



The Yorkshire Photographic Union YPU Reps Meeting November 5th, 2022 Carleton Community, Centre, Pontefract

Present

YPU Executive

Marilyn Roberts, Andrew Pell, Dave Burgess, Andrew Rothery, Shelley Knight. Richard Littlefair

Club Representatives

Mike Woodcock (Aireborough Camera Club), Willem Van Herp (Barnsley Camera Club), Andrew Pell (Batley and District Camera Club), Jeremy Double (Bradford CC inc. Bradford PS), Ian Palmer (Brooklands PS), Sharron Hanson (Castleford CC), Shelley Knight (Doncaster Camera Club), Darren McDonald (Driffield PS), Steve Littlewood (F4 PS), Colin Sheader and Mike Barnard (Focus Photographic Group), Andrew Rothery (Halifax Photographic Society), Richard Chave-Cox (Harrogate PS), Ian Parker (Hebden Bridge CC), John Whittaker (Holmfirth CC), Sharon and Tim Sawyer (Ilkley CC), Harry Kingman (Kirbymoorside CC), Robert Harris (Knaresborough CC), Richard Greaves (Leeds Co-op PS), Peter Thompson (New Earswick CC), Christine Hartley (New Image CC), Neil Radcliffe and Bill Johnson (Normanton CC), Stephen Tonkin (Otley CC), Dave Burgess and Stan Colabella (Pontefract CC), Frank and Marilyn Roberts (Positive Image CC), Larry Walker (Pudsey CC), Christopher Field (Selby CC), Richard Hall (Sheffield PS), Ken Trace (Sherburn CC), John Brady (TTL CC), Colin Fieldgate and Ed Fenwicke-Clennell (Wensleydale CC), Tony Hallam-Cutler (Westfield PS), Brian Cooper (Wetherby and District CC), Andrew Rothery (Yorkshire Monochrome Group), Chris Hart (York PS), Richard Littlefair.

Apologies for Absence

Mark Lawrance, Alan Stopher, Colin Williams, Alan Hersom, Chris Hodgson, Sue and James Gibson, Douglas Wright, Chris Owens.

Minutes of the meeting on February 26th, 2022

Corrections under exhibition item 5 (should be 2021 not 2022).CORRECTIONS UNDER EXHIBITION ITEM 5. (SHOULD BE 2021 NOT 2022) Also, there were a total of 3353 entries. Minutes proposed by Bill Johnson and seconded by Harry Kingman.

Matters Arising

There were none noted.

Correspondence

No correspondence was reported.

The President

Marilyn Roberts presented her report to members as follows.

“Welcome everyone, once more to the November YPU reps meeting.

I hope by now you are all well back into the swing of regular face to face club meetings, for those not quite ready I understand hybrid meetings are helping to bridge the coming together of members with speakers.

Looking back since we last met at the AGM meeting followed by the 2022 Annual Exhibition quite a bit has changed here on the YPU Executive Committee.

Speaking of the 2022 Exhibition I want to take this opportunity to thank the President of F4 Nigel Dalton and all their members who found us an excellent venue within the complex of Hull University. – The Brynmor Gallery and Middleton Hall. Such a willing group of people, ready to help and make sure the event ran so smoothly.

I must give special mention to Steve Littlewood of F4 who, after my plea for help at the AGM stepped forward and took over the production of the splendid YPU Exhibition Catalogue. He did a brilliant job on our behalf, all to a perfect timescale. Thank you, Steve.

Quite a bit has changed here on our team, --we still have 3 vacancies to fill, and unfortunately, two of my hard working colleagues, Chris Hodgson and Alan Stopher are having to take time out from their responsibilities for medical treatment. I'm sure you would all wish to join me in sending Chris and Alan our very best wishes for their recovery.

Today will be the last event where Shelley, YPU Secretary is undertaking her duties before she departs for pastures new in Scotland. Thank you, Shelley for all your support.

I couldn't complete this opening address without thanking all my colleagues here on the YPU executive Committee for their unstinting support through a very challenging few months.

If anyone amongst you feels like I did a few years ago that you can give a few hours of your time so we can keep this Federation alive and kicking, please, please speak to me.

And lastly, to all of you here today representing the many clubs across our County I wish you and your members continued enjoyment and success.”

Marilyn Roberts
YPU President.

Treasurer's report

The YPU Treasurer and Vice President Christine Hodgson was not in attendance however Marilyn Roberts gave the following report on the YPU's finances.

