

Chelmsford Camera Club

Annual General Meeting for the year 2012/2013 Held at Moulsham Mill, Chelmsford at 19.30 on Wednesday 22nd May 2013.

Those Present:

Alan Cook, Alan Shipperlee, Alan Watts, Alec Fraser, Andrew Pickess, Andy Jones, Ann Burley, Annie Ringland, Arnold Cleaver, Barry Collin, Bill Coles, Bob Pollard, Brian Purdy, Brigitte Whiteing, Bruce Gray, Clare Price, Colin Birch, David Bladon, David Steward, David Whiteing, Derrick Cutts, Elaine Butcher, Greg Keeling, Heather Tabor, Jackie Bale, John Goodacre, John Sander, John Wheeler, Jonathon Banks, Julian Petrie, Melvyn Frewin, Mike Brown, Mike Crack, Mike Rose, Pat Frewin, Paul Griffiths, Peter Herries, Phil Voyez, Richard Stevens, Sheila Birch, Steve Langridge, Tony Mansfield. (42members)

Melvyn Frewin as Club President chaired the Meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence:

John Story, Rick Gill, Tony Cockrell, Trevor Burley.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2012.

Approval of the minutes of the 2012 AGM was proposed by Tony Mansfield and seconded by Jackie Bale. The minutes were then approved by the meeting *nem. con.* and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters arising from those minutes.

Purchase and installation of New Screen – **Action Complete**

Invitation to Tony Rye to give a talk – his talk on “the Best of Mountains and Deserts” was given on 27 February 2013. **Action Complete**

Posters for Annual Exhibition- “Benefits of membership” was provided on posters and as a flier with programme. **Action Complete.**

Mentors- A list of available Mentors is included on the Club website. CP has discussed with new members what they required and 8 sessions were held at Colin’s house early in the season. This training was well received by those who took part. **Action Complete.**

MF pointed out that following those training sessions, nobody has requested help from mentors. He reminded members that the facility is still there, including the beginners training course.

Bruce Gray asked why themed competitions were dropped from the league when by a vote of members at the 2012 AGM (15in favour to12 against) it was decided to retain Themes in the league.

MF explained that under Club rules, this had been an informal vote, to be taken as a recommendation to the committee. Annie Ringland said that there was a concern that as there were now only 5 league competitions, it was no longer possible to omit the lowest score, so no-one could afford to miss entering any competition in the season.

MF then asked for a show of hands from members in favour of retaining Themes in the League for the future. **The result was: 1 in favour, 38 against, 3 abstentions.** The motion to retain Themes in the League was therefore defeated.

Action: CB to ensure that Committee takes note of this Member recommendation.

4. Treasurer’s report and presentation and approval of the annual accounts.

The Club’s membership rose to 93 members plus 4 honorary life members. 22 new members joined during the season. We are averaging 54 members each Wednesday evening (57 to Christmas, 50 since), an increase on last season. 15 other potential members came along, but failed to join the club. The number of members we now have means that a waiting list has had to be introduced, hopefully those on it will be able to join in September but that depends on how many current members don’t rejoin next season.

The club remains financially sound and the actions agreed at the last AGM have turned round the run of 3 consecutive loss making seasons. However we couldn't have planned on 22 new members and the huge success of the Joe Cornish event these two items account for an additional income of £2443.

There are no significant changes in expenditure, the equipment costs were the new screen and repairs to the laptop and sound system.

I would like to thank Keith Walters for auditing the accounts and Keith has indicated he will audit the accounts again next year.

I have a detailed breakdown of the accounts available if any one has any questions.

Discussion on this Report : Barry Collin commented that it was good to see a healthy financial position and money in the bank.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts was proposed by Clare Price and seconded by Annie Ringland. Carried unanimously.

Andrew Pickess proposed that as the Auditor had done his work without payment, that as per the Club's normal practice a bottle of wine should be given to him as a token reward. A vote was taken and this was carried unanimously.

