

## **WCPF Council Meeting and Knightshayes Trophy Competition**

### **Agenda:**

**10:00 Doors Open**

**10:30 Council Meeting**

**President's Welcome & Report**

**Financial Statement**

**Exec Reports**

**Other Business**

**11:15 Knightshayes Critique and Results**

**12:15 Break for Lunch**

**13:15 Talk "Classified Information" by Chris Robins**

**14:30 Close**

### **President's Report for the WCPF Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Already this season we have had two very successful events in the Kingswood/Lane competitions back in November and the Inter-Club Championships in February. Many thanks to everyone who organized them and to all who helped make the days run smoothly. The entry level for the Kingswood/Lanes competition is a little lower than we would like – we are looking at the format so any feedback would be helpful. Later today we have the Knightshayes Trophy competition with 149 images - having done the judging I know we have a great set of prints, thanks to Lorraine for her efforts. We have the AV Competition and the Judging seminar in April and the Members' Exhibition in May. It is great to see the level of enthusiasm for all these events and the quality of the images presented.

As always we would like to invite people to join the Exec – some roles will be becoming vacant and we don't have any general members at the moment.

This is our first meeting at this venue – I have booked it for the rest of the season. Any feedback on its suitability would be gratefully received.

### **Treasurer's Report for the WCPF Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Attached are interim accounts covering the period from the last financial year end at 30 June 2025 to date being 17 February 2026.

While the accounts show a surplus of just over £5,000 this is misleading as most of the Competitions and Events are still in progress and I estimate that budgeted net expenditure of around £2,000 is still expected from now until the financial year end. It was recently agreed by the Executive that the provision for a potential liability to Bovey Tracey Golf Club of £1,000 was no longer required and this has been released to reserves. The figures include continuing sponsorship of £1,000 from Fotospeed, £110.66 from a disbanded club and I would expect a year end surplus of around £2,000.

I have collected all of the WCPF and PAGB annual subscriptions from the 76 member Clubs of the Federation having lost three Clubs from last year. Pheonix Group of Photographers have merged with Taunton, Western Audio Visual Enthusiasts and Falmouth have disbanded. There was a misunderstanding regarding the PAGB subscription for 2026 which should have been £41 per Club but only £39 was requested. The WCPF have agreed to cover the difference and the PAGB have confirmed that there will be no increase in 2027.

The bank balances at 17 February 2026 were as follows:

Operating account	£4,910
Deposit account	£13,776
Paypal	£851

## Balance Sheet at 17 February 2026

	£	30 June 2025 £
Opening reserves	15,234.66	15,108.50
Transfer from Income & expenditure	5,218.81	126.16
Closing reserves	<u>20,453.47</u>	<u>15,234.66</u>
Represented by -		
Bank current account	4,909.66	1,582.87
Bank deposit account	13,775.86	14,651.79
Paypal account	851.35	-
Due from Exeter City Council	916.60	-
Provision for Members Exhibition hall hire	-	(1,000.00)
	<u>20,453.47</u>	<u>15,234.66</u>

**Income and Expenditure Account - 1 July 2025 to 17 February 2026**

*Year ended  
30 June 2025*

	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions (76 Clubs) (2025 - 79)		3,302.90		3,141.60
Interest		124.07		242.55
Fotospeed sponsorship		1,000.00		1,000.00
Donation (WAVES)		110.66		235.00
		<u>4,537.63</u>		<u>4,619.15</u>
<b>Competitions and Events</b>				
<b>Kingswood Salver</b>				
Income	510.00		485.00	
Expenditure	(393.30)	116.70	(601.24)	(116.24)
	<u>116.70</u>		<u>(116.24)</u>	
<b>Inter Club Championship</b>				
Income	2,535.00		2,522.00	
Expenditure	(1,695.94)	839.06	(2,126.14)	395.86
	<u>839.06</u>		<u>(116.14)</u>	
<b>Knights Hayes Trophy</b>				
Income	-		-	
Expenditure	(160.49)	(160.49)	(27.82)	(27.82)
	<u>(160.49)</u>		<u>(27.82)</u>	
<b>Audio Visual Competition</b>				
Income	47.00		360.00	
Expenditure	-	47.00	(239.37)	120.63
	<u>47.00</u>		<u>(239.37)</u>	
<b>Judging Seminar</b>				
Income	360.00		360.00	
Expenditure	(96.30)	263.70	(348.78)	11.22
	<u>263.70</u>		<u>(348.78)</u>	
<b>Members Exhibition</b>				
Income	1,006.50		3,039.00	
Expenditure	(707.00)	299.50	(4,012.86)	(973.86)
	<u>299.50</u>		<u>(4,012.86)</u>	
<b>Net Income</b>		<u>5,943.10</u>		<u>4,028.94</u>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Annual General Meeting	(257.00)		(331.00)	
Council Meeting	-		(290.74)	
Executive Meetings	-		-	
PAGB Competition Grants	(892.13)		(500.00)	
PAGB Awards	-		-	
PAGB Subscriptions	(152.00)		-	
Insurance	-		(304.21)	
Web site costs	-		(33.60)	
Zoom and Dropbox licences	(251.76)		(155.88)	
Capital expenditure - Laptop computer	-		(960.27)	
Treasurer's expenses	(105.98)		(140.00)	
Bank & paypal charges	(65.42)		(187.08)	
	<u>(1,724.29)</u>		<u>(2,902.78)</u>	
<b>Surplus (deficit) for period</b>		<u>4,218.81</u>		<u>1,126.16</u>
(Provision) Reversal for Members Exhibition hall hire		1,000.00		(1,000.00)
<b>Transfer To Reserves</b>		<u>5,218.81</u>		<u>126.16</u>

## **Knighthayes Secretary Report for Council Meeting on 7th March 2026**

The Knighthayes has had a bumper entry with 149 prints.

Next year's theme will be

### **'Minimalist':**

Minimalist photography embraces extreme simplicity, using only the essential visual elements to create clean, uncluttered images. By stripping a scene down to its core components, photographers introduce "room to breathe," often evoking calm, order, or quiet introspection. Strong composition, deliberate use of negative space, and careful subject isolation are central to the style. High-contrast lighting and the use of architectural or natural shapes can be effective to reinforce clarity and visual balance. The result is imagery where every remaining element carries weight and intention.

## **AV Secretary Report for Council Meeting on 7th March 2026**

The 2026 AV Competition will be held on Saturday 18th April 2026 at Woodbury Village Hall. The judges will be Edgar Gibbs FRPS DPAGB AV-AFIAP, and Linda Gibbs DPAGB AV-AFIAP from the Welsh Photographic Federation. The plan is that they will appear 'live' on screen via Zoom, otherwise they will record their comments on video and we will play them after each sequence.

The 2025 AV Exhibition is available to download on application to me at [av.wcpf@gmail.com](mailto:av.wcpf@gmail.com).

## **Members' Exhibition Secretaries Report, Council Meeting 2026**

Entries close at midnight March 7<sup>th</sup>. As of February 16<sup>th</sup> we have 1002 entries from 94 members, slightly ahead of last year's entry at this stage. Now the work of the AESs really starts with the collection of the print. This year the selection meeting will be held at my house as Chris Marsham has moved away from the area. We have a great set of images so far with the hope that a good few more will arrive! The Exhibition opens on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Stover Country Park exhibition space (i.e. here) – presentations starting at 14:00. It will run till the 10<sup>th</sup> May. Volunteers are needed for stewarding the exhibition (10:00 to 16:00, no complications with opening up or closing down as there are staff on site to do this), please contact me if you can help.

## **WEBMASTER REPORT COUNCIL MEETING 7TH MARCH 2026**

The website is fully up to date with no issues that I am aware of. Any concerns please contact me.

Dates for the 2027 events will be added to the diary once they have been confirmed with me.

I still have people requesting access or stating there is a problem getting access to the members area. The message needs to be passed to committee members of the clubs that if they have not accessed the members area since October last year following the AGM they will need

to sign up again and not sign in as everyone was deleted from it soon after the AGM to comply with our data protection requirements.

## **PAGB Rep & Competition Sec**

### **1. Master of Print Results 9 (2026)**

The results are on the PAGB web site. You can see them here:

<https://thepagb.org.uk/events/gallery/album-for-2026/nggallery/album/masters-of-print-2026>. The catalogue can be downloaded here: [AGB MAsters of Print Catalogue 2025-26\\_B6.indd](#).

### **2. THE EIGHTH MASTERS OF PRINT – SALON des REFUSÉS (Free of charge but clubs cover the postage)**

The Masters of Print Exhibition is restricted to just 60 prints from 60 different photographers, and this makes an acceptance particularly difficult. Many excellent photographers and many excellent prints were unlucky and this Salon des Refusés, which will be available shortly as unmounted A3 prints through the PAGB Recorded Lecture Service is of the same quality. See <http://thepagb.org.uk/services/recorded-lectures/>

Acceptance to this second exhibition doesn't come with our unique badge or election to the Masters Hall of Fame but it has exciting prints and is still an achievement to be proud of. It will make a great evening for your Club. The SEVENTH MASTER OF PRINT – SALON des REFUSÉS is also still available to book via the PAGB RLS.

