

OffShoot Photography Society - AGM 2018

St. Brigid's National School, January 22nd 2018

Minutes of AGM

1. 50 members were recorded to have attended and apologies were received from committee members Helen Black and Ken Dobson
2. The Chairperson (Ian Gemmell) welcomed everybody and opened the meeting
3. The Secretary (Russell Burke) read out the minutes of the 2017 meeting. There were no matters arising.
4. Committee Reports

Reports were presented by the following:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer (George Balmer)
 - The treasurers report was proposed by Nigel Leyland, seconded by Gerry Donovan and accepted by the members
- Membership (Peter Brennan)
- Competitions (John Wiley)
- Outings (Mike Smith)
- SWM (IG on behalf of Helen Black)
- IPF (Matt O'Brien)
- IT/Website (Ian Gemmell)

5. New Constitution

A proposed new constitution had been circulated to members along with the AGM details on 8 January 2018. Its adoption was proposed by Ian Gemmell and seconded by Russell Burke.

There were a number of questions and answers and some discussion leading to the following three proposed amendment to the text.

- I. **3.2 "The committee will be made up of five mandatory roles - a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Competitions Secretary."**

To be amended to: *"3.2 The committee will be made up of four mandatory roles - a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Competitions Secretary."* This was proposed by Steve Crozier, seconded by (the other, non-committee member) Matt O'Brien and carried unanimously.

- II. **5 "An EGM may be convened by the committee or by any member with the written approval of at least one-third of the members. (In both cases the notice period above applies.)"**

To be amended to: *"5. An EGM may be convened by the committee or by any member with the written approval of at least one-third of the members."* This was proposed by John Coveney, seconded by Gerry Donovan and carried unanimously.

- III. **The second last line of the proposed constitution "Any contingency not covered by this published constitution will be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee."**

To be amended to:

“Any contingency not covered by this published constitution will be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee and to be notified to members as soon as is practical.” This was proposed by John Coveney, seconded by David Whitaker and carried unanimously.

A detailed discussion on Section 7 – Finances (the wording of which was unchanged from the existing constitution) took place with a number of questions, clarifications, answers and suggestions being made by quite a few members and committee. It was ultimately agreed by all that any further proposed changes would be more appropriately dealt with at a future EGM or AGM rather than proposing specific changes on the night. This course of action was unanimously agreed.

The new constitution, as amended, was then put to a vote and was unanimously accepted.

6. Election of Officers

The following nominations for mandatory roles had been received ahead of the meeting:

- i. Chairperson: Ian Gemmell
- ii. Secretary: Russell Burke
- iii. Treasurer: George Balmer
- iv. Competitions Secretary: John Wiles

As there were no contesting nominations, the chair recommended that these be deemed elected. This was proposed by John Coveney, seconded by Nigel Leyland Whitaker and carried unanimously.

The following further committee members were also appointed:

- Matt O’Brien - Vice Chairperson, IPF
- Gerry Donovan – Competitions
- Peter Brennan, Nigel Leyland – Membership
- Joe Tulie, Jean Harkin – Door
- Ian Gemmell, Matt O’Brien, Richard Boyle – IT/Website
- Mike Smith, Sylvia Hick, Robbie O’Leary – Outings
- Helen Black – Shoot With Me

7. Any Other Business

The following three suggestions were made from the floor:

- Committee names to be listed on website
- Shoot With Me to consider having a registration ‘window’ for participants and emails cannot always be responded to immediately
- Could the society consider having more ‘active’ events at weekly meetings?

The chair confirmed that the incoming committee would consider these suggestions.

8. Meeting Closed

As there were no further issues raised the chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.