5. **Officers' reports:**

(Proposed by the President that the reports be dealt with in their entirety and then voted upon at the end of the final report).

(a) Secretary- Alec Fraser

The Secretary's job is mainly routine and if there are no disasters there is normally not much to report!

The query feature on the Club Website is working well and I receive lots of membership queries by phone and email. I answer with information requested and encouraging them to visit on Club evenings.

For those who seem keen to visit I try to warn the Reception team and of course Clare Price who is now the "meet-and-greeter". She has a word with them and other members can play their part to continue the chatting up process.

Thanks to Clare and all those members who make this a friendly and welcoming club.

Lots of other information constantly comes in and the important stuff goes on the notice board- due to space restrictions some filtering is necessary and I try to cover the regional and Club events, excluding all the pure advertising stuff.

Print box orders have been continued- we collect all the requirements of CCC and order via Daphne Hanson at the EAF. This results in a couple of orders per year- it's cheaper this way, so try to order in good time and please be patient if you have to wait a bit!

I've been trying to streamline the job of minute taking by compiling a skeleton version of the minutes, based on the Agenda and reports on the laptop and for a slow typist (me) to type in the questions comments and actions. Thanks to the Committee for sending their reports early.

(We are doing the same for tonight's AGM minutes) Can we request that members who ask questions can give their name? This is not because I don't know who most of you are but it helps when you have your head down looking at the screen to know who is talking.

My next job following these minutes will be to draft the annual Welcome Letter to individual members to herald the start of the next Season and to invite renewal of Membership by sending the application forms. This letter has to be ready for the Summer Barbecue in order to distribute as many copies as possible by hand and save postage.

Action: AF to prepare 2013-2014 Welcome letter draft for approval prior to Barbecue, and gather further suggestions from the Committee

There were no questions on this report

(b) Programme Secretary- Melvyn Frewin

The 2012-2013 season included a selection of prestige speakers, which included Hugh Milson & Pat Broad, Chris Palmer, Gavin Hoey and the return of Joe Cornish at the Cramphorn Theatre. All of the 172 seats were sold out. I hope you all enjoyed the programme for 2012-2013.

We had two cancellations one judge and one speaker; generally I feel that the speakers proved to be excellent which resulted in a good balanced programme. Some of the judges proved to be a mixed bag with varying degrees of success but the number of judges I can call on is diminishing each year.

The committee has again agreed to allow me to spend more money for prestige speakers for the 2013 – 2014 season, which I have done.

These include “Light what Light” Patricia Jones. FRPS. “As I see it” Richard Walton. FRPS.MPAGB.

EFIAP

“Wild Britain” Colin Westgate. FRPS DPAGB. APAGB. MFIAP. “Barbies Indian Takaway” Barbie

Lindsay. MPAGB.EFIAP. and the return of Nik Szymantek “Photographing the night sky”.

Due to the huge increase in fuel prices virtually all of the Judges and Speakers have increased their fees again this year.

I have invited a varied list of judges for the new season some who you will have seen before and some new ones to the club.

The practical evenings will continue on a Thursday at the Bell Centre, Baddow. The subjects for the evenings will be displayed on the club website.

The new programme for 2013 – 2014 season is complete and it is hoped to have them printed ready for the annual BBQ on the 10th August.

Should any member have any idea's they would like to put to me as to regards lectures or demonstration evenings please let me know and we will try to implement them in future seasons if possible.

Discussion:

Heather Tabor asked about the start date of the new season and this was confirmed as the 4th September 2013.

Annie Ringland asked what members evenings were planned. Melvyn stated that there will be three, of which one will be a presentation by Camera World, hopefully for the first Members' Evening of the season on 9th October. For the other two members evenings- ideas are requested from Members.

Mike Rose suggested that Members should be reminded at least 4 weeks in advance of each Members Evening to enable members to provide their proposals.

