

BUNWELL & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

Affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain through the
East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies

Minutes of the Tenth AGM

Held at The Community Hall, Tibenham on
Tuesday 19th June 2018 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Ian Anderson (Chair), Pam Anderson, Paul Green, Ian Fox, Steve Milner, James Armes,
Pete Leonard, Denise Leonard, Colin Guthrie, Ken Catchpole, Martin Kelly, Caroline Tillett,
Tina Tubby, Ronnie McBride, Terry King, Sandra King,

0. Meeting started at 7.45pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dianne Gibson, Estelle Ware, John Butler, Irene Jones, Helen Mingaye, Mandy Wickison,
Barbara Colby, Martin Shepherd

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The previous Minutes were accepted without correction.

Proposed – Terry King

Seconded – Paul Green

Carried unanimously

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Anderson gave the Chairman's Report.
Copy Attached Appendix 1

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam Anderson gave the Treasurer's report.
Copy Attached Appendix 2

A copy of the Income and Expenditure 01 May 2017 to 30 April 2018 (appendix 2) was
circulated via email prior to the start of the meeting. The audit of the accounts has now been
completed by the Club auditor James Armes and Pam Anderson expressed thanks from the
Club for carrying this out.

Income from subscriptions and meeting fees amounted to £1058.00 on a membership of 25,
4 down from this time last year. Total expenditure was £1,617.06. We finish the year with a
closing balance of £758.30 which is substantially down from last year, however proceeds
from the Exhibition amounting to £214.82 is yet to be paid in.

In conclusion the club is in a sound financial position maintaining a fairly consistent financial balance. (see appendix 2 for the full Treasurer's report)
Given the club's sound financial position the Treasurer's proposal to the committee that fees for the coming club year remain unchanged at £50.00 for new members and £45.00 for current members who continue their membership into the new club year, was accepted and is being recommended for acceptance by the members at this meeting .

Acceptance of the accounts & 2018/19 fees were voted on:

Proposed – Steve Milner

Seconded – Paul Green

Carried unanimously

5. ACCEPTANCE OF AUDITOR FOR 2018/19

It was proposed that James Armes becomes our Auditor for 2018/19:

Proposed – Pete Leonard

Seconded – Paul Green

Carried unanimously

6. COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Steve Milner gave the Competition Secretary's report
Copy Attached Appendix 3

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The 2017/18 committee members are:

Chairman: Ian Anderson

Vice Chairman: Ian Fox

Secretary: Colin Guthrie

Treasurer: Pam Anderson

Competition Secretary: Steve Milner

Membership Secretary: Ian Fox

Programme Secretary: Vacant

Webmaster: Ian Anderson (ex Andy Hamilton)

Committee Member: Ken Catchpole

Nominations for committee membership for the club year 2018/19 are as follows:
Members are asked to vote on each of the following nominations.

CHAIRMAN: Paul Green

Proposed: Ian Anderson - Seconded: Ken Catchpole

Carried unanimously

VICE CHAIRMAN: Ian Fox

Proposed: Pam Anderson - Seconded: Colin Guthrie

Carried unanimously

SECRETARY: Colin Guthrie

*Proposed: Ken Catchpole - Seconded: Ian Fox
Carried unanimously*

TREASURER: Ken Catchpole

*Proposed: Steve Milner - Seconded: Pam Anderson
Carried unanimously*

Other committee members:

COMPETITION SECRETARY: Steve Milner

*Proposed: Colin Guthrie - Seconded: Ian Anderson
Carried unanimously*

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Ian Fox

*Proposed: Steve Milner – Seconded: Ken Catchpole
Carried unanimously*

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Pete Leonard

*Proposed: Pam Anderson – Seconded: Colin Guthrie
Carried unanimously*

PROGRAMME SECRETARY: vacant, activity carried out by the Club Committee

WEBMASTER: Ian Anderson – this not a committee position
Carried unanimously

8. COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

THERE WERE NO PROPOSAL FOR THE MEETING TO VOTE ON

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Paul Green asked: As sending out digital images to the judges ahead of the competition has been beneficial, is there value in sending digital images of the print entries prior to the competition?
Steve Milner (Competition Secretary): Was not comfortable with the idea because a printed image can look so different to what you see on a computer monitor. The ideal would be to send the printed image ahead of judging but this would be a logistical nightmare.
- ii) Ian Anderson commented that the cost of judges was going up and that independent judges were more expensive than EAF Affiliated ones. He asked what the policy was for next year's judges.
Steve Milner (Competition Secretary): Confirmed that he was looking to use Affiliated judges that only charged their mileage travelling fees.
- iii) Steve Milner had enjoyed a trip to Iceland which had lots of photographic opportunities. He would like to go again and proposed that if any Club members were interested he would co-ordinate a photography trip.
Anyone interested in a 3-day plus photography specific trip to Iceland, please let Steve know.

10. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Prior to the start of the meeting, there was a rolling slide show of all digital images, and a display of all prints, that scored 9.5 or 10 in this year's competitions. (There are almost 30 in total so lots to choose from)

When people arrived they collected a voting sheet (see appendix 4) and for each category (print and digital) gave 2 points for their favourite and 1 point for their second choice, so when finished there was a total of 4 scores. During the meeting the votes were totted up and the scores and winners announced at the end.

The Chairman presented the awards in the style of an 'Oscars Award Ceremony' (refer appendix 5) with slideshows that Steve Milner had prepared.

AV COMPETITION WINNER: Caroline Tillett

PRINT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE YEAR: Caroline Tillett (based on members votes prior to the start of the meeting)

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE YEAR: Christina Tubby (based on members votes prior to the start of the meeting)

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR: Caroline Tillett

Further details in Appendices 4 & 5

11. CLOSE OF AGM MEETING

There being no further business the AGM meeting closed at 20.32

12. Tea, cake and biscuits and chat**13. At the Club Photo Exhibition on 19 and 20th May 2018 at New Buckenham Village Hall, visitors were asked to vote on 4 categories:- (i) Most Striking Image, (ii) Image I'd have on my wall, (iii) Most Creative Image and (iv) Best Overall Display. The results were brought along for Members to see with a summary shown in appendix 6.****14. Beaumaris Image Exchange**

After the break, the images the Club submitted to Beaumaris Camera Club for the Image exchange were shown together with Beaumaris's comments as a commentary.

15. CLOSE 21.50

Appendix 1**Chairman's Report June 2018**

Thank you for attending the 10th AGM, of Bunwell and District Camera Club.

2017-2018 has in some ways been a difficult year for the club. There have been several times throughout the year when myself and the committee were wondering whether this would be the clubs final year.

Sadly a few of our long time members decided not to re-join, but that happens in any type of club, and is to be expected.

Personally I find photography as a hobby, can be all consuming one minute and then it goes dormant for a while, until something sparks the flame again.

However we have been very fortunate to see some fresh faces in the club over the last 18 months or so, and I am very pleased to see that what in the past has been seen as a male dominated hobby, has evened out and we are very proud that our club now has an even male / female membership.

One of the continuous challenges for us with such a wide spread of photographic experience in our membership is how to keep everyone happy. Clearly we want our newer members to gain more skills, but at the same time our more senior members, and I mean in experience rather than age, need stimulation as well.

A very difficult job for the committee.

Of course we are never going to please all the people all the time, but hopefully over the year we have all found many things to keep our interest going.

We have had our usual mix of competitions, photoshoots, practical evenings, talks and presentations, as well as an image exchange with the Beaumaris club in Anglesey.

Our exhibition last month was not as well attended as we expected despite some intensive advertising to most of the EAF clubs in Norfolk and Suffolk, previous judges, speakers and in the local press namely EDP newspaper and The Village People magazine.

Fortunately due in the main to the Tombola and Refreshments we were able to make a small profit details of which Pam will mention later.

You will all know that after 5 years on the committee, 3 as Comp sec and 2 as Chair, I feel the time is right to step down and I very glad to see that there are proposals for all committee positions for the next 12 months at least.

Except these are all male, hopefully throughout next year some of our lady members will be happy to be considered for future committee positions, and the committee will become more representative of the clubs membership.

So now for some special thanks

To Colin as Secretary for ensuring all correct papers are produced for committee meetings and other events as well as communicating with outside agencies such as the EAF.

Chairman's Report June 2018 (contd.)

As a club we are indebted to Pam who after 5 years as treasurer has decided that it is time for someone else to ensure the club remains financially viable. Over her time she has totally changed and simplified the way the finances are handled. This year she has once again ensured that the finances are kept in top order and will always advise me if any of my club ideas are maybe a little over the top.

To Steve, from personal experience I know how difficult a job Comp Sec can be especially organising judges in this area, and ensuring members images are received in good time for internal and external competitions.

To Ken and Ian who in their own quiet way make a huge contribution to the smooth fortnightly running as well as other aspects of club life.

To Terry and Sandra for once again suggesting and organising the monthly photoshoots. I know it is difficult for some members to attend but if you can, you will find the occasions to be very sociable as well as advancing your photo knowledge, tea drinking and cake eating.

