

COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 7:30pm

PRESENT

Steve White [StW] - chair; Sylvia White [SyW] – secretary; Martin Tomes [MT] – web master; Jan Arnold [JA];

Representing Littlehampton CC: Adrian Barrett [AB] - chair; Sarah Leighton [SL] - member of selection team; Paul Nowlan [PN]; Richard Suggett [RS]; Max Pilbrow [MP]; Diane Walford [DW]

MINUTES

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mike Warren, Chris Green, Lindsey Green and John Peters [JP]  
Apologies were also received Marian Hughes – Littlehampton

**2. Minutes of the last committee meeting [13/8/24]**

The minutes of the last committee meeting were agreed to be a true record of proceedings.

**3. Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**4. Chairs report**

See appendix 'a'

**5. Treasurers Report**

No report has been from treasurer, John Peters [JP], who is still recovering from illness.

All clubs paid their subscriptions at the beginning of the season. Payments were made by BACs and clubs informed SyW of their payment which has been recorded. Unfortunately, due to JP's continued illness we are not able to view the bank account. SyW has forwarded the document recording payments to JP.

StW still has one cheque left which will be used to pay the judge at the next competition. If needed more partially signed cheques will be obtained.

Reimbursement of engraving of trophies

Winning member clubs have been funding the engraving of the awards. Chair [StW] proposed the RC Group bear said cost.

- The committee agreed that this should be funded by the group.
- MT suggested the awards could be engraved before the presentation. However, the previous winner often doesn't return said award until the competition evening.

**Agreed**

- The Committee agree to reimburse clubs with a maximum limit to be determined.

**Action**

- SyW to ascertain through contact with the chair of Southwick the cost of engraving.

**6. Review of Last Competition**

The Regnum Print Competition, hosted by Mid Sussex CC, was, as mentioned by the chair, was a success.

The Judge was Eddie Hyde FRPS

Winning club was Southwick CC

Winning author was Alan Cross, Southwick CC

## 7. Next Competition

The Crouch Shield PDI Competition will be at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue Rustington on Friday 4th April.

Host club -Littlehampton CC

Judge - Ann Healey FRPS DPAGB EFIAP/g BPE4\*

For the benefit of Littlehampton representatives SyW explained the hosting pack that would be emailed to them.

In order for the host club to formulate questions before their meeting with the RC committee it was suggested that the hosting pack be sent to said club pre meeting.

MT explained that most of the information required was also on the RC Group website.

### **Action**

- SyW to email hosting pack to LCC representatives

### **Decision/Action**

- Host club to be sent hosting club with their invite to attend the committee meeting preceding the competition.

AB asked about raffle prices

- Marrutt Professional Photographic is a long time supported of the RC Group and will provide a selection of raffle prices if approached.
- Other suggestions made were; Seawhites and Photospeed.

## 8. Forthcoming competitions

- Regnum Print Competition – Storrington CC  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025  
Thakeham Village Hall  
Judge – TBA
  - StW has been in contact with Simon Bedwell and his partner Sarah with a view to a judging couple. Awaiting reply.  
*Follow up after meeting – booking confirmed*

- Crouch Shield PDI Competition – Southwick CC  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Barn Theatre  
Judge – TBA

### **Action**

- StW to arrange the judge

### Competition schedule

StW suggested from Autumn 2026 'swapping' the competitions. As in PDIs in the autumn and prints in the spring. He felt this would give clubs more time to consider their print entries.

Points raised

- Might help smaller clubs with print entries
- Would mean in the initial year there would be two PDI competition in close succession with only the summer to accumulate new work.
- All clubs were aware of the schedule, as is.
- Recognised that some clubs were more organised than others.

### **Decision**

- To keep the competition schedule as is.

## 9. AOB

### Competition rules

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that there is some disparity in the rules of each competition regarding the age of entries.

This brought about discussion as to whether there should be an age limit on entries.

Points raised

- Other external competition do not have age limit requirement for entries
- Only one club represented at the meeting had age requirements for their internal competitions and that was linked to RC requirements
- Photographers may have travelled to a special destination or taken part in a specific photo shoot etc. in order to take a range of images. Should there be a time limit for that work to be entered?
- A time limit on entries may encourage photographers to use their cameras.
- New technology allows workers to revisit older images that may have been previously discarded.

**Decision**

- To propose, at the AGM, that there be no age limit on any entries and to reword the rules to suit.

**Action**

- StW to prepare proposal

**10. Date of next meeting**

Proposed date of AGM 16<sup>th</sup> May

Appendix a

*Chairs Report 07.01.25*

*I am pleased to report that the evening of the Regnum Print Competition went without a hitch and that the host club Mid Sussex CC did a great job of organizing the event.*

*The competition was judged by Eddie Hyde FRPS – I was very impressed with his judging style and constancy.*

*So - a big Thank You to Mid Sussex cc from the RCG committee for a job well done.*

*Note: I am sure that you may have noticed that Southwick CC again came out the winners on the night – that's Southwick CC third successive RCG win on the trot – they do seem to be the club to beat.*

*I'd like to welcome tonight Littlehampton Camera Club the club running and hosting our next competition which is - The Crouch Shield PDI competition on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.*

*Our judge for the event is Ann Healey FRPS DPAGB EFIAP/g BPE4\**