

AGM Minutes 2022

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM 16th JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Chairman	Grete Howard
Secretary	Anna Dagger
Treasurer	Malcolm Flintoff
Membership Co-ordinator	Lyn Gowler
Programme Secretary	Al Ritchie / Yvonne Ellis
Internal Competition Sec.	Ann Belcher
External Competition Sec.	
Publicity Co-ordinator	Mike West
WI Hall Rep	Bernard Yeo

1. Apologies for Absence

Sarah Robbins, Clive Williams, Peter Harris, Michael Batchelor, Ann Belcher, Bernard Yeo

2. Present

21 members present

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous AGM

All Agreed

4. Matters Arising for Minutes of 2020 AGM

None

5. Treasurers Report

Malcolm read out important points and informed us of his intention to stand down next year.

Treasurer's Report Year ended 31st May 2022

We have changed the year end to leave most of the summer and autumn free for all members, including committee, to indulge their photographic trips without conflicting with the AGM. Having said that we are not 100% successful.

This year was difficult to predict financially - will we have to go into lockdown again? - will speakers be happy to attend? How much will costs rise? And the coming year also looks to be challenging financially.

Earlier this year I predicted a shortfall of approximately £1000 on the year. I am pleased to report a result of a £10 surplus (although it would be a deficit of £300+ but for the year change) The main reasons for this improvement have been:

- 1) The W.I. Hall agreeing to only charge for nights we used the premises - i.e. Zoom nights became free.
- 2) Al Ritchie arranging more Zoom meetings which also led to lower fees charged.
- 3) Our change of subscription charges last year with 31 out of 46 members opting to pay the lump sum covering subs and door fees.

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I have reworked my estimates for the coming year based on the proposed fee structure outlined by our Chairman. Ideally, we end up with a surplus to bolster funds but we should break even as a minimum. This is based on a full program as arranged by AI which I am confident will come in under budget. We are also grateful to AI for making and posting our new website at basic cost which will appear in next year's accounts.

I am happy to remain treasurer for one more year, if elected, but I do intend to finish next year.

Malcolm Flintoff June 2022

6. Programme Secretary's Report: covered in Chairman's Report

7. Internal Competition Secretary's Report

Internal secretary's report for 2021 -2022

There have been two competitions since last September. In November the Print and DPI of the year was judged by Simon Caplan and the winners were:

Print of the year

- 1st Grete Howard Northern lights over Lofoten
- 2nd Alan Wood About to fledge
- 3rd Mary Pears Hares interacting

DPI of the year

- 1st Alan Wood Great White Egret
- 2nd Grete Howard Bursting water balloon
- 3rd Clive Williams Stags in the park

The second was the Living World also judged by Simon Caplan. As few members have been printing during lockdown we decided to make both parts of the competition digital but make the Dick Drake trophy for pictures only of flora and the Sheila Briggs trophy for fauna. This encouraged many more members to take part especially for flora. The winners were:

Living World Fauna

- 1st Grete Howard Kingfisher flight path
- 2nd= Alan Wood Great White Egret
- 2nd= Grete Howard Territorial Dispute

Living World Flora

- 1st Grete Howard Last Soldier standing
- 2nd Anna Dagger Knapweed
- 3rd = Grete Howard Dew on the grass
- 3rd = Alan Wood Iris

We also took part in the Darwen Trophy via Zoom and we entered 30 DPIs which were judged before the Darwen audience by Tony Caplan and we lost by 498 to 510 points.

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8. Chairman's Report

With the easing of government restrictions for clubs and societies, the committee made the decision to start our meetings face to face in the WI Hall from September last year. This saw us return to some sort of normality, and I feel everyone enjoyed getting back to the social aspect of the club.

We also continued with some meetings taking place over Zoom, which meant that we could enjoy speakers from further afield than would have been possible in person. With a lot of time and effort on Al Richie's behalf, we did attempt a 'combination meeting', joining the Zoom session from the WI Hall. This was not very successful, more as a result of the speaker's unstable internet connection than our set-up this end, I believe.

With 2021 being a 'free' year for everyone, and the WI Hall increasing its hire cost, resulting in the club's finances dwindling rapidly, the difficult decision was taken by the committee this year to increase the subscription and door fees. Currently, the income from members barely covers the hall rent.

After much discussion about a way forward, the final decision was that we are going to have to increase the annual fee from September to £50 for everyone, while still keeping the weekly door fee at £3. This fee will also be charged for Zoom meetings (including Practical Group which will be charged at £2 per meeting).

For those of you who wish to pay for all the meetings up front, we are offering a discount, at £110 which will cover membership fee, door fee, and Zoom fees (not including Practical Group). This is an annual increase of £18.

The Practical Group has continued to meet monthly via Zoom throughout the year, as it works well for them, with between 7 and 10 members and it has been enjoyed by those contributing.

The Photoshoot events have been sparse and not well attended. I think we'll have to introduce more exciting events to encourage more attendees. If anyone has any ideas for places to visit, please let Clive know.

The Travel Group decided they did not feel comfortable with meetings taking place via Zoom, however, face to face meetings recommenced in the Cleeve Village Hall from April.

I would like to thank all and every one of you for your contribution this last year, especially:

Anna Dagger, the Club Secretary, who has worked hard to keep me in line, be a first point of contact with the WCPF and other organisations, and generally being extremely supportive.

Malcolm Flintoff for ensuring our finances are up to date and that the relevant people and organisations are paid on time.

Ann Belcher for organising our internal competitions.

Lyn Gowler for keeping the membership details up to date.

Bob Bishop for organising the Appraisal Evenings.

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Al Ritchie for his dedication in not only organising some excellent speakers (and chasing up and thanking) all the presenters throughout the year, but also for his hard work in setting up the club's lovely new website.

Mike West for getting us media coverage and taking the lead for attracting new members for this coming year.

Bernard Yeo for his role in liaising with the WI hall.

Clive Williams for his work keeping the Practical Group going and arranging Photoshoot events.

Jo Shepherd for her efforts with the Community Photography.

All the members who have made presentations on our club nights, or contributed images for any of the events.

Grete Howard

Backwell Camera Club Chairman

The Committee then stood down and the nominations for the new Committee were read out. There were no objections to all those standing for re-election and all were voted in

Nominees for Committee 2020/21

POSITION	NAME	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
Chairman	Grete Howard	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts
Vice Chairman			
Secretary	Anna Dagger	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts
Treasurer	Malcolm Flintoff	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts
Programme Secretary	Al Ritchie Yvonne Ellis	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts
Website Secretary			
Membership Secretary	Lyn Gowler	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts
Internal Competition Secretary	Ann Belcher	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts
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Publicity	Mike West	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts
WI Hall Rep.	Bernard Yeo	Yvonne Ellis	Ruth Roberts

9. AOB

It was decided to drop the idea of charging for Zoom attendance as the collection of monies would be complicated.

Meeting ended 8.30 and the Nailsea Town Council Trophy voting took place. Results will be published on the website.