

KENT COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION



Annual General Meeting Minutes 25 June 2011

1. Opening:

The Annual General Meeting of the KCPA was called to order at 14:00hrs on 25th June 2011 in Detling Village Hall, Pilgrims Way, Detling, Maidstone, Kent by Mr. Clive Tanner, President of the KCPA.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Present:

Attendees:

Clive Tanner (CT), Jane Puncher (JP), Gary Carter (GC), Bill Waring (BW), John Lewis (JL), Peter Tulloch (PT), Alan Lomakin (AL), John Bowsher (JB), Mike Betts (MB), Brian Baker (BB), Alan Crotty (AC), Melanie Chalk (MC), Su Flood (SF), Sid Bone (SB), and Penny Lewington (PL)

Invicta PC Glyn Bareham & Tony Bentley, South London PS Jeffrey Royce, Deal & District CC John Harrop & Dave Longley, Bexhill PS Paul Dunmall & Sonia Dunmall, Tonbridge CC Peter Ditchett and Paul Penrith, Gateway CC Roger Reeve, Photo Digital Club J Weston, Herne Bay CC Kirsty Ralfs & Trish Keary, Orpington PS Mary Moore & Barrie Duffield, Medway DSLR CC Ian Harvey & Lorraine Gray, Staplehurst PS Sue Pounds-Longhurst, AG Mono Chris Shore, Eastbourne PS Valerie McManus & Steve Dobson, Malling PS Steve Maxwell & Peter Walker, Bexleyheath PS Valerie Allen & Janet Kent, Maidstone CC Ray Bridges & Ann Bridges, Folkestone CC Arthur Bailey & Michael Chalk, Dartford & District PS Michelle Southwood & Hazel Warwick, Beckenham PS Lesley Rees & David Wood, Crayford CC Sandra Woodfall, Parkwood CC Nick Coombs & Sandra Thompson, Ashford PS Neville Marsh & Gordon Chapman, Aperture Woolwich PS Elaine Cranmer, Isle of Thanet PS Shiralee Matthews.

2. Apologies received from:

Mike Auger - Hon. Treasurer, Brigitte Amey - Immediate Past President, John Couzins – President Isle of Thanet P.S., David Hall – President Malling P.S., David Slocombe – President Herne Bay C.C., Frank Page – Staplehurst

P.S. and Kent Digital Photographers Group, Norman Bernard – West Wickham P.S., Steve Jones – Bromley C.C.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 8th January 2011 was proposed by Jeff Royce, seconded by Sid Bone and unanimously approved and adopted by the Meeting the minutes were duly signed by CT.

4. Matters Arising from Annual General Meeting – 8th January 2011, not on the Agenda:

- None identified.

5. Executive Officer Reports & Points of Interest – Reports delivered at the Meeting:

- Written reports were submitted at the Meeting by the Publicity Officer, Honorary Treasurer, PAGB Delegate, and Chairman of the Judges Committee copies of these are attached to Minutes.
 - Treasurers Report - due to illness the report was presented by John Bowsher. It was agreed that any questions would need to be submitted in writing to Mike Auger as no-one at the Meeting had suitable expertise and knowledge to respond directly to the Meeting. A fee of £675 has been submitted by Kent County Council for the use of the Sessions House for the Annual Exhibition
 - Judges Panel Report – CT proposed on behalf of the Judges Panel that the Judges statement should be adopted and placed in the yearbook, carried unanimously by the delegates. *'The Judges Panel is of the opinion that clubs and judges accept the need for realistic expectations. The number of entries should be reasonable and here we think eighty is a good starting figure for comprehensive comments and marks; potential judges for the evening be told the anticipated numbers and be given the opportunity to make suggestions should the entry be excessive. With thought and cooperation, a productive and enjoyable evening would be enjoyed by all'*.
 - Judges Panel Report – CT proposed on behalf of the Judges Panel that the statement with regard to the 'rules' on page 3 of the report should be adopted, seconded by Alan Crotty, carried unanimously by the delegates.
 - Judges Panel Report – CT requested that each Associate should submit two copies of their annual programme to the Honorary Secretary in order that Judges could then be

assessed. Also that Associates should use 'feedback' forms with regard to Judges.

