

Southern Counties Photographic Federation  
Club Reps' Meeting no 220  
Date: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm  
On Zoom

## Agenda

1. Apologies:
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 219 held 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020
3. Matters arising
4. President's Report: attached
5. PAGB matters:
6. Treasurer's Report: attached
7. PAGB Awards Officer Report: attached
8. Judging Advisor: to note recent judging advice papers
9. League Secretary Report: attached
10. Exhibition: attached
11. Newsletter: circulation
12. Any other urgent updates
13. Feedback from individual clubs on their status for the coming season.
14. Other Officer Reports:
15. Any Other Business – agenda items to Secretary before meeting please.
16. Dates of future meetings,  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

## SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

### Minutes of No 219 SCPF Club Representatives' Meeting

**18th February 2020 at Littleton Memorial Hall, Hall Way, Littleton, Winchester SO22 6QL**

<b>PRESENT</b>	John Hodge (President), Peter Rocchiccioli (Immediate Past President), Sue Teagle (Secretary), Eric Bennett (Handbook & Directory Secretary), Jean Brooks (League Secretary), Anne Eckersley (Vice President & Publicity Secretary), Patti Platt (PAGB Exec), Jason Hyde (Webmaster), Stewart Lacey, Andover CC, Basingstoke CC, Beaulieu CG, Boundary CC, Bracknell CC, Burghfield CC, Cricklade CC, Fareham & Portchester CC, Farnborough CC, Fordingbridge CC, Havant CC, Hungerford CC, Locksheath & Sarisbury CC, Midhurst CC, New Forest CC, Newbury Photography Club, Ordnance Survey PS, Petersfield PS, Southampton CC, Viewfinders of Romsey CC, Winchester PS, Wokingham & E Berkshire CC, Woolston CC, Yateley CC.
<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Graeme Sleeman (Treasurer), Ken Scott (Judging Advisor), Leo Rich (PAGB Awards Officer), Steve Kirkby, Jon Evans, Aldershot, Farnham & Fleet CC; Sheila Tester, Chichester CC; John Mitchell Gosport CC; Highcliffe & Infinity CC, Geof Lambert, Horndean CC; Maria Ogbourne, Lambourn CC; Ioline Stanley, Lymington CC; Michael Jenkins, Poole CC; Tony Oliver & Richard Temlett, Salisbury CC; Graham Lawrence, Wareham CC; Trevor Prince, Wimborne CC.
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING NO 218, 15th November 2019 – circulated previously</b>
<b>2.1</b>	The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed, signed and dated by the President, John Hodge.
<b>3</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
<b>3.1</b>	None.
<b>4</b>	<b>PRESIDENT'S REPORT – circulated previously</b>
<b>4.1</b>	This was summarised by John.
<b>4.2</b>	There were no questions.
<b>5</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT – none received</b>
<b>5.1</b>	In his absence, John stated Graeme Sleeman's assurance that the finances were sound.
<b>5.2</b>	There were no questions.
<b>6</b>	<b>PAGB AWARDS OFFICER – circulated previously</b>
<b>6.1</b>	In his absence, John summarized the content.
<b>6.2</b>	There were no questions.
<b>7</b>	<b>PAGB EXEC MEMBER REPORT – circulated previously</b>
<b>7.1</b>	Patti went through her report.
<b>7.2</b>	Question raised about item 4 on Wildlife, and a club member failing badly.
<b>7.3</b>	In reply to a question on item 6, Patti said that the PAGB were looking to host an exhibition in April, and were going to offer a workshop.
<b>7.4</b>	There was a question on using the PAGB website, and opening e-news.
<b>8</b>	<b>JUDGING ADVISOR'S REPORT – no report issued</b>
<b>8.1</b>	John Hodge summarised the main points from Ken's report to Council, and publicizing the Judges Forum, 8 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>8.2</b>	Peter Rocchiccioli remarked that it was important to note that 50% of the active judges now had been through Ken's training.
<b>9</b>	<b>LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT – verbal report given</b>
<b>9.1</b>	All Leagues were coming to a conclusion.
<b>9.2</b>	Jean encouraged clubs to book judges early.
<b>9.3</b>	Jason clarified the position on individual scores being published; it was possible, and a trial was happening, and it was hoped to implement this next season. Scores will be available at the end of the season. There might be a spreadsheet to display scores in a Division.
<b>9.4</b>	Les Stride asked if it was possible to have an electronic scoresheet.
<b>10</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 update</b>
<b>10.1</b>	In Steve's absence, John summarized some points from Steve's report to Council.
<b>10.2</b>	In answer to Les Stride's question, Jason confirmed that the images would be presented in randomized order.