Action: CB to ensure that members are reminded at least 4 weeks in advance to prepare and deliver contributions to Members' evenings

Melvyn pointed out that the attendance at the Baddow evenings had been disappointing.

(c) Competition Secretaries:

(i) Print: Bill Coles

League Competitions:

This year saw the introduction of a new League format, there are now five non-themed competitions where all five entries count towards the final results, without the opportunity to delete the lowest score, and one Themed competition, separate from the League for both Prints and DPI's.

The total number of members participating in the Colour section was 46 and in the Mono section 30.

League Mono

Entry Level was won by Greg Keeling who moves up to Advanced Level together with Elaine Butcher and Alan Watts. Advanced Level was won by Clare Price, who moves up to Premier together with Bill Coles; the winner of the Premier section was Ann Burley. There will now be 8 members in the Premier section for 2013/14.

League Colour

Entry Level was won by Andy Jones who moves up to Advanced Level together with Greg Keeling and Heather Tabor. Advanced Level was won by Charles Shearer who moves up to Premier together with Bill Coles, Martin Rogers, Dave Steward and Phil Voyez. There will now be 14 members in the Premier section for 2013/14.

Themed Trophy Competition

There were 3 themes to the competition, Street, Creative and Up Close.

Winner of the Street theme was Trevor Burley with 'Street Hairdresser', Barry Collin second with 'Down' and third Colin Birch with 'Reflections of London'.

The Creative theme was won by Greg Keeling with 'Final Lap Paralympic Games', second Colin Birch with 'Moods' and third Jackie Bale with 'Odd One Out'.

The Up Close theme was won by Trevor Burley with 'Watchful', second was Melvyn Frewin with 'Banana Plant' and third Bruce Gray with 'Romance at the Trevi Fountain'.

The overall trophy winner was Trevor Burley with his image 'Street Hairdresser'.

Burley Cup

The competition for the best panel of three prints was well supported with a total of 31 panels submitted. It was won by Pat Frewin for 'Fading Roses' with Ray Lawrence coming second for 'Carnevale, Venice' and Melvyn Frewin in third place for 'Steel and Stone Profiles'.

Three authors were awarded Highly Commended, Charles Shearer for 'Terns Face-off', Andrew Pickess for 'Field Barns Yorkshire Dales' and Phil Voyez for 'Maldon Silhouettes'.

Panel of Six

The Cyril Chorley Memorial Trophy for the best panel of six prints was won by Ray Lawrence with a panel entitled 'Premiership Rugby', Charles Shearer was second with 'Arctic Terns' and Pat Frewin third with 'Fading Roses'. There were two authors awarded Highly Commended, Bruce Gray for 'Northumberland Coastal Light' and Colin Birch for 'Estuary Racing'.

There were a total of 12 panels submitted.

Annual Awards

There were 188 prints submitted which was a challenge for the judge, David Steel, but gave us some excellent prints on the annual awards evening.

Monochrome Prints

Cup winners were Phil Voyez (Class 1), Andy Jones (Class 2) and Clare Price (Class 3) with Phil winning the cup for Best Overall Mono Print and Greg Keeling winning the trophy for Best Overall Entry Level Mono Print.

Colour Prints

Cup Winners were Pat Frewin (Class1), Trevor Burley (Class 2) and Charles Shearer (Class 3) with Pat winning the cup for Best Overall Colour Print and Andy Jones winning the Frewin Cup for Best Overall Entry Level Colour Print.

Following a vote by the members, the President's Cup for the Best Image of the Year was won by Phil Voyez for his Mono image 'Lloyds Building, London.

Galleries

I would like to thank those Members who loaned their prints for display at Broomfield Hospital and Essex County Council. Over the next few weeks we will be exhibiting a second display at the Broomfield Hospital.

Many thanks to all those who participated in these competitions: they were very successful and the standard of the prints was praised by the judges.