6. Executive Officer Reports & Points of Interest – Reports issued prior to the Meeting:

Written reports were submitted in advance by the Insurance Officer, Honorary Secretary, Webmaster, and Distinctions Officer and Archivist copies of these are attached to Minutes. No questions.

7. Presidents Report:

- Clive Tanner presented his President's Report - no questions raised.

8. Proposals made at the Annual General Meeting on 8th January 2011 to be reaffirmed:

- Number of images per evening – as proposed by the Judges Panel – agreed by the delegates
- Formal Adoption of the Revised Constitution, proposed by Peter Tulloch, seconded by Bill Wearing and unanimously agreed by the Delegates, with all changes having immediate effect.
 - Introduction of email as well as Royal Mail for all notices and KCPA business
 - Reduction of members required for a quorum from 14 to 9 members.
 - PAGB representative's official title changed to 'PAGB Representative'.
 - Entitlement for Executive Committee members to have two potential votes, one as EC member and one as an Associate delegate to be removed, one vote per person.
- New Website – presentation of the new KCPA website by the Webmaster Ms Melanie Chalk, outlined the plan for the website to become the main source of information in due course as it can be updated in a timely manner and is cost effective.

9. Election of the Executive Committee:

Clive Tanner suggested that the Election of the Executive Committee should be dealt with as a group, the names of the Officers and Members were issued to the meeting. The election of the Committee was proposed by Glyn Bareham, seconded by Sonia Dunmall and voted unanimously by the Delegates.

10. Election of the Auditor:

Clive Tanner proposed that Mike Auger should be elected as KCPA Auditor, seconded by Anne Bridges and this was voted upon unanimously by the Delegates..

11. Any Other Business:

- Future of the PDI competition – it was confirmed that an Associate had now volunteered to run this competition, full details will be issued in due course.
- Slide Images – PAGB has given notice that slide images as an individual genre will be dropped entirely. CT suggested that the KCPA should follow suit and include slides in the Projected Images competitions as 35mm work only. The slides will be judged against digital projected images and be first generation slides only. Alan Crotty identified the need for the competition rules to be changed to accommodate this inclusion into the PDI competitions. Question with regard to slides from digital images and their inclusion in future competitions was raised, it was agreed that the Executive Committee would review the rules at the next EC meeting. Mike Betts suggested that the possibility of including Kent Clubs in the Sussex Federation competitions (first generation slides) should be explored. Chris Shore queried the future of the Handley Shield and it was agreed that entry numbers into the PDI competition and any Sussex Federation competitions should be monitored and these will reflect the need to continue with this Shield or not. Mike Betts pointed out that the Sussex Federation has the Roy Stubbs Trophy for individual slides. It was agreed to discuss the future of the Handley Shield and the Carter Cup at the next EC meeting.
- KCPA Mileage – decided that the rate proposed by the PAGB should be adopted, which is equivalent to 45p per mile. Other issues proposed by the PAGB eg digital image size should be seriously considered and the KCPA should have good reasons not to follow their guidelines.
- Steve Dobson raised the issue of cookies on the KCPA website, Melanie Chalk will look into this matter.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 15.15hrs by Clive Tanner.

The next Annual General Meeting will be at 14.00hrs on **30th June 2012** at Detling Village Hall, Pilgrims Way, Detling, Maidstone, ME14 3EY.

Minutes submitted by: Jane Puncher, Hon. Secretary

Approved by: Clive Tanner, President KCPA

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KCPA President's Review January – June 2011

After one aborted AGM last October and another arranged for December which had to be cancelled due to snow, the 2010 AGM was held in January 2011 so this review covers only a part year after the Federation decision to alter its year in the light of most Associates September to June programmes. Here I would like to pay tribute to the tireless bullying, no, efforts of Peter Tulloch and others to ensure that a quorum attended.