Premium account currently stands at £13791.67, the working account at £6536.46 making a total of £20,328.13

The fee for the annual subs was discussed and members advised that there was a proposed increase in fees to reflect the PAGB now clubs are emerging from the pandemic. However, the rise would revert to the same fee pre pandemic, and members were advised that theoretically there had been no increase in subs for a five year period (Covid aside). Fees proposed are:

1-25 £57

26-50 £80

51-75 £103

76-100 £125

100+ £149

Clubs are welcome to pay their subs from today, however they will be due on 1st February. Marilyn Roberts proposed the changes and this was seconded by both Andrew Pell and Ian Palmer.

Colin Fieldhead from Wensleydale CC asked if a club of twelve members for example, could be allowed to contribute a lesser charge due to financial issues of smaller clubs. Marilyn however outlined all of the benefits to being members of the YPU, stressing that the fee had remained at £5 during the pandemic for the smaller clubs.

Marilyn made an action point to forward to clubs the benefits of being in the YPU and also tips for clubs to help manage budgets and recruit members.

The YPU Exhibition

The YPU Exhibition Coordinator

Marilyn Roberts shared with members the success of this year's annual exhibition and assembly which was held in Hull. This was the first time in three years that both were held consecutively in the same venue due to the impact of the pandemic. Marilyn also reported that plans were in place for the hosting of 2024 exhibition in Barnsley during their centenary year.

2023 EXHIBITION

Marilyn reported that despite extensive searching for suitable venues, currently, there is no identified venue available for the 2023 exhibition and assembly. Marilyn asked members whether they wanted an exhibition as it is the difficulty in finding both a venue and exhibition space that is causing the problem.

Gerry Durrell from Bradford CC and a member from the York PS suggested Saltaire Saltsmill however Marilyn advised that this had already been explored and wasn't an option.

Marilyn also reminded members that we need to be mindful of costs also, suggesting a maximum of £1500 which makes it an added difficulty for potential hosts to identify a suitable venue.

Marilyn then put a suggestion to the members as to whether we use the Carleton Community Centre to host the assembly for 2023? That is if we are in a position to pursue this option which was a strong possibility, Marilyn was keen to hear views as the issue needs to be sorted as soon as possible.

Richard Hall shared that this would be much better to host this at Pontefract than not have this at all! Peter Thompson advised to consider whether there should be restrictions on the day due to parking limitations at the centre.

Another question raised was around the issue of this event would not be linked to a specific club, where typically members of the club would help in the preparation of the event including organising entries and help during the judging process. After a collective discussion with members, there was a general consensus that members from a number of clubs were willing to offer support. Marilyn also assured members that there was enough time to also sort the judges for the event. In conclusion, the YPU would be the host of the 2023 exhibition and assembly.

Finally, there was a discussion about the date of the assembly as normally this is held in the first week of May. This is not anticipated to take place at this time due to the fact that it has been announced that it will be the coronation of King Charles III on that date. Further discussions and arrangements are to be made

2024 EXHIBITION

Barnsley Photographic Society will be hosting the YPU in this, their Centenary Year.

Digital Projected Image Secretary

Richard Littlefair reported to members that following the YPU assembly and exhibition, he has put together the presentation which is downloadable and includes also prints as a digital format for members to access.

Richard also talked about the banners on the website and that this year, he has done this differently. So that all 450 plus accepted entries are exhibited on the website, each month a fresh set of images will be displayed on the website.

Richard also reported that for next year's entries, all categories remain unchanged and that there will be up to 10 PDI's and 10 prints that members may enter. The competition will open later this month. Handing in dates of the prints will be Saturday 25th of February and the competition will close on the 23.02.23 at 23.59.

Also to note that members of clubs in two or more federations MUST only submit their entries to one of these in order to avoid any future problems.

Richard also shared that the PAGB are currently pushing hard for print entries so next year, they won't be having a PDI competition (however they WILL be holding a PDI Interfed competition which is opening on 3rd December 22.

As a reminder Richard requested that members thoroughly check the rules and these are on the portal. An email will be sent reminding members of this. This is the main method of getting information out to members and now the onus is on individual clubs to keep this information up to date. Richard gave a demonstration of what is required, also sharing that a new database was being created and information was to be transferred across to this in due course.

Print Secretary

Andrew Pell shared with member's information regarding numbers of this year's prints for the YPU exhibition, 1018 which was down by 200 from 2020. Andrew also advised that in relation to the YPU club print championships where decisions are made as to which two clubs will represent the YPU at the PAGB interclub competition, only three clubs entered. Ilkley and Huddersfield were chosen to represent the federation, Huddersfield coming in equal 9th in the plate competition and Ilkley 24th. It was felt that maybe people were not printing as previously due to Covid, which could account for the lower numbers.

Andrew also noted that there are still some YPU catalogues available for those clubs who did not enter the YPU, and that they can be taken today. All the print boxes have now been collected.