Last but not least, many thanks to Sheila, who manned the laptop and helped to organise and keep me on the straight and narrow.

As of today there are another 9 prints at the hospital taken up by alan Watts today

Ann burley: how many members entered the Print theme competition. Answer: 22 members Panel of 6 (12 panels)

(ii) PDI- Tony Cockrell (read by Alec Fraser in Tony's absence)

League

This season consisted of five closely fought competitions with the following results.

Awards

Premier Level	3 rd Colin Birch	46.5 points
	2 nd Isobella Knight	47 points
	1 st Veronica Rice	49.5 points
	Ray Lawrence	49.5 points

- 13 members took part at this level in all of the competitions.

Advanced Level	3 rd Jonathon Banks	44.5 points
	Martin Rogers	44.5 points
	2 nd David Heath	47 points
	1 st Charles Shearer	49 points

Entry Level	3 rd Kate Frankova	44.5 points
	2 nd Kevin Finch	46.5 points
	1 st Rick Gill	47.5 points
	1 st John Wheeler	47.5 points

Entry Level members moving up to Advanced Level next season:-

John Wheeler
Rick Gill
Kevin Finch
Kate Frankova
Mike Crack
Heather Tabor
Michael Juniper

Advanced Level members moving up to Premier Level next season:-

Charles Shearer
David Heath

Premier Level for next season will be:-

Ray Lawrence, Veronica Rice, Isabella Knight, Colin Birch, Malcolm MacGregor, Steve Langridge, Greg Keeling, Brigitte Whiteing, Barry Collin, Bruce Gray, David Bishop, Annie Ringland, Andrew Pickess, Charles Shearer, David Heath.

Themed Competition

This was well supported 23 members taking part with 69 images shown.

Group 1. Creative

3 rd Ray Lawrence	Thistle transformed.
2 nd Colin Birch	Bird Book.
1 st Trevor Burley	Lemon Head.

Group 2. Song/Film Title.

3 rd Tom Plucinski	Burlesque.
2 nd Alison Johnson	Sun Arise.
1 st Trevor Burley	The Whisper.

Group 3. Coast.

3 rd Ray Lawrence	Whitby.
2 nd Colin Birch	Bamburgh Castle.
1 st Ann Burley	First light- Embleton Bay.

The overall winner being Trevor Burley Group 2. The Whisper.

Annual Awards

Seventeen members entered this season's competition.

Class 1. 68 images 16 members

Class 2. 21 images 11 members

Class 3. 48 images 13 members

Total 137images

Down once again by 2 members but up by 10 images from previous season.

Awards

Class 1. Creative / Pictorial	3 rd David Heath 2 nd Bruce Gray 1 st Jonathon Banks	Reflections. Stone Wall Crevice. Marine way bridge.
Class 2. Portrait	3 rd Greg Keeling 2 nd Charles Shearer 1 st Greg Keeling	Ryo against the wall. Determination. Sarah.
Class 3. Record / Natural History	3 rd Steve Langridge 2 nd Charles Shearer 1 st Rick Gill	Common Darter. Banded Damoiselle. Marbled White- Melanargia
Galathea.		
Best Entry Level	Heather Tabor	Harvest Mouse.
Best Overall	Jonathon Banks	Marine way bridge.

Once again I would like to thank Brigitte Whiteing for her help in recording the league scores and look forward to seeing more of your images next season.

There were no questions on this report.

(iii) External Competition Secretary- Pat Frewin

We have once again had a successful year, winning 7 of the 14 competitions that we have entered. We also achieved 5 Best Image awards, which is excellent.

The results are as follows:

4 C's Shield Panel Competition:

This is our own External Panel of 6 competition. This year Chelmsford won the trophy with a panel called "Oyster Dredging Match at West Mersea Island" by Bruce Gray. 2nd place went to Halstead and 3rd place to Ipswich. "Premiership Rugby" by Ray Lawrence was Highly Commended.