<b>11</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 update</b>
<b>11.1</b>	These would be hosted by Lymington CC.
<b>12</b>	<b>AUDIO VISUAL (AV)</b>
<b>12.1</b>	It was confirmed that there would be an AV competition – to be held 2 <sup>nd</sup> March at Ludshott, Surrey, and that Steve Kirkby would be attending.
<b>13</b>	<b>DICENTRA TRAINING</b>
<b>13.1</b>	This is proposed for 14 <sup>th</sup> March. So far there are eight clubs interested. The venue has not yet been finalized. John appealed for clubs to notify him of a suitable hall available.
<b>14</b>	<b>OTHER OFFICERS' REPORTS</b>
<b>14.1</b>	<b>DIRECTORY &amp; HANDBOOK</b>
<b>14.1.1</b>	Eric reported that he had been having email problems.
<b>14.1.2</b>	The password for the SCPF Handbook/Directory on the website will be changed 1 <sup>st</sup> March. These will be issued by email to club Secretaries. He did not think that all the Secretaries and Club Reps were receiving his emails.
<b>14.1.3</b>	It was suggested that the SCPF Secretary also send these out as a back-up.
<b>14.1.4</b>	The Club Rep from Bracknell confirmed that he had received the new password.
<b>14.1.5</b>	Print box window for ordering runs from 20 <sup>th</sup> March to 20 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>14.2</b>	<b>ROLL OF HONOUR: circulated previously</b>
<b>14.2.1</b>	John Hodge summarized his report, and emphasized the need for clubs to nominate active members.
<b>14.3</b>	<b>EXHIBITION: circulated previously</b>
<b>14.3.1</b>	John summarized the content, and emphasized the sale of catalogues at half price, just 50p.
<b>14.3.2</b>	A question was raised as to the cost of hiring the premises for the Exhibition.
<b>14.3.3</b>	The draw for the £25 public voting slip was made. The winning print was Cheetah in the Long Grass.
<b>14.4</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER</b>
<b>14.4.1</b>	John said there was nothing to report.
<b>14.4.2</b>	There were no questions.
<b>14.5</b>	<b>PUBLICITY</b>
<b>14.5.1</b>	Peter urged club members to buy from the sponsors in order to encourage them to continue sponsoring the Exhibition catalogue.
<b>14.6</b>	<b>WEBSITE: circulated previously</b>
<b>14.6.1</b>	Jason summarized his report, and said that email bounce back affected both Eric Bennett and Sue Teagle. In a reply to a question on CDs and Dropbox for Exhibition photos, he stated that an area to deal with large files would be created on the website.
<b>15</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS –</b>
<b>15.1</b>	Sue Dunham had submitted an item on the Southampton International Exhibition. She also announced that there would be a lecturer presenting at Southampton CC on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, and Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March.
<b>15.1.2</b>	Patti plugged the Photography Show leaflet, and urged members to use the code for the PAGB.
	The meeting finished at 9.00pm
	<i>Feedback and suggestions are always welcome concerning content of Representatives' Meetings – please contact SCPF Secretary : secretary@southerncountiespf.org.uk</i>
	<b>Future 2020 meeting dates, all at Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall:</b> <b>Sunday, 3rd May 2020 – Club Reps' AGM &amp; Finals Day</b> <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>
	<b>Signed:</b>
	<b>Date:</b>

## SCPF Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September

### President's Report.

Covid-19 remains as the dominating influence in all our activities.

We have now reached what is for most clubs the start of the new season, still with our normal activities hijacked by the pandemic. Having had to take drastic action back in March to cancel everything at short notice, we have since had a few months to plan for a very different new season which will, at least for the early part, be entirely digital.

I have been hugely impressed by the readiness of so many to embrace new online technologies and to find digital alternatives for the displaced activities. But I am also very aware that the digital platforms are not a full substitute for physical meetings, and fear that it will potentially have a negative effect on club memberships. We are also aware that with clubs not owning their own premises some just may not be able to continue in their previous homes due to the restrictions, even when lockdown easing permits meetings to resume. An added issue will be the liability issues for clubs' officers in ensuring the ongoing safety of their members.