Andrew reminded all that the prints from the YPU exhibition have now gone into the print portfolio, so they won't be available until next November; Andrew reminded us that this is stated in the YPU rules.

Andrew stated that in response to a question about the stickers that these should be printed by individuals as bar codes and titles will be on those ready for judging.

Andrew finally shared with members that he is looking for a potential replacement for his role in the long term, as he current going through the process of potentially emigrating. Could any members be interested, please let him know.

Medals and Awards.

Apologies were received from Colin Williams who has provided the following report regarding the medals and awards. Marilyn Roberts presented certificates for those recipients who were in attendance today.

Awards for Photographic Merit (APM's)

The following report from Colin Williams was presented at today's meeting as follows.

"Firstly I would like to congratulate Michael Dennis Barnard of f.ocus PG and Mark Slater of Wakefield CC who were both awarded their CPAGB at the Awards for Photographic Merit adjudication in April.

Since I took over looking after the APM's, I have had a small but steady flow of applicants.

The YPU isn't in a position to mentor APM applicants, so we are directing people to the PAGB Mentoring Service.

If you or your club members would like more information about APM's or would like to apply, please contact me.

And finally, good luck to those YPU members who will be evaluated in Northern Ireland in three weeks",

Colin Williams

Member of the PAGB REPORT

PAGB Report

Colin Williams has shared a further report in relation to the PAGB report as follows.

Insurance

"The PAGB have completed their discussions with Hive insurance Services to take over and offer the same services as the previous provider, Darwin Clayton. Clubs can now buy insurance online by using the link on the PAGB website, they are offering public liability, Management Liability and equipment insurances. There is one significant difference to previous years, the insurance needs to pay for the insurance via a credit card.

Competitions

I would encourage clubs and individual members to enter the PAGB competitions.

Master of Print

Any member of the YPU clubs and enter the Master of Print Competition the closing date is 20th November

GB Cup (A3 prints)

Clubs can enter the GB Cup the closing date is 11th Jan 2023

GB Trophy (DPI's)

Clubs can enter the GB Trophy the closing date is 11th Jan 2023

The rules of all of the PAGB competitions can be found on the PAGB website.

2023 Inter-Federation Competition.

As this year, next year's Inter-Federation Competition will be just prints, as previously the YPU will select these from the images entered into the Annual Exhibition next March".

Judge and Lecturer secretary

Apologies were received from Alan Stopher who provided the following report as interim judge and lecturer secretary.

^Amendment Sheet No. 1 has been compiled and circulated to club officers via the YPU Portal. This comprises all the corrections and amendments to the 2022/3 PAGB Handbook notified to date. Also included are updated list of Judges and Lecturers showing the changes.

Some changes have been requested to the Judge & Lecturer page of the YPU website and these should go live shortly.

It is intended that a Judges Workshop be run in 2023. Please advise anyone in your clubs who might be interested in becoming a YPU accredited judge to contact me at judges@ypu.org.uk

We will need around 10-12 candidates to make it worthwhile running a special event. So far I have a list of 3 who have asked to attend a workshop".

Keighley Day

Marilyn Roberts updated members in attendance some up to date information regarding the Keighley day event scheduled for the 26th of November 22. Marilyn reminded us that the Keighley day was named after Alexander Keighley who founded the YPU about 100 years ago. This year, there is planned a print workshop in the with a free print demonstration arranged for members in the afternoon. This year's speaker is Margaret Salisbury. Despite information being circulated to members via club secretaries, there has been only nine tickets sold. It appears from some of the members present that information is not getting circulated to club members.

Webmaster

YPU webmaster Mark Lawrence was unfortunately not present today due to a very recent accident. However, Marilyn Roberts has reported that Mark continues to be doing a good job with keeping up to date the website and the Facebook page which members in attendance agreed. Mark was wished well in his recovery.

Folio Secretary

Andrew Rothery folio secretary reminded members that the folio is free of charge for clubs to request, and contains 200 prints (latest from the 2022 exhibition). The boxes for the prints are currently being replaced by new boxes. He also reminded us that there are 200 picture frames available to members for hire for respective club exhibitions if these are required.

YPU Archive

Dave Burgess the archivist reported that apart from the YPU currently taking over a larger room at Carleton to house the YPU archive, there is nothing else to report at today's meeting.

Club Events - Open section for YPU members to share information

Richard Chave-Cox from Harrogate PS reported that this year is their centenary year, but sadly they haven't been able to share this with the YPU however, he confirms that there are a number of events that are going on. In addition to this, the club are using the photo entry system which is working very well.