Benfleet Battle:

Chelmsford beat Benfleet, scoring 173.5 to 167. "Hadleigh Castle" by Bill Coles achieved Best Mono print and "New Hat" by Andy Jones, the Best Colour print.

Colchester 8 x 8 Battle:

This competition is 8 prints by 8 different authors between 8 clubs. Chelmsford came 2nd, losing to Colchester by 1 mark.

Great Notley Battle:

This competition is for 20 digital images. Chelmsford beat Great Notley, scoring 370 to their 354 marks. "Hope" by Trevor Burley was awarded Best Image of the evening.

ICON Battle:

Chelmsford came 2nd out of 5 very good clubs, showing excellent work.

Baddow Mono Print Competition:

Chelmsford came 1st of 8 clubs. "Khymer Survivor" by Barry Henshaw was awarded Best Mono print of the competition, and we also received a cheque for £25.

CAPS Print Competition:

Chelmsford came 1st of 7 clubs, winning by a margin of 5.5 marks. "Khymer Survivor" by Barry Henshaw was awarded the Best Print. This is the 6th consecutive year we have won this award.

Cambridge PDI Competition:

Chelmsford came 5th of 36 clubs covering the whole East Anglia region.

EAF PDI Championships:

Chelmsford came joint 4th out of 34 clubs from the East Anglia region.

Essex Inter Club PDI Competition:

Chelmsford came 1st of 9 clubs.

Braintree Shield:

This is a Mono print competition. Chelmsford came 1st of 11 clubs.

EAF Print Championships:

Out of 23 clubs in the East Anglia region, Chelmsford came 9th.

Maldon Challenge:

This competition is joint Mono prints and PDI. Chelmsford came 4th overall out of 14 clubs. "Schoolgirls, Kashmir" by Trevor Burley was awarded a Merit.

CAPS PDI Competition:

This competition is for 7 images of which 3 are themed. Chelmsford came 3rd of 8 clubs.

Our success over the last season is totally due to the high standard of work you are all producing, and I am pleased to report that I have been able to use some new members work to represent the club.

I must thank all the members who come with us to support the club at these competitions, but it would be good to see some more of you. It is a good opportunity to see what other people are producing.

I want to give my thanks to all the members who are so co-operative with providing me with their work, and especially to Tony Cockrell, who constantly gives me all the PDI work used in our internal competitions. This is invaluable when trying to select our entries.

Lets hope we can make next season even more successful.

The themes for next years CAPS PDI Competition are: Reflections, Racing and Old Age, so you have a challenge over the summer months!

There were no questions on this report.

(d) Exhibition and Publicity Officer- Alan Watts

We are now in a position to assemble our display of prints in the new area at Broomfield Hospital. This will be done in the next week .The exhibition at the library in August is proving to be a headache this year .The number of boards available seems to be in doubt. We were told earlier this year that the required number would not be a problem. This was after some inside digging by Greg Keeling but now the council have changed their minds. This is ongoing and I will keep everyone informed on progress.

Discussion:

Alan warned that there may only be 20 boards this year, disappointing for all the members, but especially new members who may not have exhibited their work before. However we are still trying our best.

Club member Greg Keeling who works for ECC has kindly met with the Facilities Manager on our behalf and the matter has been passed to MITIE the outsource company to be dealt with.

Action: AW to liaise with the ECC via Greg Keeling to ensure maximum possible availability of boards and report to Chairman if still major problems

The Broomfield Hospital gallery has been extended into the corridor connecting the new building to the old building- our work looks good there and is near to some paintings. Our existing exhibition is still in place.

(e) Webmaster- Andrew Pickess

New features this year:

- Mobile cut down version of the site, shows what you need on a mobile but still links to the full main site if needed.
 - Has the PhotoTrek Themes
 - Summer Events Calendar
- Amateur Photographer News feed now works properly
- Forum reintroduced – please join in 14 members so far

I am working on a way for members to upload their PDI images to a website instead of copying to CD or memory stick. Colin has tested it other committee members will be checking it out soon as well. It will not allow images to be submitted that are not 1400px by 1050px. Could be tested on the PhotoTrek.