Also to Paul Green who despite not being on the committee for the last couple of years is always ready to make suggestions, give a balanced viewpoint and help out where possible.

In short, thanks to everyone of you if not mentioned by name, who make a contribution, without you the club could not exist.

In closing I must say that I have enjoyed the challenges of 5 years on the committee, I will probably miss it, but it will not stop me from taking an active part in what I consider to be one of the most sociable clubs in East Anglia, a fact mentioned by many of our visiting speakers and judges.

Thank You

Ian Anderson

Chairman 2017-18.

Appendix 2**Treasurer's Report for AGM 2018**

The audit of the accounts has now been completed and no amendments have been made to the Income and Expenditure report which can now be taken as the audited accounts of the club. Thanks to James for once again carrying out the annual audit of the club accounts.

We started the year with 22 members re-joining from the previous year, losing 7 members from the previous club year and over the course of the year an additional 3 members have joined giving a total membership of 25 at the end of the year. We had our first casual members this year with 2 joining at the start of the club year with one converting to full membership later in the year.

Income from subscriptions was therefore down £120.00 on last year to £1,050.00. The only other income was £8.00 from visitors fees.

At the start of the financial year 2017/18 the opening balance of club funds was £1,317.36. Total expenditure this year was £1,617.06 which was up by £227 over the previous year. The largest expenditure was for speakers who seemed to have substantially raised their fees, this year being £440 compared to £268 last year, a difference of £172. The cost of judges also doubled this year from £60 the previous year to £120. Hall rental remained steady for the year at £440.00. In addition to this was a sum of £136.00 for the hire of New Buckenham Hall for the exhibition.

The exhibition accounts are now completed, which are not included in this year's figures. It is worth noting that despite the low attendance, income from the exhibition covered all costs incurred, including hire of the hall. Income was from board fees, refreshments and the tombola and final figures show a profit of £78.82 from the exhibition.

We finish the year with a closing balance of £758.30. This is down substantially from the end of the previous year, which reflects the reduction in membership numbers and the increased expenditure this year compared to last year which is accounted for in the increased cost of speakers, judges, insurance, programme expenditure and engraving costs. Insurance costs increased this year as the committee agreed there should be all risks cover, which we had not had previously, to cover accidental damage to the projector and screen.

However, it should be noted that proceeds from the exhibition are still to be paid into the bank in the sum of £214.82 which covers all expenditure incurred including the New Buckenham hall rental shown in this year's accounts.

In conclusion the club still remains in a good financial position carrying over the sum of £758 plus the proceeds of the exhibition and is therefore starting the year with an opening balance of £972 although this is down on last year by £345. However, providing future expenditure can be kept roughly in line with membership subscriptions the club should continue financially sound.

CLUB FEES FOR 2017/18

Annual fees for last year were set at £50.00 for new members and £45.00 for members who were continuing their membership from the previous year and this year I have proposed to the committee that fees for the coming club year remain unchanged at £50.00 for new members and £45.00 for current members who continue their membership into the new club year.

These fees for 2018/19 are being recommended to you by the committee.

That concludes the Treasurer's report.

Pam Anderson

Treasurer

Bunwell and District Camera Club

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 1st May 2017 - 30th April 2018

Opening Balances at 1st May 2017	2017/18	2016/17
Petty Cash in Hand	£31.65	£0.43
Current Account	£1,285.71	£1,261.23
Total	£1,317.36	£1,261.66

INCOME	2017/18	2016/17
Equipment Hire		
Exhibition Income		£213.63
Donation		
Meeting Fees		£49.00
Subscriptions	£1,050.00	£1,170.00
Visitors Fees	£8.00	£8.00
Workshop Fees		
Other Income due to Bank Error		£5.00

TOTAL INCOME	£1,058.00	£1,445.63
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Total	£2,375.36	£2,707.29
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EXPENDITURE	2017/18	2016/17
Equipment Purchase		
Exhibitions	£136.00	£30.00
External Competition Entry		£15.00
Gifts		
Insurance	£80.52	£23.07
Judges	£120.00	£60.00
Programme Expenditure	£127.00	£35.00
Publicity		£34.89
Refreshments	£27.94	£25.35
Rent	£407.00	£713.25
Speakers	£440.00	£268.00
Subscriptions	£81.00	£78.50
Trophies and Engraving	£113.70	£77.87
Website	£83.90	£24.00
Other Expenditure due to Bank Error		£5.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,617.06	£1,389.93
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Closing Balances at 30th April 2018		2016/17
Petty Cash in Hand	£43.71	£31.65
Current Account	£714.59	£1,285.71
Total	£758.30	£1,317.36

Total	£2,375.36	£2,707.29
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Appendix 3**2017-2018 Competition Secretary's report**

There goes the 2017/2018 season, we have had our usual 6 competitions which were well supported. There has been a subtle change with a wealth of new members taking up the slack created by the absence of more established members.