There have been regular meetings of the Executive Committee which have been well attended and where all present have contributed much in discussion and subsequent effort. Here I must thank our Secretary, Jane for keeping the paperwork flowing smoothly, Alan for all the work he has done behind the scene, Mike for keeping us financially sound, Bill for his labours making sure insurance matters are correct, Alan Crotty for his work on the website, Gary for Publicity and the Yearbook and Michael Betts for keeping the PAGB on the right path. In fact, every committee member has contributed.

The annual Print Exhibition has been and gone to general approbation; it was quite well attended but several comments were received concerning signage and weekend availability. The cost of using Sessions House were, in our opinion, excessive and alternative venues are being explored which overcome these drawbacks. Alan Lomakin gathered a great team around him to organize collection and sorting and labeling entries, getting the judging venue and judges etc etc. Thank you on behalf of all KCPA members.

The Jubilee Trophy almost did not happen but due to the sterling efforts (under very trying circumstances) of Alan Crotty, a form of competition happened and clubs to represent KCPA at Warwick were selected.

Getting Associates who are willing to host our competitions has been a source of concern and worry to your committee. As you may be aware, I

wrote to each club asking for volunteers but had only four replies which was in itself disappointing. It was quite possible that Ross Cup and PDI Trophy would not happen in 2011 so the federation would not have been represented at Connah's Quay. Thankfully clubs have offered to host these competitions (Invicta and Seaford) Offers to host 2012 events have been received from Bexhill (Jubilee Trophy) and Faversham (Ross Cup) although this has not been made definite. Eastbourne have offered to host Jubilee Cup in 2013. As these events take a considerable time to organize properly we would like to get host clubs for the other events as soon as possible. Hosting one of the KCPA events should not be regarded as a chore and something to be done in isolation. Two or even more clubs could organize such an event jointly; this would give the smaller clubs an opportunity. Here it should be mentioned that Detling as a venue is available even though the club is not Invicta, Seaford are using this venue. The federation is large enough to put on these events, Associates contribute by putting in entries but surely each Associate should play a part in the organization. It is unfair that this burden is taken up by the few, support your Federation and play your part, you will enjoy the experience and satisfaction on a task well done

Peter Tulloch has done a great deal of work on revisions to the KCPA constitution culminating with the draft that was sent out with the AGM Papers. I will ask Peter to formally propose the Revised Constitution in a few minutes but I would like to thank him for all his painstaking work and for ensuring the eyes are crossed and tees are dotted.

After several years looking after the KCPA website, Ruth Brown decided to stand down. Into the breach marched Alan Crotty on a temporary basis and then Melanie Chalk offered to take on the site. Our site has been totally redesigned and I am sure you will all wish me to thank Melanie for all her thought and skills which have made the new site a joy to use. Melanie will bring us right up to date a little later.

A full review of costs associated with running the KCPA was started by Mike Auger, hopefully this will be continued and completed so that a full, up to date picture is formed. Armed with such information the financial structure of the federation can be identified and an equitable plan for affiliation fees be calculated. This should be ready for ratification this time next year.

From time to time the committee wishes to plan for future events; this would be easier if each Associate provided two copies of their annual programme to the Secretary. May I ask you to do this as a matter of course please

Regrettably three committee members are unable, for health or personal reasons, to seek re-election. I would like, on your behalf, to thank them for their contributions and to wish them well for the future. They are Mike Auger, John Lewis and Brian Baker. I hope we can find replacements very soon. As a temporary measure I am very grateful that Tony Hill has agreed to step in for the forthcoming year to ensure that the good work that he and Mike have done to regularize our accounts is maintained. This cannot continue ad infinitum; we need a new treasurer with a modicum of accounting or book keeping skills to succeed Tony.

I wish to finish this short review by thanking the Executive Committee and Associates for the support they have given me and to undertake to continue to strive for the continued success of the KCPA should I be re elected.

Mr Clive Tanner – President, KCPA

KCPA PUBLICITY OFFICER & YEARBOOK CO-ORDINATOR
REPORT TO AGM JUNE 2011.

I have now issued four Bulletins and one Yearbook since the last AGM. I have changed the format of the last two bulletins and have received many positive comments from members regarding this. The Yearbook is due to be issued again to Associate Clubs within the next month. As in previous years each Associate club will receive three copies, these will be posted to the Secretaries of each club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has sent me articles for the bulletins and ask that anyone who has anything that may be of interest to other members PLEASE let me know about it. I have secured sponsorship of the bulletins for the next twelve months from Park Camera's and would ask members, who may be purchasing photographic items, to consider looking at the range of products they offer.

I would also ask that if any of your club's information in the current yearbook or on the KCPA website changes, could you please let me know as soon as possible so that I can keep accurate records.

I am willing to stand for a further year as Publicity officer and yearbook Co-ordinator unless anyone wishes to take on this role.

This concludes my report.

Gary Carter.

JUDGES REPORT TO AGM

COMPETITION ENTRY NUMBERS

You may recall that at the last AGM of the KCPA, the proposal/recommendation for entry numbers in club competitions was referred back to the Judges Panel for reconsideration. The matter has been discussed at length and the proposed wording is as follows:-

The Judges Panel does not suggest or recommend an arbitrary number of entries in club competitions. It is expected that clubs try to ensure numbers are reasonable so that sufficient time is available for judges to give considered, comprehensive and enjoyable commentary and marks as required.

It is hoped that clubs use available time on the evening effectively bearing in mind that announcements, tea, raffle and club business all eat into the available time.

The Judges Panel will monitor competition entry numbers and make further suggestions in the light of experience.

REPORT OF THE PAGB EXECUTIVE MEETING

9th & 10th APRIL 2011.

The National Audio Visual Championship for 2011 has been set for 16th to 18th Sept at Sutton Bonnington in Leicestershire.

Awards for Photographic Merit still available for Nov 2011 awards are 3 credit spaces and 10 distinction places. As regards AV awards on 2nd Oct 2 distinction and 1 master place available. Early Aug closing date for entry.

Several Federations have raised concerns about authorship of images for both PAGB competitions and awards and a common form of words should apply to cover this dilemma. The following statement was proposed and passed by the committee.

"Images entered into PAGB competitions and PAGB awards for photographic merit must be entirely the work of the photographer. Composite images are permitted provided all component images meet this requirement."

The authorship of images used in AV productions is not straightforward as AV sequences could tell a story using images that may have not been the original images of the photographer, but the content of sound and production make up the competence of the sequence. This will be subject to further discussion before us using a statement to cover the different aspects of AV to comply with the awards.

It was stated that Corporation tax imposed by the Inland Revenue could be applicable if Clubs, due to their activities, of charging the public, not members, for attending events could be liable. This is not likely to be a problem to most activities undertaken by Clubs or Federations. If in any doubt re liability professional advice should be sought.

PAGB mileage allowance for judges and lecturers will be raised from 22p to 30p per mile plus fuel. Suitable notice will be put on website and in the new handbook which is due for publication in August,

FIAP elistinctions were awarded in March 2011 to the following in the KCP A.

EFIAP - Garry Bisshopp, Roger Ford.

AFIAP - Cathy Roberts.

5 new judges, all in Scotland, have been added to the PAGB judges list.

Alan Lomakin may wish to note slots available for showing Federations 2011 Print competitions/exhibitions is Jan 2012 and for 2012 Print competition/exhibition is Aug 2012 and Jan 2013.

Federations are also requested to consider raising the number of entries into the Inter-Fed PDI comps from 15 to 30 per Federation.

The PAGB Recorded lecture service group 2 will be disbanded at the end of this year. All slide lectures will be discontinued and the 2 existing CD lectures will be transferred to group 1. The slide lectures from both groups will be placed in the new PAGB archives in Birmingham, along with all the material available from the defunct Central Association. This reduction from 2 groups to 1 group will be fully outlined on the web site and the new handbook. The booking fee will be raised from £11 per lecture to £15 to cover costs of this service.

Michael Betts.

Treasure's Report for AGM of KCPA June 2011

My apologies for absence but I have a long-standing prior engagement. It is not possible to circulate my report and accounts with AGM paper work because of the time scale between accounting year-end and AGM. My thanks to Tony Hill for reading my report.

I attach the income and expenditure report and we have total cash funds of £10026. Our administration expenses cover a 9-month period against the normal 12 months. The final costs of our Annual Exhibition are not known and are therefore cannot be included.