The GB Trophy Prints 2025 are also available to hire (Free of charge but clubs cover the postage)

### **3. The 2026 GB Trophy & GB Cup**

Entry closes on Sunday 1 March 2026, and judging takes place on 21/22 March 2026, the results will be available here shortly after: <https://thepagb.org.uk/events/the-gb-cup/>

### **4. The PAGB AGM** will take place on Thursday 9 April 2026 at 19:30 via Zoom. Please look out for final details via eNews.

### **5. PAGB Competition dates:**

**PAGB Inter-Federation Colour/Mono/Nature Print Championship** closing date is Sunday 14 June 2026 and the judging takes place on Saturday 20 June 2026.

**PAGB Inter-Club PDI Championship** entry opens on Friday 1 May 2026 and closes on Sunday 5 July 2026. Judging takes place on Sunday 19 July 2026 at Warwick Hall, Warwick School, Myton Road, Warwick, CV34 6PP. The clubs representing the WCPF will be Bristol Photographic Society, Barnstaple Photographic Club, Truro Camera Club.

**PAGB Inter-Club Print Championship** will be held on Saturday 24 October 2026 at Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 8NB. The clubs representing the WCPF will be Dorchester Camera Club, Bristol Photographic Society and Stroud Camera Club.

## 6. **PAGB Online Services**

The PAGB are still receiving a lot of queries about access to and using the on-line services. Please read the support page here: <http://thepagb.org.uk/services/the-entries-admin-system/>. Please note that the Central Entry System (CES) has been renamed the Central Management System (CMS) but remains the same.

7. **The PAGB subscription fee for 2027 will be £41**...(this remains unchanged from 2026 although the WCPF did not pass on this increase in 2026 and left the cost at the 2025 rate which was £39)
8. I am still looking for suitable material to add to the PAGB Recorded Lecture Service. If you feel you can offer a lecture or portfolio of work, please contact me. I'm happy to work with you and provide all the technical requirements of putting a presentation together, I just need the raw material. Everything can be done digitally/electronically so no need to move from your comfy chair!

## **JUDGE TRAINING**

### **Overview**

Last April, John Tilsley stepped down as Chair of the Judging Panel, and the reins were picked up by Sue O'Connell (Chair) and Lee Spencer Fleet (Vice-Chair). Sue is broadly concerned with the staffing and organisation of the annual Judging Seminar, while Lee handles administration including applications and follow-up responses to training, liaising with Bill Aven. Both are involved in planning, presenting and providing assessments on the day.

### **Judging seminar 2026**

Details: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Woodbury Village Hall, Flower Street, Exeter, EX5 1LX

Given the success of last year's seminar, the intention is to continue with the same basic model, whilst introducing any changes organically and in response to regular reviews and feedback.

### **Bookings (LSF)**

The seminar is now fully booked (24 paid applicants), with the option to take one additional person and a short Wait List if required. WCPF Secretary Helen Moore put out the seminar advert in Wk1 Dec 25; and it was sold out by Wk1 Feb 26. WCPF Treasurer Russell McGowan has confirmed bank credit of £360.

**Demographic:** Nine from Cornwall clubs / Eleven from Devon clubs / Four from other counties. Of the nine people from Cornwall clubs, six of these are from Penryn Camera Club. Interestingly there are exactly 12 male and 12 female names on the list.

**Management of Applications 2027:** From the experience this year, Lee suggests that next year application forms should be made available only on request (ie not also via the WCPF website etc). This is to prevent people from sending in an application form and payment after the event is fully booked.

**Other:** There have been a couple of unavoidable minor issues:

- Some WCPF clubs may need to update their contact information on file.
- Multiple emails entering some recipient Spam Folders.

### **Organisation (SO)**

**Staffing:** We are pleased to have a capable group of group of tutors on board for the day. Although a number of our most experienced regulars are unavailable this year, we have been

fortunate to welcome back "old hands", Ian Bateman and Eddy Lane, as well as other stalwarts. We are especially grateful to Ian for liaising locally and for engaging the very kind assistance of members of Exmouth Photo Group to provide admin and catering support.

**Equipment:** The venue has worked well in the past and is well-equipped. The only requirement was for print stands, which Pedro has agreed to provide - Thank you Pedro!

**Programme:** Yet to be finalized but expected to be broadly in line with last year's order of play.

### **Cornwall Judges**

Lorraine Robins has flagged up concerns regarding a lack of qualified judges operating in Cornwall. As a result, Helen arranged an Exec. meeting on 10/01/26. It was agreed that Pedro and Lorraine would promote the seminar to the Cornwall clubs, and also organise group transport from Cornwall to the venue in the event of sufficient demand.

**In summary** – All looking positive for April 11<sup>th</sup> and the coming year.