Mike Woodcock from Airbrough CC talked about their projector breaking and really struggling as a result, could anyone from other clubs offer any advice or help? Marilyn Roberts advised to ask the question also on the YPU's Facebook page.

Otley CC have also been working closely with a local grammar school, cycling club and local scout club and opening up the range of work that they are doing.

Selby CC have also recently held an exhibition and recruitment day, recruiting lots of new members to the club.

Marilyn Roberts then handed over to Richard Littlefair, who gave a demonstration of the new portal which will run alongside the old portal for a nine month period. The new portal will be more secure and Richard reminded all members that it was incumbent for clubs to keep their details as up to date as possible in order to receive the information that is circulated through to YPU reps and officials and members.

AOB – there was no other business to be heard at today's meeting.

MEETING CLOSED AT 12.48.

YORKSHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC UNION
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Current Account - General Fund		7,437.04		5,068.76
Premium Plus Account (6 Months Notice)		13,800.36		13,775.13
Total Funds		<u>21,237.40</u>		<u>18,843.89</u>
Reconciliation				
Balance Brought Forward From Previous Year		18,843.89		18,447.73
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year (From Income and Expenditure)		2,393.51		396.16
Closing Balance		<u>21,237.40</u>		<u>18,843.89</u>

Chris Hodgson Hon Treasurer

I have examined the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022

In my opinion;-

(a) The accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the federation.

(b) Having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records, the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting records.

Rob Hockney

Rob Hockney Independent Examiner

Income and Expenditure Account 2022

Income	2022	2021	Expenditure	2022	2021
	£	£		£	£
Subscriptions			PAGB		
Subscriptions - 2022	3,887.00	335.00	PAGB Club Subscriptions	1,088.00	0.00
Subscriptions - 2023	<u>1,520.00</u>				
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>5,407.00</u>	<u>335.00</u>	<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>1,088.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Annual Exhibition			Annual Exhibition		
Assembly and Exhibition	0.00	134.28	Assembly and Exhibition	2,380.63	790.88
Catalogues (incl. Adverts)	80.00	80.00	Catalogues	1,445.55	2,461.90
Sponsors/Donations	0.00	0.00	2021 Exhibition - Engraving	86.48	0.00
Competition Entries	5,118.00	5,403.30	Competition	1,017.19	623.65
Draw	0.00	0.00	2022 Exhibition - travel costs in 2021	0.00	146.84
			2023 Exhibition Travel costs	22.95	0.00
			2024 Exhibition Travel costs	11.90	0.00
			2020 Exhibition - 2022 exhibition and 2020 engraving	172.96	302.55
			2021 Exhibition Cost paid in 2019	<u>0.00</u>	<u>51.80</u>
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>5,198.00</u>	<u>5,617.58</u>	<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>5,137.66</u>	<u>4,377.62</u>
YPU Services			YPU Services		
Lecturers/Judges Courses	0.00	0.00	Lecturers/Judges Courses	0.00	0.00
Awards Workshop	0.00	0.00	Awards Workshop	0.00	0.00
Keighley Day	1,207.00	0.00	Keighley Day	859.70	180.00
Club Selection Day	0.00	0.00	Club Selection Day	50.40	0.00
PAGB interfed	0.00	0.00	PAGB interfed	0.00	0.00
Slide/ Print Portfolios	0.00	0.00	Slide/ Print Portfolios (PAGB CDs)	0.00	0.00
PAGB GB Cup	0.00	0.00	PAGB GB Cup	77.20	0.00
PAGB Assessment Day	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	PAGB Assessment Day	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>1,207.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>987.30</u>	<u>180.00</u>
			Sundries and Administration		
			Insurance - Equipment	-	0.00
			Insurance - YPU Public Liability	135.82	91.82
			Meetings - Reps, AGM, EC	833.00	137.25
			Equipment Storage	155.49	100.00
			photocopy	18.50	0.00
Sale of Stock	0.00	0.00	IT services	568.78	567.12
			Postage	158.16	22.94
			Room Hire	184.00	60.00
			Other Items	<u>182.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>
			<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>2,236.44</u>	<u>979.13</u>
			Advancing Photography	-	7.92
			Yorkshire Salon	-	<u>14.39</u>
			<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>22.31</u>
Interest and Stock Revaluation					
Current Account	5.68	1.26			
Premium Plus Account	<u>25.23</u>	<u>1.38</u>			
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>30.91</u>	<u>2.64</u>			
Total Income	<u>11,842.91</u>	<u>5,955.22</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>9,449.40</u>	<u>5,559.06</u>
Less Total Expenditure	<u>(9,449.40)</u>	<u>(5,559.06)</u>			
Surplus/ (Deficit)	<u>2,393.51</u>	<u>396.16</u>			