As a Federation we need to try to keep track of what is happening in the clubs, and to be open to finding ways to support clubs where, and if, we can. We have been promoting good practice for online judging, lectures and meetings, and helping to publicise what some clubs are doing in mounting exhibitions etc. This is a two-way process, and we need good two-way communication with the clubs to make it work, so I would urge clubs to be proactive in letting us know about their issues, successes and ideas. Perhaps we need to promote more the use of our Facebook page as a forum, or maybe explore other social media platforms like Instagram where we don't currently have a presence. Any expansion into such areas would of course need appropriately 'switched-on' people to manage them, without necessarily needing to be Council members to do so if that was seen as a difficulty.

With clubs unable to meet, I have been unable to present any Roll of Honour certificates, and we now have four approved and awaiting presentation.

Not directly related to the pandemic, it was sad to be advised recently of the closure of Poole Camera Club. Falling membership has meant a loss of finance, but the major problem was the inability to recruit new committee members. Having been going for almost 60 years, the club has been a good supporter of the Federation's activities, so the loss will be widely felt.

This just emphasises how dependent clubs are on a sustainable membership for funding, and even more so on willing volunteers to run the club (some of whom are deservedly listed in the SCPF Roll of Honour). I sincerely hope that the members are able to continue their photography through another club, and offer the Federation's thanks to all those who have worked so hard over the years to keep the club running.

Now, looking on the positive side, both the Leagues and the Exhibition are now open for entry and uploading, so hopefully will give an impetus to the start of the new season, and act as a framework around which the clubs' activities will carry on. I'm looking forward to the new opportunities which are available in the online world, keeping us going until we are once again able to physically meet up with our friends and colleagues.

John Hodge  
President



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### Treasurer's Report for Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

I have attached the audited accounts for last year. There is little further to report at present as there is little or no activity.

The proposal from Peter re the Exhibition is well made and our costs will be greatly reduced by the activity being all on-line.

I have received a significant number of responses for my request to clubs re their plans for the coming season and what they intend to do re subscriptions. In general, clubs are maintaining an on-line program of activities for the new season, with competitions and speakers generally using the Zoom platform. Many, but not all, have reduced their membership subscriptions as the costs of physical meetings are not currently incurred. I have only heard of one club closing permanently.

I believe this is a further area where we as Council can help the clubs to thrive and, in some cases, even survive.

Last year's subscription income was £6,160 of which £2,774 was passed over to the PAGB.

As yet, I am unaware of any proposals from the PAGB re subscription levels.

Our own costs are likely to be substantially reduced in this financial year with our meetings being held on Zoom and limited physical costs of room hire, travelling expenses etc.

We have maintained adequate reserves over past years and now is the time to use them.

I propose that the annual subscription to clubs be reduced by 50% in comparison to last year's figures.

This will cost us an estimated £3,000 from our reserves but will help our member clubs with the difficult times that we all face. We would still retain sufficient reserves to weather an extended financial storm.

I shall be away on Monday and Tuesday next week but, internet willing, hope to join you for Zoom.

Current bank balances are Current Account £2164; Deposit Account £9,359; PayPal Account £80.

Graeme Sleeman


Hon Treasurer, Southern Counties Photographic Federation



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Income & Expenditure account	<u>Apl to Mar 2020</u>	<u>Apl to Mar 2019</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	£6,160.50	£6,359.01
SCPF Exhibition	£1,998.45	£1,060.57
Awards Workshops	£219.45	-£295.07
Sales of Print Boxes	£135.01	£32.77
Bank Interest	£18.75	£14.19
PAGB Handbooks	£6.00	£54.00
Anniversary Book Sales		
Awards for Photographic Merit		
Equipment Hire		
Advertising		
PAGB Insurance scheme for clubs		-£152.12
	<u>£8,538.16</u>	<u>£7,073.35</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
PAGB Affiliation fees	£2,774.00	£2,660.00
Council Expenses	£2,310.27	£3,884.86
Hire of Halls - Reps & Council Meetings	£858.09	£774.75
AGM, Finals day & Event Expenditure	£406.33	£296.83
PAGB Print Championship Expenses	£350.00	£700.00
Exhibition Stand Storage	£300.00	£136.50
Championship 20	£197.00	
Championship 19		£945.92
Championship 18		£718.48
Postage/Printing & Stationery	£144.98	£55.54
Computer & Website Costs	£144.00	
Judges/Lecturers Expenses	£85.00	£380.00
Judges Training Workshop	£68.40	
Bank Charges	£61.77	£45.82
Sundry Expenses		£3.30
Insurance - SCPF		£38.29
	<u>£7,699.84</u>	<u>£10,640.29</u>
<b>Profit/Loss for the Year</b>	<u><b>£838.32</b></u> <b>PROFIT</b>	<u><b>-£3,566.94</b></u> <b>LOSS</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2019</b>		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Exhibition Frames b/f	£0.00	£0.00
This Year's Depreciation	£0.00	£0.00
Exhibition Frames c/f	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
HSBC deposit account	£9,355.09	£9,336.34
HSBC current account	£2,786.49	£1,720.65
Debtors outstanding	£300.00	
PayPal	£80.43	£626.70
Cash in Hand	£2.55	£2.55
Prepayments		
	<u>£12,524.56</u>	<u>£11,686.24</u>
<b>less CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accruals	£0.00    £0.00	£0.00    £0.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u><b>£12,524.56</b></u>	<u><b>£11,686.24</b></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY :-</b>		
Accumulated Fund c/f at 1st April 2019		£15,253.18
Loss for the Year		<u>-£3,566.94</u> <u><b>£11,686.24</b></u>
Accumulated Fund c/f at 1st April 2020	£11,686.24	
Profit for the Year	<u>£838.32</u> <u><b>£12,524.56</b></u>	

