

**Chelmsford Camera Club**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting for the year 2019/2020**  
**held on-line.**  
**At 19.30 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Those Present:**

Robert Fraser, Andrew Pickess, Bob Pollard, Brian Purdy, Clare Price, Colin Birch, David Bishop, David Clark, David Whiteing, Greg Keeling, Ian McDonald, John Story, Graham Chorley, Mark Taylor, Melvyn Frewin, Mike Crack, Mike Leonard, Mike Rose, Pat Frewin, Steve Birch, Tom Peacock, Tony Mansfield, Trevor Sadowski, Greg Keeling, Bas Patel, Ray Lawrence, Bruce Gray, Chris Hackett, Jose Dechamps, Alison Garrett, Annie Ringland, Barry Collin.

**Agenda**

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

None

**2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.**

Proposed by: Tony Mansfield

Seconded by: Mike Leonard

Approved by 28 votes to accept, 2 abstentions.

**3. Matters arising from those minutes.**

**a. Constitutional Amendment – Junior and Student members:**

These have been added to the website

**b. Themed Competitions**

They have been added to the website and will be selected by the committee every January

**c. More support needed for Members' Evenings**

PT wrote to the members to try and elicit more support for members evening.

**d. New Venue:**

See later

**e. Successful Annual Awards to be published on Club website.**

Annual Awards have been published on the website.

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

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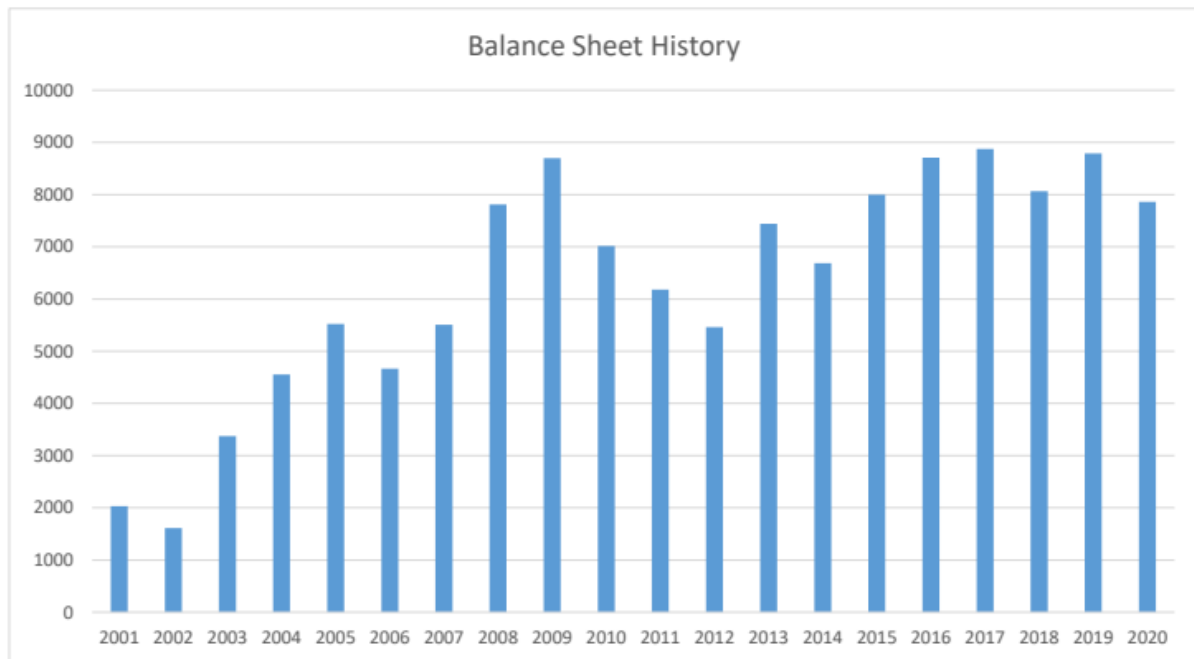
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Mike Crack  
21 May 2020

