

**Minutes of Solihull Photographic Society
Annual General Meeting**

**Held at Solihull Womens Institute at 7.45pm, Tuesday 25th May 2010
Chairman – David Eaves**

1 - Apologies were received from

Bob Breach: John Kellet: Hugh Tottle: Betty Keyte: Trevor Doyle:
Jim Hiscox: Harish Chavda: David Hallidon

2 - Minutes of the previous AGM were taken as read and accepted unanimously as a true record. One action arising – provision of a signing in sheet – was in place.

3 - Change to SPS rule 3.1- David Eaves explained the changes to SPS rule 3.1 which were aimed at streamlining and updating the committee structure. This was proposed and seconded by the committee and agreed unanimously (see attached).

4 - Changes to competition rules were explained by Mike Chapman – essentially to drop slides from all SPS competitions. Proposed and seconded by the committee and agreed unanimously. Mike commented additionally that there had been some views expressed by club members regarding the use of images from the web or elsewhere as part of a presented image. One or two members agreed that they had done this. David commented that he believed the PAGB allowed this provided that the 'borrowed' image was copyright free and that the whole image was the concept of the author. It was agreed this was a tricky area to define but the new committee would give it some thought with a view to incorporating some guidance in the competition rules.

5 - Financial statement (see attached) and recommendations for 2010/11 were presented by Richard Lloyd. Main conclusion was that currently income was short of expenditure and that an increase in income was required. Several members made suggestions as to how the 'books could be balanced' – longer break at Christmas; no meetings in May; more members evenings; raffle; increase in fees and/or subscriptions. It was eventually proposed by David Eaves and seconded by David Moore that the door fee be increased to £1.50 and the annual sub remain at the present level. This was agreed by a majority vote (show of hands). It was separately proposed and seconded by the committee that the concessionary rate (for juniors and family members) should be fixed at ? the normal annual subscription. This was agreed unanimously.

6 - Exhibition Report and proposed Operating Rules were presented by David Eaves. Finances up to 31st Oct 2009 (essentially the 2009 Exhibition) were tabled (see attached). The Exhibition was running in the 'black' and sufficient funds were in hand to allow the purchase of a spare laptop and a laser printer which were available for both the Exhibition and club use. Additionally funds had been allocated for a new print stand – shown at the meeting.

The 2010 Exhibition was running at a similar level to 2009 with a small increase in digital entries and a drop in prints and (more significantly) in slides. Slides may be dropped in any future exhibition, or maintained only for Nature entries.

Other sections would probably be introduced – it was suggested that a 'Panorama' section should be considered. Finances for 2010 looked OK but were not yet complete.

Operating Rules and Responsibilities for the Exhibition had been formulated and were explained by David Eaves. Proposed and seconded by the committee and agreed unanimously.

7 - Election of Officers and Committee – Committee proposals for 2010/11 were read out and were agreed unanimously (see attached).

8 – Trophies for the year were announced by Mike Chapman and presented by Gordon Morris (see attached).

9 - Retirement of President 2009/10 – David thanked the committee on behalf of Bob Breach for their support during the year and also thanked Bob for his very successful tenure in the office.

10 – Gordon Morris was presented with the president's badge of office by David Eaves. Gordon thanked members for electing him and looked forward to his year in office. He announced the theme of his competition as 'Patterns, Shapes and Textures'

11 – Any other business. It was suggested that as part of a cost saving exercise the President should judge his own themed competition. It was agreed this would be a good idea but as the judge for 2010/11 had already been asked it would be deferred to 2011/12.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm