THE REGNUM CROUCH GROUP of Photographic Societies in West Sussex www.regnumcrouch.org.uk

COMMITTEE MEETING Friday 13th January 2023 at 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present

Steve White [StW] chair; Sylvia White [SyW] secretary; Martin Tomes [MT] webmaster; Cliff Carter [CC]; Lindsey Green [LG]; Chris Green [CG]

Representing Southwick CC - John Ellis [JE]; Jan Arnold [JA]

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received

2. Minutes of the last committee meetings

The Minutes of the last meeting [23/5/22] were agreed to be a true record of proceedings.

3. Matters arising from minutes

There were no Matters arising from the last meeting.

4. Chairs report

Chair, StW's, report related to the last competition...

Regnum Print Shield, hosted by Chichester CC.

StW said he was pleased with a good turnout from member clubs and thanked CC for securing an excellent judge in David Smith.

However, he was a little disappointed in the handling of the evening itself and felt there should be clear expectations between the club and the RC chair. StW suggested producing an 'order of business' sheet to be given to the host club.

Discussion took place

- MT pointed out that all information required to run the competition is on the RC website.
- StW suggested, as some clubs despite direction, did not check said website a sheet should still be prepared.

Action

• Chair of Southwick CC, JE and StW to liaise and using the website instructions produce a 'Competition Evening Protocol' sheet

5. Treasurer's report

• Bank situation

In the absence of treasurer, John Peters, there was no treasurer's report.

6. Crouch Shield PDI X Competition

 Crouch Shield PDI Competition – Southwick CC Thursday 23rd March 2023 Judge – Cherry Larcombe EFIAP ARPS DPAGB BPE*5

The competition will be held at The Barn Theatre, Southwick.

Southwick External Competition Secretary, JA, explained that Southwick CC had a scheduled committee meeting next week where the Crouch Shield PDI competition would be extensively discussed.

It was clarified that there were currently seven member clubs. Each club should enter eight images from at least six members with not more than two from any one person.

Action

• SyW to send JA the current list of member club contacts.

MT suggested Southwick use **'Image Prepare**' to collect entries.

Action

 MT, JA and SyW to meet and set up Image Prepare for Southwick CC.

7. Forthcoming competitions

• **Regnum Shield Print Competition** – Henfield CC 10th November 2023 Judge – Paul Graber

This competition will be held at Henfield Hall

As a member of Henfield CC, Cliff will be instrumental in the hosting of this competition

• **Crouch Shield PDI Competition** – Steyning CC Friday 5th April 2024 Judge - Marcus Scott-Taggart

This competition was rescheduled as it was originally, inadvertantly planned for Good Friday.

The Crouch Shield 2024 will take place a Henfield Hall

• **Regnum Shield Print Competition** – Mid – Sussex Autumn 2024

When Mid-Sussex have planned a date the RC committee with engage a judge.

Action

• SyW to email Mid-Sussex to remind them of their scheduled 2024 hosting of the Regnum Shield Print Competition.

8. Demise of SxFed

With the demise of the Sussex Federation the committee thought it might be a good time to invite other clubs to join the Regnum Crouch Group.

SyW questioned whether it was the right time as the RC are currently without a vice chair and with seemingly little prospect of someone to take the role of chair when StW's extended term finishes in 2024. We may find ourselves in the same situation as the SxFed.

Decision

- To approach Worthing CC, Crawley CC and Middleton CC with the intent of increasing the membership of the group.
- To keep other clubs aware of the opening to join the RC group

Action

- Chair of Southwick, JE, to deliver an open invitation to the Crouch Shield event at The Barn Theatre on 23rd March.
- StW and CC to initially visit Crawley to reintroduce Regnum Crouch and the merits of membership.
- To follow this visit by visiting other clubs.

9. Vice Chair

The RC group are still without a Vice Chair. Member clubs have been informed of the situation on many occasions.

Action

- To continue to mention the need at events.
- To identify and personally approach possible likely candidates at events.

10. AOB

StW and SyW are unable to attend the scheduled AGM. Therefore, a new date has been sort.

The AGM will now take place on Friday 26th May.

Action

• SyW to inform member clubs of the new date for the AGM.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on Friday 26th May

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