We like all clubs and affiliates have been subject to increased costs because of inflation, VAT, postage and in particular fuel costs. These costs are controlled as far as possible. We as an association are fortunate in that many expenses are not claimed. In the present climate sponsorship and donations are difficult to obtain.

This year our annual competition will be a cost to KCPA. This quality event is very expensive to hold on a professional basis. As our financial year-end has changed some accounts are not received by end of May such as the KCC charge for use of County Hall. These costs will be shown on next year's accounts and a figure showing final total costs of this Competition will then be known.

The PDI competition was expected to be financially difficult as it was held on the same date as the AV competition. However no one could have foreseen the heavy snow on that day which caused attendance to fall.

Looking ahead financially the Executive Committee is fully aware of the need to keep costs under control. Garry Carter has already obtained sponsorship of £250 from Park Cameras for our 2011/12 Bulletin. Emails and our Web site are being used where possible to reduce printing and postage costs.

I have suggested a slight change to next years affiliation fee as follows with previous years fees also shown

KCPA Affiliation Fee	2008/09	2009/10	1010/11
1 to 20 members	£50	£55.75	
1 to 10 members			£56
11 to 20 members			£60
21 to 40 members	£61	£66.75	£71
41 to 60 members	£72	£77.75	£82
Over 60 members	£83	£88.75	
61 to 80 members			£93
81 to 100 members			£104
Over 100 members			£115

These figures include the Trustee insurance premium of £5.75 which was collected separately last year. As KCPA did not have a secretary at that time we were not informed by PAGB that the Trustee insurance is now compulsory by each club in PAGB. There is no opting out. Most of our clubs did opt for this insurance.

Our Executive Committee has agreed this affiliation fee. I believe it goes a little way in helping the smallest clubs with their costs. Hopefully larger Clubs will be able to absorb the reasonable increase that in the treasurer's opinion is necessary. A study is in progress where annual costs are being analysed and proposals for a new fee structure will be circulated with the papers for the 2012 AGM and fully discussed at previous Executive meetings.

Looking into my Crystal Ball if our year-end had not change we could be looking at an overspend of say £1500 on the year. My thanks to the past treasurers of KCPA who have traditionally worked on the principal of keeping sufficient funds to cover the running costs KCPA for a 12 month period. This has enabled us to absorb these additional costs without having to give a lower service to KCPA members.

I will be pleased to give my support to the incoming treasurer on the handover of accounts.

Mike Auger - Treasurer June 2011

KCPA Accounts

Accounting Year to	Aug-10	May-11
INCOME		
Annual Competition 2010/11	188.57	-214.83
Bank Interest	6.06	3.11
Hire of KCPA Equipment	480.00	110.00
PDI Competition	-230.23	-458.85
KCPA Affiliation Fees	3400.50	3281.00
Sponsors & Donations	315.00	
 Total Income	 4159.90	 2720.43
EXPENSES		
Committee and Admin Expenses	464.99	742.13
Equipment repairs and renewals	433.47	
Judges Training Day		90.75
KCPA & Affiliate Net Insurance Costs	36.34	119.52
KCPA Judges Admin Costs		24.00
KCPA Property & Liability Insurance	222.50	253.86
PAGB Affiliation Fees	1372.00	1542.25
PAGB Competition Costs	276.06	232.00
Web Site Costs		33.99
Year Book & Bulletin Costs	608.72	649.66
 Total Expenses	 3414.08	 3688.16
 Net Surplus/deficit for Year	 745.82	 -967.73
 Opening Fund	 10248.73	 10,994.55
Surplus for 2009/10	745.82	
Deficit for 2010/11		-967.73
Closing Fund	10994.55	10026.82

NOTES

Year to May 2011 is only 9

months

Annual Competition 2010/11- final costs and income are not known as not all accounts received,

the final cost of this Competition will increase.

Premiums of £2870.06 were collected and paid to PAGB for Affiliates insurances premiums and

the administrative cost of this was £119.52.