The club has entered a number of external competitions which were somewhat challenging as the standard at some of the larger clubs is very very high.

I may now have a biased view but I think the standard of judging has been the best since I started competing, or maybe it is just that I am more aware of the difficulties faced by judges.

We took the decision to split our Image of the Year into two competitions, one for digital, projected images (DPI), the other for printed images. One further change was to send competition entries for DPIs to the judge in advance, this has been extremely popular with judges and maybe one cause in the improvement of standards.

The evening of the AV competition was well supported and accompanied by a further improvement in quality. Once again one of the competitions was for a panel of 3. I am pleased to say that this will be an annual event.

Annual awards were as follows:-

Photographer of the Year: Caroline Tillett

Best AV: Caroline Tillett with Animal Expressions

Image of the Year (DPI): Christina Tubby with Balancing Act

Image of the Year (Print): Caroline Tillett with Frost over the Broads

Steve Milner
Competition Secretary

Appendix4

Image of the Year - Voting Sheet

Digital Image	Score	Place	Printed Image	Score	Place
Husky Racing Caroline Tillett			Happiness Martin Kelly		
Asparagus Beetle Colin Guthrie	8	2	A Bird in the Hand Caroline Tillett	3	
Rosemary Beetle on Sage Paul Green			Wistfull Pete Leonard	3	
Swallow Tail Caroline Tillett	7	3=	One Man and His Dog Caroline Tillett	3	
Fungi Night Irene Jones	2		Hare 1 Caroline Tillett		
At the End of the Day Pam Anderson	3		Hare 2 Caroline Tillett	4	2=
Quay Side at Twilight Paul Green			Hare 3 Caroline Tillett	4	2=
Tufty Pete Leonard			No Swimming Today Ian Anderson	1	
Resting Gracefully Steve Milner	1		Low Tide at Horsey Pam Anderson		
Waiting for the Choir Ian Anderson	1		Frost over the Broads Caroline Tillett	25	1
Walkies Caroline Tillett			The Beach Hut Caroline Tillett	4	
Shingles Irene Jones	1				
Balancing Act Tina Tubby	10	1			
Like I was Flying Steve Milner	7	3=			
Reaching for the Breeze Denise Leonard	1				
Green Bottle on Sea Holly Colin Guthrie	6				
A perfect specimen Pam Anderson	1				

For each category mark 2 for your favourite and 1 for your second favourite

Appendix 5

2018 Prize Winners**Photographer of the Year**

1. **Caroline Tillett**
2. Colin Guthrie
3. Ian Anderson

Image of the Year**Printed Image****Projected Image**

1st	Frost over the Broads	by Caroline Tillett	Balancing Act	by Christina Tubby
2nd	Hare 2 & 3	by Caroline Tillett	Asparagus Beetle	by Colin Guthrie

AV Competition

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| 1. | Caroline Tillett | – | Animal Expressions |
| 2. | Colin Guthrie | – | Snapshot of Namibia |

Individual Image of the evening

1. Open Digital	Husky Racing	Caroline Tillett
2. Expressions	One Man and his Dog	Caroline Tillett
3. Norfolk Life & Landscapes	Frosty Sunrise over the Broads	Caroline Tillett
4. Perspective	Waiting for the Choir	Ian Anderson
5. Open Panel	Hare Trio	Caroline Tillett
6. Wings & Limbs	Like I was flying	Steve Milner

Appendix 6

2018 Exhibition Favourites

At the Club Photo Exhibition on 19 and 20th May 2018 at New Buckenham Village Hall, visitors were asked to vote on 4 categories:-

Category	Image no.	Title	Photographer
i Most Striking Image	1 st 11	Firework Flower	Martin Kelly
	2 nd = 82	?	John Butler
	2 nd = 106	?	Caroline Tillet
ii Image I'd have on my wall	1 st = 9	Don't forget to clean your teeth	Martin Kelly
	1 st = 102	?	Caroline Tillet
iii Most Creative Image	1 st = 9	Don't forget to clean your teeth	Martin Kelly
	1 st = 101	?	Caroline Tillet
iv Best Overall Display	1 st		James Armes
	2 nd =		Irene Jones
	2 nd =		Colin Guthrie

Image with the most votes **"Don't forget to clean your teeth"** by Martin Kelly