Usage of the site is quite high:

- Visits: 8,239
- Page views: 32,045
- 15% of visits by mobile device
- most popular page is the programme

If you get a 10 in a league print competition could you email me the image for the website, PDI's I get direct from the PDI Competition Secretary.

Any new ideas for the site then just let me know.

Discussion:

AP added that for the Forum, 127 spam activation requests have been received!! He again urged that members should make use of it.

The upload facility will be voluntary for members- uploads cannot be retrieved. There will be no change to the existing submission deadlines.

Jackie Bale asked if members' Galleries can be updated. AP stated: Yes, by emailing new images. She commented that this is a "Brilliant" website. Members agreed and applauded.

(f) Chairman- Colin Birch

This has been a successful season with a very good programme thanks to Melvyn, and a really good Committee that worked well together. You, as Club members, have been very supportive and seem to have enjoyed the activities, but we do have about as many active members as we can cope with, so make sure you rejoin as early as possible in September.

Last summer we had the barbecue, so many thanks to Pat and Melvyn for a lovely afternoon. Anyone who hasn't paid for this year's should do so as soon as possible. The Pub Evenings were well attended last summer, but note that this year we are using a different pub – the White Hart at Margaretting Tye. We are also doing more photoshoots as last year's was popular, so see the website for details.

This season has seen an increased level of interest in distinctions with several people gaining their LRPS. A number of people are also going to an EAF Advisory Day on 1st September to consider PAGB distinctions. We also had ten members who had images accepted into the Annual EAF Exhibition in Harlow with an award going to Ann Burley. Several also had images accepted for national and international exhibitions, including some awards: it is a way to concentrate the mind on improving your work so I would recommend it.

The Club was also asked to support some external events by forming a team to take photographs to provide a record of the event. The first was the Olympic Flame passing through Chelmsford, organised by the City Council, then the Birketts Race4Business, a 3½ mile race through the city in aid of Macmillan Cancer, and finally, the Essex Street Diversions with all the strange acts involved. They were all fun to do and raise the profile of the club, so thanks to everyone who took part.

I'd like to close by thanking this year's Committee for all their efforts to ensure that everything went well, with a special 'thank you' to the two retiring members, Tony Cockrell as PDI Competition Secretary and Alan Watts as Publicity Officer. This was Tony's second long stint on the Committee so he deserves a well-earned rest. And finally, special thanks to Melvyn for being a very supportive President throughout the year.

Acceptance of all the Officers' reports was proposed Andy Jones and seconded by Steve Langridge.

Carried unanimously.

6. Year 2013/2014 subscriptions.

The Committee proposes that **the 2013/2014 subscriptions should be held the same as last year. Which was: Annual membership £30, Concessionary membership £25, Family membership £50; Junior/Student membership in full time education under the age of 21: £10, Overseas Member £10; normal Wednesday entrance fee £2.00 and the evening workshops £1.00.**

This motion was proposed by Clare Price and seconded by Tony Mansfield, carried unanimously.

Action: Treasurer/ Webmaster (AP) to post these fees on website

7. New scoring system for the Theme competitions.

Colin Birch described the proposed new system: All images will now be marked, so member with most points overall will win the trophy.

Clare Price suggested a new rule such that individual images shall not have appeared previously in any League or Theme competition. Barry Collin further proposed that images for the Theme Competitions should be subject to an age limit. There were various suggestions and CB agreed that these proposals will be considered in Committee.

Action: CB

8. Photographer of the Year

This new trophy has been proposed by Andrew Pickess, and will encompass the results of all existing Competitions throughout the season- this is fully described in an article on the Cub website so will not be further described in these minutes.