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Honorary Treasurer

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Accounts Verification Officer

Mr Bill Wearing – Insurance Officers Report

Please find below my Insurance Officers report for the forthcoming AGM

Mr. President Ladies & Gentlemen

As usual at this time of the year, my Insurance world is nice and quiet, this year's Public Liability renewals were completed for the new insurance year = 1st February. While I do not handle the renewals for the clubs All Risks Insurance, that one covers clubs equipment etc, and is dealt with directly with the PAGB/KCPA brokers on the same renewal date, I am pleased to note I do receive an increasing number of enquiries for this cover, I keep a stock of application forms and can send one to any club that asks for same. They can then submit these directly to the brokers who are very quick in replies and dealing with this one for us. With more clubs gaining grants for equipment this is very important and I will always be pleased to help.

Bill Wearing KCPA Insurance Officer

Ms Melanie Chalk – Webmaster Report

I have to report as of May the newly revamped Website is fully functional. It has been improved, adding much of the information that is contained in the year book. The names and addresses of Committee, Secretaries, Judges and Lecturers are all available in a protected area, the password is freely available. There is now a Gallery where winning entries to KCPA competitions will be displayed and a moving slideshow of associate images on the Homepage. Events at club and county level can be found, with details of venues and details of these events and images can be uploaded directly from the site. The website is organic and can grow in many ways and please do contact me with any suggestions.
Webmanager, Melanie Chalk CPAGB (Folkestone Camera Club)

Ms Jane Puncher – Honorary Secretary Report

I would like to thank the Executive Committee, all of whom have generously supported my tentative steps as Secretary during my first six months. But particularly Peter Tulloch, who has assisted my preparations for this AGM and also done so much secretarial hard work with regard to the Constitutional update.

Since the 2010 AGM in January there have been three full Executive Committee meetings, all have been well attended and three Events Sub Committee Meetings again well attended.

The Webmaster has introduced a new method of communicating and provided the ability for me to access the website and post documentation directly to the website as necessary. This will both reduce costs and allow me to share information in a timely and hopefully more efficient manner in the future.

Hon. Secretary Report, by Jane Puncher (Malling P.S.)

Dr John Bowsher – Distinctions Officer and Archivist Reports

It has been a quiet season for me as Distinctions Officer; there have been three PAGB adjudications but I have completed very few credit and distinction certificates.

I've had the usual number of queries about the procedure for granting Application Certificates which haven't been followed up.

I note that the other PAGB Federations are going to adopt KCPA's simple application procedure -- a brownie point to us, I think.

The following KCPA applicants were successful at the latest PAGB Awards Adjudication at Leighton Buzzard on the 16th/17th April:

Credit Print:

Bob Connelly Faversham & District CC
Raymond Garlick Parkwood CC

Distinction Digital Projection:

John Hunt CPAGB Staplehurst PS

Earlier successful applicants are listed on the KCPA web-site. I am now able to update the 'Distinctions Update' section of the KCPA web-site myself and will continue the insertion of all the communications I receive from Leo Rich.

As Archivist, I have received the catalogue for the 2010 PDI competition and have been able to make a copy of the CD of that competition as well. I have also inserted the catalogues of the KCPA Annual Competition for 2011 and of the Tonbridge CC 45th Annual Exhibition. In addition, I have placed the latest copies of the PAGB e-news, the KCPA Bulletin and a copy of the Tonbridge CC magazine 'Grain' in the archive.

Summary of PAGB Award Adjudication Results since the 2010 KCPA AGM

Results for 27th & 28th November 2010

Award	KCPA Success	KCPA Entry	Ratio	All Federations Success	All Federations Entry	Ratio
Credit Prints	0	4	0%	21	31	68%
Credit Digital Projection	1	1	100%	7	11	64%
Credit Slides	0	0	0%	4	4	100%
Distinction Prints	0	0	0%	6	27	22%
Distinction Slides	0	3	0%	1	6	17%
Distinction Digital Projection	0	2	0%	4	9	44%
Master Prints	0	0	0%	4	11	36%
Master Digital Projection†	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Master slides	0	1	0%	1	4	25%
All Categories	1	11	9%	48	103	47%

