

Sussex Photographic Federation

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To all SxPF member clubs

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Dear members

The Sussex Fed (as most of you call us) is undergoing a re-vamp. The “committee” have been meeting to discuss the way forward for **us** to help **you**, the members.

We have come up with some suggestions and would like YOUR ideas and opinions on our thoughts. Some of them are listed on the attached sheet and we would welcome your comments. Whether you want to respond as a club, or as an individual, it is up to you.

There is also a chance to help us on our way forward. We need some extra blood on our “committee”. Yes, I know many of you are afraid of the word, but all we are a small group who meet up 3-4 times during the year, (currently in central Sussex, in Uckfield) to discuss relevant matters. Yes the meetings are minuted and we do have a chairman, treasurer and secretary etc. as expected of us. But it is not a big commitment and is very rewarding as you get to give your input to the organisation of the SxPF.

If you are interested please contact me, or any other member of the committee for more information or to register your interest.

Anyway, please take the time to read the proposed changes, to share them with your clubs, and to give us a full response. We are here for Sussex clubs and want to know what you think, along with any other ideas you may have.

Kind regards



Secretary to the SxPF

Suggestions and ideas to take the SxPF forward

- 1. AGM.** It is our intention to change the timing and format of the AGM of the SxPF. Those of you who have attended the November competitions will be aware that we have been holding the AGM in a few minutes at the end of the meeting, usually accompanied by a caretaker, trying hard to get rid of us! The proposal is to change the AGM to May, at the end of the camera club season, as well as to incorporate it with a forum and possibly an event or talk. This would be open to each club to send a number of delegates. Annual memberships would be adjusted. This would happen in 2012/13.
- 2. Workshop day.** We are very aware that there are people out there who run small workshops at their clubs. How about a day, organised by us, with several workshops running consecutively, for a people to attend for a nominal charge? Should we add workshop leaders to our developing speakers and judges directory?
- 3. Facebook / Flickr.** We are considering setting up Facebook and Flickr accounts for the SxPF. Social networking is an important new communication medium for many people, and would extend our outreach. How would you use it?
- 4. SxPF Website.** We want to extend the SxPF website, making it more interactive. What do you want to see on the website? How would you and your club use it?
- 5. Minutes.** We intend to publish a précis of SxPF minutes so member clubs know what is going on. Would that be useful for you?
- 6. Annual Slide Competition.** Rather than have small financial prizes for the slide competition, which cost us a lot of money (on top of paying a judge and hiring a hall etc) we intend to give certificates to the first, second and third places and award a medal to the overall winner. This medal would be awarded as a memory to our late Chairman, Roy Stubbs.
- 7. Exhibition boards.** Should the SxPF purchase exhibition boards to lend to clubs for a nominal sum? Are clubs who own them happy to lend or hire them.
- 8. Annual or Bi-annual Exhibition.** A county exhibition would be prestigious and raise the standing of SxPF. Should the SxPF hold one? Would your club support it, in addition to your commitments in KCPA, SPF or SPA?
- 9. Annual Individual PDI competition.** Would club members support an individual PDI competition? Or should this be part of an exhibition.
- 10. Outings and events.** SxPF is considering whether to organise periodic photo meets for photographers around the county to work together on location. Is there any demand for this in your clubs?
- 11. ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS???**