

SxPF – News Update

Dear Member Clubs

It is with great pleasure that we can bring you news of a successful AGM and the establishment of a new team for the Sussex Photographic Federation. There was great input and support from all the clubs who came to the AGM and Forum. With your ideas for what the Federation should be looking to do over the next year, we believe we have an excellent basis to move forwards.

The last few months have been a major upheaval, to say the least, so we would all like to thank you for your support. A big thanks is also due to all of our committee volunteers.

The New Committee

- Chair: Ken Scott – Steyning CC
- Secretary: Val McManus – Eastbourne CC
- Treasurer: Graham Ketley – Lewes CC
- Treasurer (Designate): Lawrence Homewood – East Grinstead CC
- Clubs Liaison: George Backshall – Lewes CC, and Lawrence Homewood
- Competition Team: Dick Saunders – Middleton CC (PDI), and Val McManus – (Print)
- Web / Social Media Team: Andy Conway – East Grinstead CC (Webmaster), and Niall Teskey – Rottingdean CC

The process of handing over the Treasurer responsibilities between Graham and Lawrence has begun. You will be soon receiving the membership renewal information from Lawrence for the current year.

Also, We will be establishing roles more clearly over the summer. There is opportunity for anyone wishing to volunteer on part time basis for events or projects, and we will welcome any additional support.

Coming Up

As a priority, we will be looking to do the following in the immediate future:

1. Re-establish the core website and social media links
2. Run a workshop early in the new season for Programme / Competition Secretaries
3. Run the PDI Championship as planned in November.
4. Rebuild our directories for Judges and Speakers

Championship Changes

We will be writing to all clubs very soon with news of the PDI Championship, which will run as planned on **17th November 2018** in Burgess Hill.

As a result of long committee discussions, and listening to your opinions at the Forum, we have decided to suspend the Development Class for the time being, reverting to a single class Open event.

Clubs are still agreed, on the whole, that the Development Class has been a good innovation and has provided an unprecedented opportunity for more photographers to have their work representing their clubs at county level. However, it has proved ultimately unworkable to establish a watertight definition of eligibility. This committee is committed to continue to seek ways to improve the Championships.

Therefore, for both events in 2018 / 2019, there will be one Open class requiring an entry of twelve images from no fewer than ten photographers (as currently but with no restrictions).

Website / Social Media

We will be providing updates throughout the summer. Please ensure to visit the website and encourage as many people as possible – at least one for every club - to Follow our Facebook page, from which you can have news of events ‘pushed’ to you.

If you have events such as major speakers or exhibitions that you wish to publicise, you can do this already by posting a web link and image to the SxPF Facebook Page. We will then approve it and share it to the timeline. Ultimately we hope to make it easy for you do this on the website too.

<http://www.sxpf.org.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/SussexPhotoFed/>

Have a great summer of photography.

... Ken Scott
Chair

On behalf of the SxPF Committee