9. Waiting List:

MF stated that the waiting list has had to be activated this year, and we currently have five prospective new members waiting to join. So that we know how many places we have to offer people on the waiting list, we would appreciate it if our existing members could pay their fees within the **first two weeks** of the new season.

10. President's remarks: Melvyn Frewin

My first year as president seems to have passed by extremely fast; this has been aided by a conscientious and hardworking committee.

I am sorry to hear that Tony Cockrell and Alan Watts are standing down from the committee. They will be missed. I take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work they have put in for the club and to wish them every success in the future.

It has been encouraging to see so many new faces join the club this year and even more encouraging the spread of the Annual Awards certificates and trophy's across a wide range of members.

Six of our members achieved their LRPS distinction with the Royal Photographic Society, also some members are due to take various PAGB distinctions in the future.

We look forward to following their progress in gaining distinctions and hope this encourages other members to follow suit.

Some members have entered for the first time at National Exhibition level and have gained acceptances

I look forward to seeing you all keep up the good work for the 2013-2014 season.

11. Election of the President.

Melvyn Frewin has agreed to be nominated again for this position. No other names have been put forward.

Proposed by: CB

Seconded by: A Ringland

Melvyn handed over the chair to Colin Birch and a vote was taken unanimously in favour.

Melvyn was declared as duly elected to the office of President and continued as Chairman of this AGM.

12. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members

The following nominations had been received for the positions listed below

Club Chairman: Colin Birch
Vice Chairman: Pat Frewin
Secretary: Alec Fraser
Treasurer: Andrew Pickess
Programme secretary: Melvyn Frewin
Competition Sec PDI: Rick Gill
Competition Sec Prints: Bill Coles
External Competition secretary: Pat Frewin
Committee Member Web: Andrew Pickess
Committee Member Sound: Dave Steward
Committee Member Rota Organisation: Ann Burley
Committee Member Publicity: Annie Ringland
Committee Member Asst Treasurer: Clare Price
Committee Member Equipment: Alan Shipperlee

See nomination sheet for individual proposers and seconders
All positions being unopposed, adoption of the entire Committee was proposed by **Andy Jones** and seconded by **Steve Langridge**.

Voting then took place by members, except those above nominated as Committee Members.

Those in favour: All

Those against: none

Abstentions: none

The above were declared as duly elected Committee members to serve for the 2013-2014 season
Arnold Cleaver asked if we have the right number of committee members as per the Club's Constitution. MF answered in the affirmative: we have 12 members on the Committee.

13. Election of Honorary Auditor.

Keith Waters has agreed to be the Auditor for the 2013-2014 season- his adoption for this role was proposed by Annie Ringland and seconded by Elaine Butcher. Carried unanimously.

14. Any other business

Next year's Trophy themes are to be found on the Home page of the Club website
Guidance on themes provided by Pat Frewin

Sheila Birch: In League competitions, members need to achieve certain scores to get promoted to the next level and also to stay at that level. In Sheila's view it is too easy to stay in Premier- She proposes in order to stay at the Premier level members should be required to average 9 marks per competition over the season.

MF had a concern that demoting Premier members would make it hard for the advanced workers
MF agreed that the Committee will look at this for the 2014-5 season.

Action CB/AF to ensure this goes into the Agenda at the appropriate time

This concluded the business of the 2013 AGM and the meeting was declared closed at 9.46

Presentation of the Nice Cup for meritorious service to the Club.

The Cup was presented to Andrew Pickess who has been a member for a considerable time and currently performs several vital roles in the Club, ie Treasurer, Webmaster, and organiser of the Summer Trek and Baddow Challenge. The award was given because Andrew has carried out all the above tasks with exceptional diligence and frequently suggests new ideas. (The latest such being the Photographer of the year Competition' which he has not only proposed but is willing to keep track of the scores on which the results will be based.)

Presentation of the League Awards.

Trophies were presented by Melvyn Frewin- see Website and/or above reports for winners.