which Vice Presidents are appointed be deleted, subsequent Rules being renumbered appropriately. Barry explained that the role of Vice President has not been used as originally intended as a one-year recognition of services rendered: this purpose is now served by the award of the Nice Cup. The current Vice Presidents have agreed to relinquish their titles.

Acceptance of the amendment was proposed by Alec Fraser, seconded by Peter Herries and carried unanimously.

9. Election of the President.

Barry Collin was proposed for the position of President by Bruce Gray, seconded by Pat Frewin and accepted nem con.

10. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members.

The following Members were proposed and seconded as detailed for the positions listed below:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Bruce Gray	Annie Ringland	Ken Dawe
Vice-Chairman	Colin Birch	Bruce Gray	Marion Miller
Secretary	Annie Ringland	Barry Collin	Melvyn Frewin
Treasurer	Andrew Pickess	Annie Ringland	John Fildes
Programme Secretary	Melvyn Frewin	Pat Frewin	Barry Collin
Print Competition Secretary	Colin Birch	Andrew Pickess	Elaine Butcher
Digital Projected Image Competition Secretary	Tony Cockrell	Bruce Gray	Annie Ringland
External Competition Secretary	Pat Frewin	Barry Collin	Colin Birch
Exhibition & Publicity Officer	Garry Fish	Bruce Gray	Colin Birch
Sound Manager	John Fildes	Andrew Pickess	Colin Birch
Committee Member	Elaine Butcher	Marion Miller	Pat Frewin
Committee Member	Marion Miller	Elaine Butcher	Annie Ringland
Committee Member	Jackie Bale	Bruce Gray	Marion Miller

The officers and Committee Members proposed and seconded above were accepted nem con.

11. Election of Honorary Auditor.

Andrew indicated that Ron Gregory was prepared to stand again as Honorary Auditor. This was proposed by Dennis Clarke, seconded by Pat Frewin and accepted nem con.

12. Any other business.

12.1 Competition themes

We have 'Creative' as a theme in both Print and Digital competitions so there was some discussion on a second theme. Ann Burley urged that if we do have a theme then Members should stick to it. This should be policed by the relevant Competition Secretary.

Three possibilities were suggested for a second digital competition:

- In Motion
- A Rainy Day
- Essex

From these, Members voted for 'A Rainy Day'.

Ann Burley asked that Members be reminded that the reuse of images is restricted. This applies in League competitions where the same or substantially the same, image can be entered a maximum of twice into League competitions with 2 restrictions: (i) an image scoring 9 or more points is not eligible for a second entry and (ii) where a second entry is allowed it must be into a subsequent season's competition, and it may be into the same or a different category or level. (This rule does not apply to non-League competitions, e.g. panels).

This also applies to Annual Awards where the same, or substantially the same, image submitted for the Annual Awards may only be submitted in one class and may not be entered more than once in the Annual Awards.

12.2 Annual Awards

Garry Fish suggested that entries for the Annual Awards, or Finals Night, should be drawn from the best images in the League. At present a Member could retain an excellent image, not entering it into the League, but submitting it only to the Annual Awards.

Barry explained that the Annual Awards were instigated to provide the Club's best prints to form the Annual Exhibition. It was not intended that only prints entered into League competitions should be included.

There was considerable discussion on the merits of either approach, perhaps best summed up by Mike Smith who said that the best pictures from the League would rise up but others should be given a chance too. The weight of feeling was in favour of retaining the status quo and Garry said that he was happy to go along with that.

12.3 Portrait Evenings

Andy Donn asked if the Club intended to become involved in the Portrait Evenings currently run by Roger Brian. These evenings are attended by Club Members but are run entirely by Roger. They provide models and the opportunity to control lighting but they do not provide any tuition.

Bruce Gray asked who would be interested in these evenings and an appreciable number of Members indicated that they would. Bruce said that the Committee would consider the way forward for this activity.

13. Presentation of the Nice Cup for Meritorious Services to the Club.

Nice Cup: Awarded for Meritorious (sic) Services to the Club; so named after Ron Nice erstwhile manager of the Chelmsford Camera Shop.

Traditionally given to a Member who has given service well above the call of duty. The President, Chairman and Secretary have the pleasant choice of who should receive the award, but it is not awarded every year, because often it would be unfair to single out one individual from the many who work hard for the Club.

This year we are presenting the Nice Cup to Arnold Cleaver.

Arnold is stepping down from the Committee this year after many years of service to the Club. My records show Arnold as Vice President in 1991 and he has continuously served on the Committee since that time in most roles from Chairman, Programme Secretary, External Competitions Secretary, Publicity and Exhibitions officer and Committee Member.

We wish Arnold many years of retirement from Committee duties and full enjoyment of the Club.

14. Presentation of the League Awards.

The League Awards were presented by the President, Barry Collin.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22:15.