

**Melbourne Photographic Society
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 27th April 2017
19.30**

Venue: Thomas Cook Memorial Hall, Melbourne

Minutes

	<p><u>Apologise for absence</u> The following apologies were received: Della Astle, Jane Briggs & Chris Hall</p>	Paul Cooper
	<p><u>Members Attending</u> 24 members attended (an increase on 2016 AGM when 22 attended): Paul Cooper (Chair), Tony Beginn, Dave Bell, Andrew Baldwin, Steve Bond, Chris Brown, Lindsey Dewis, Lorraine Dowell, Ken England, Steve Fairbrother, Gavin Lake, Alan May, Rosemary Mellors, Alistair Moore, Phil & Wendy Nuttall, Simon Pearce, Tony Pedley, Ian Pettit, Brian Sutcliffe, John Wesson, Helen Willis, John & Jennifer Zahorodny.</p>	
	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 28th April 2016 was approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed by Phil Nuttall; Seconded by Ian Pettit</i></p>	Paul Cooper
	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> No matters arising</p>	Paul Cooper
AGM01/17	<p><u>Presidents report</u> The president presented the paper circulated via the member's website thanking various members for their help during the year. His report focussed on the key areas within the Society covering Exhibition, Competitions, Fund Raising, new programme and membership. Special mention was made to the outgoing Programme Secretary for his hard work in putting together an ever-improving programme over nine years. <i>Approval of President's report proposed by Alan May: Seconded by Jennifer Zahorodny.</i></p>	Paul Cooper
AGM02/17	<p><u>Finance Report</u> The Treasurer presented the report circulated via the member's website reporting the Society's health financial position showing a healthy bank balance of £4,556. It was agreed monies raised for equipment replacement would be 'ring fenced' as 'Equipment Reserve' (currently £2000) and shown as such as a separate item in the 2018 Balance Sheet. It was agreed that membership fees would not be increased for the 2017-18 season.</p> <p><u>Fund Raising Report</u> During the 2016-2017 year over £800 was raised. A new venture was researched, the 'mini market' at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms and organised by Lorraine Dowell that generated almost 60% of monies raised during the last year.</p>	Alan May

	<p>A further fund raising suggestion made was to have a coffee morning and exhibition of prints at Chellaston library one Saturday.</p> <p>Approval of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Tony Padley: Secoded by Helen Willis.</p>	
<u>AGM03/17</u>	<p>Programme Report - 2015-2016 Programme</p> <p>The Programme Report circulated via the member's website was presented by the Programme Secretary was almost completed for the 2017-2018 programme. The 2016-2017 programme will have almost 50 events throughout the 12-months, including competitions, speakers, technique events, visits and exhibitions.</p> <p>2017 Xmas social similar to event in 2016 to be sourced and members informed when confirmed.</p> <p>2017-2018 Member weekend breaks: Autumn Trip: Suggested Gower Peninsula in South Wales. March European Break: Suggestions would be appreciated.</p> <p>Approval of the Programme Secretary's report was proposed by Rosemary Mellors: Secoded by Lorraine Dowell.</p>	Ian Pettit
<u>AGM04/17</u>	<p>Competition Report</p> <p>Competition report circulated via member's website was presented by Simon Pearce, who stated the standard of both prints and DPI's produced by the Society's members has continued to improve from a core of 4 – 6 members to 11 for the latest external competition with Derby Photographic Society.</p> <p>The Society won 2 external competitions against Ashby Outlaws and Derby Photographic Society and coming 2nd against Nottingham Outlaws.</p> <p>The following were agreed: The 2017-18 competition line up now consists of: - Themed – Monochrome Tom Tivey Memorial Trophy New competition – Images taken with a Mobile Phone (images taken after 27th April 2017) The Annual Competition.</p> <p>A prize to be awarded for the member scoring the highest total number of points from all external competitions was agreed by members.</p> <p>Approval of the Competition Secretary's report proposed by Tony Beginn: Secoded by John Zahorodny.</p>	Simon Pearce
<u>AGM05/17</u>	<p>Exhibition Secretary's Report</p> <p>The Exhibition Secretary's report circulated via member's website was presented by the Exhibition Secretary, Jennifer Zahorodny reported on the success of the individual exhibitions and thanked members for their help and support given to her during the year.</p> <p>Approval of the Exhibition Secretary's report by Ian Pettit; Secoded by Ken England.</p>	Jennifer Zahorodny
<u>AGM06/17</u>	<p>Advertising & Promotions Report</p> <p>The Advertising and Promotion report circulated via the member's</p>	Paul Cooper

