

OffShoot Photography Society – AGM 2018

St. Brigid's National School, 3rd December 2018

Minutes of AGM

1. 50 members were recorded to have attended and apologies were received from members Helen Black, Peter Brennan, Nigel Leyland, Ronnie Kilkenny, John O'Connor, Ken Dobson and Joe Tulie
2. The Chairperson (Ian Gemmell) welcomed everybody and opened the meeting
3. Committee Reports

Reports were presented by the following:

- Chairperson – Ian Gemmell (IG)
- Secretary – Russell Burke (RB)
- Treasurer – George Balmer (GB)
- Membership – IG on behalf of Peter Brennan (PB)
- Competitions – John Wiley (JW)
- Outings – Mike Smith (MS) at which MS announced he was stepping back from leading the outings role after many years and his contribution was acknowledged by the membership.
- SWM – IG on behalf of Helen Black (HB)
- IPF - Matt O'Brien (MOB)
- Communications - IG

4. Subscription

A proposed increase in the annual subscription from the current €80 per annum to €90 per annum was proposed by GB and seconded by IG. After a brief discussion the motion was put to a vote and was passed unanimously.

5. 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 was the non-mandatory Vice Chair Role: Matt O'Brien

As there were no contesting nominations all five were deemed elected.

The following further committee members were also announced:

- IPF: Matt O'Brien (with request for an 'understudy to volunteer)
- New Members: Nigel Leyland, and Peter Brennan,
- Door: Jean Harkin and Joe Tulie
- IT/Website Ian Gemmell, Matt O'Brien, Richard Boyle and Noreen Casey
- Outings: Sylvia Hick, Mary Hahn, Robbie O'Leary and Mike Smith.

- SWM: Helen Black

6. Any Other Business

The following items were briefly discussed which were noted but not requiring any specific further action:

- Copper Coast Outing
- Good attendance at SWM showcase
- Practical evenings

Gerry Donovan thanked the committee for all its work on behalf of the members.

7. IG then declared the meeting closed.