I certify that the above income and Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2020 are in accordance with the Treasurer's records

  
 Lorraine Saville ARPS

## **PAGB Update**

*The information below has been provided from a telephone conversation and is hopefully properly interpreted.*

Club Subscriptions: These will be set at the upcoming delayed PAGB AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> October., where it is expected that the new rate will be either a substantial reduction on existing, or even set at zero.

Covid-19 Guidance: Some clubs have been looking for guidance from PAGB re returning to physical meetings in their regular premises. The risks and liabilities in this are mainly premises-led, so the PAGB is not in a position to advise. There is some helpful advice documentation on the PAGB website under Services/Advice Documents. There are significant insurance implications, and PAGB are still awaiting feedback from insurers.

The temporary Mentoring service for potential APM candidates has now been made permanent, and is being co-ordinated by David Smith from the Surrey Federation. For the up to date details please see the latest edition of e-News.

In respect of the closed APM adjudication, no date has been published, but this is not a concern as everything is in hand and it will take place at Smethwick as and when arrangements are finalised.

## **PAGB Award Officer's Report**

At the next Council meeting I am proposing that we push back the PAGB Awards Advisory Day from 14.3.21 (which we all know will not happen) to around the same time of the year in **2022**. This is in line with the PAGB pushing back the Adjudications by one year. We were due to host in Nov 22 but this will now be (subject to the virus not causing more mayhem) Nov 2023.

If we provisionally plan on March 2022 this will have to be subject to the PAGB Awards team tentative blessing as they will be running, and paying part, of the show. There will be no point in starting to plan if the PAGB say "not on" unless we decide to run our own financed adjudication. Judging by enquiries from prospective applicants there is still an interest.

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# League Secretary's Report

## 2020-21 PDI league

The website is now open for the uploading of entries to the 2020-21 SCPF League. All notified fixture dates/judges have been added so please check that the information for your club is correct.

Full information was sent out to all participating clubs on 20th August so if you haven't heard anything, then please email the League Secretary.

Keycodes are the same as last year but if you cannot find yours, it can be obtained from the League Secretary.

There are no changes to the PDI rules (available from the website) but it is always a good idea to read these and check you haven't missed an important point of information!

This year we have extended the closing date to 5th October 2020. However, as last year please try and upload your entries as soon as possible to avoid too many last minute issues.

Clubs who have not yet notified the League Secretary of the date and/or judge for their fixtures(s) are requested to do so as soon as possible. Please remember that the fixture window for the rounds is 1st November 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Jean Brooks  
League Secretary

## **Exhibition Report, September 2020.**

As agreed, this year's Annual Exhibition is going to be PDIs only and the catalogue will be virtual.

We will provide the same facilities to our advertising sponsors at no charge and aim for their goodwill when the Coronavirus situation is resolved.

Also, it has been agreed that no entry fee will be charged for the clubs to enter, hoping to stimulate interest and a greater number of entries, to this end Jason has extended the club entries closing date 18<sup>th</sup> October. The judge has been contacted (Clive Tanner) and he is happy to undertake the judging using Zoom and Jason has agreed the process. Clive will require the image file about 10 days before the judging day. Hence all is progressing well.

Anne has produced an advertising poster and it would be good if this could be sent to each Club competition secretary or Club Reps and advising that there is no charge to enter this year's exhibition. As we have no prints, we have also agreed to add awards for Mono PDIs entries on this occasion.

Happy to consider any points or advise.

Peter Rocchiccioli Immediate Past President