	<p>website was presented by Paul Cooper outlined what had been achieved during the current season including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving and regularly updating the Website. The website will need an upgrade during the summer as software used is almost 5-years out of date. 2. Regular members mail shots. 3. Publicity posters & Flyers now produced in house supporting fundraising and exhibition events. 4. Programme updates have sometimes been featured on Radio Derby, however the advance notice of 7-weeks for entries in the diary of events or late breaking items cannot now be reported. 5. MPS Facebook page <p>Approval of the Advertising and Promotions Report proposed by Alistair Moore: Seconded by Alan May.</p>	
<u>AGM07/17</u>	<p><u>MPS 2016-17 Internal Competitions Pointless Scoring System Review</u></p> <p>This item was discussed under AGM09/17 and it was agreed to revert back to all prints/images being scored.</p> <p>It was also agreed that due to the success at external competitions of prints/images chosen at selection evenings using the guided tick list system that this will be retained for 2017-18 season.</p> <p>Agreed by a clear majority of members.</p>	Simon Pearce
<u>AGM08/17</u>	<p><u>Election of Officers</u></p> <p>The following members were elected to office for the following year:</p> <p>President: Paul Cooper: Proposed Simon Pearce: Seconded Alan May. Vice President: Ian Pettit: Proposed Gavin Lake: Seconded Helen Willis. Treasurer: Alan May: Proposed Ken England: Seconded Wendy Nuttall. Secretary: Lorraine Dowell: Proposed Jennifer Zahorodny: Seconded Alan May. Programme Secretary: John Zahorodny: Proposed Wendy Nuttall: Seconded Gavin Lake. Competition Secretary: Simon Pearce: Proposed Tony Beginn: Seconded Gavin Lake. Exhibition Secretary: Jennifer Zahorodny: Proposed Alan May: Seconded Gavin Lake. Advertising & Promotion: Paul Cooper: Proposed Lorraine Dowell: Seconded Wendy Nuttall. Committee Member: John Wesson: Proposed Gavin Lake: Seconded Jennifer Zahorodny.</p>	Ian Pettit
<u>AMG09/17</u>	<p><u>Proposal to re-instate scoring for all internal competition prints/digital images</u></p> <p>Lorraine presented a proposal to revert back to the old way of scoring all prints/images as per previous competitions during 2016-17 season.</p> <p>Proposal agreed by the majority of members present.</p>	Lorraine Dowell/Ken England
	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS/OPEN MEETING</u></p> <p>This is an opportunity for members to discuss any issues they may want to raise in an open members meeting. Any points will be discussed and noted, with those needing further action will be reviewed by the new committee and reported back to members at</p>	Paul Cooper

	<p>the start of the next season.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Projection of images. Can we sort out Dicentra issues to fill main screen (re 1400 x 1050) and use a working party during summer to recalibrate. Can we use the large screen for all internal/external competitions? Suggest Team (AM + 1 other) to review other screen options and possible sales avenue for the large screen. Also to explore other small screen alternatives. 2. Speakers. Suggest for future programmes we look for better quality/premium speakers to help attract more potential members. 3. Melbourne Village Quiz. Suggested the MPS put together a team to enter the Melbourne Village Quiz held at the British Legion on a Friday night between January to March. 4. Tidying the cupboard. Suggest store cupboard cleaned out and plan provided on the cupboard doors showing where items stored are to be put. 	<p>Alistair Moore</p> <p>Alistair Moore</p> <p>Chris Brown</p> <p>Tony Pedley</p>
	<p><u>AGM closed at 9.50pm</u></p>	
	<p><u>Date & Time of next years AGM</u> Thursday 26th 2018 19.30-22.00</p>	