Results for 4th December 2010

Award	KCPA Success	KCPA Entry	Ratio	All Federations Success	All Federations Entry	Ratio
Credit Prints	1	1	100%	20	25	80%
Credit Digital Projection	1	1	100%	8	11	73%
Distinction Prints	1	1	100%	11	21	52%
All Categories	3	3	100%	39	57	68%

Results for 16th/17th April 2011

Award	KCPA Success	KCPA Entry	Ratio	All Federations Success	All Federations Entry	Ratio
Credit Prints	2	4	50%	33	53	62%
Credit Digital Projection	0	0	0%	6	8	75%
Distinction Prints	0	1	0%	14	29	48%
Distinction Digital Projection	1	1	100%	2	14	14%
Master Prints	0	1	0%	1	5	20%
Master Digital Projection†	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
All Categories	3	7	43%	56	109	51%

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Session cancelled owing to lack of entries

25th of May 2011



Report for KCPA AGM from Judges Panel

The Panel has met regularly since the last AGM to discuss matters of interest. A Training Day for Provisional and Prospective Judges was held in February; attended by more than fifty people and resulting in 5/6 new Provisional Judges. Here I would like to thank those who worked hard to make the day such a success; those who spoke, those who kept us fed and watered and those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

It is envisaged that a follow-up day will be held later this year or very early next.

An Accreditation Meeting will be held in the near future to which a number of Provisional Judges will be invited. Whilst it was hopefully not obvious, most of the provisional judges have been observed in action; this has guided the Panel when deciding who will be invited to this Accreditation meeting. Mention is made in the YearBook that Provisional Judges may apply for accreditation and we would welcome such applications.

At the 2009 AGM it was decided that a review of competition entry numbers/guidance would be discussed by the Judges Panel and advice provided for club competitions. A statement was suggested as follows:-

It is appreciated that whilst advice can be given, the KCPA does not seek to make hard and fast rules; thus what follows is not prescriptive.

For a competition evening to be meaningful, enjoyable and informative, sufficient time should be allowed for the judge to make concise but reasoned comments as well as awarding marks. It was in this spirit that the original 80 images was arrived at. Of course, more experienced judges could do more but new provisional judges might find this number daunting.

It is felt that when being asked to judge, the anticipated number of entries be stated so that acceptance of the invitation is given with knowledge of expectations. It could help the evening to proceed smoothly if entries were available for preview but this is not always possible.

Another way to cope with large entries could be to comment on say eighty images and give the balance marks only; again this would need to be agreed beforehand.

At the last AGM it was discussed and referred back to the Panel for further consideration

After much discussion the Panel agreed that the following statement reflected their collective thinking

The Judges Panel is of the opinion that clubs and judges accept the need for realistic expectations. The number of entries should be reasonable and here we think eighty is a good starting figure for comprehensive comments and marks; potential judges for the evening be told the anticipated numbers and be given the opportunity to make suggestions should the entry be excessive. With thought and cooperation, a productive and enjoyable evening would be enjoyed by all.

We would ask that this statement is agreed and endorsed so that it can be included in the next YearBook.

Whilst mentioning the YearBook, the Judges Panel discussed the Guidelines for Running a Meeting and wish you to consider the following:-

In the light of 25 years experience since the guidelines were first formulated, it is felt that a review is required to bring them upto date. The Panel proposes to give this matter great consideration and actively formulate proposals for revision. This would also include the conduct of competitors, judges and club members/committees.

Roger Force has agreed to lead this review and will present a draft for the Executive Committee's consideration, any amendments and agreement so that any necessary changes can be confirmed at the next AGM

There is a facility for Clubs to report on Judges and vice versa; we would ask that more use is made of the forms in the YearBook. This helps to maintain standards and to identify potential problems early for remedial action to be suggested. So far we have had two notes of praise but unfortunately one of the other sort.

The Panel wish to monitor the less experienced judges from time to time on a fairly ad hoc and informal manner; so that no undue pressure or stress is put on them we would like this to be unannounced. As an aid to planning we need a programme from each Associate at the start of the season. This would also aid our assessment of performance for promotion purposes as required under the published Judging Scheme.

Mr Clive Tanner – Chair of KCPA Judges Panel.