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**Treasurer's Report – Addendum**  
**The Financial Impact of Covid-19**

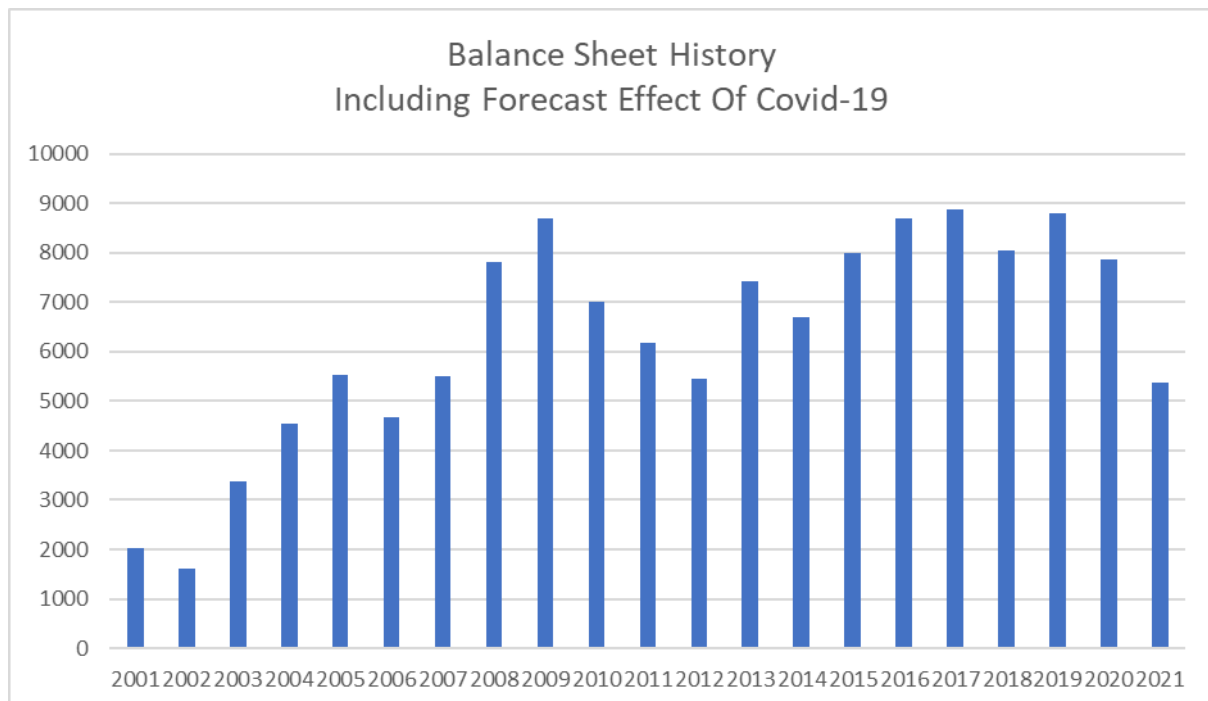
On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, in response to Government guidelines, we suspended Wednesday meetings and SIGs. This means that income from attendance fees and raffle takings stopped, and the only remaining income stream is presently from membership fees.

In an attempt to keep the Club functioning we continued to employ external judges for the final DPI competition and the Annual Awards. Also, we have purchased a full Zoom license, which has enabled us to hold meetings in the close season, including presentations from high quality speakers. Often, more than 40 members have attended these meetings, and feedback has been positive.

This all comes at a cost.

It's difficult to predict, with any confidence, when normal meetings will resume. I believe it's possible that we will not hold normal meetings before the end of the 2020/21 season – ie end May 2021. Based on this premise I forecast a deficit of around £2500 for the 2020/21 season. As the chart below shows, this would put our net worth back to level it was in 2012, and all years prior to 2007, so there doesn't appear to be a need for immediate action, and my proposal in the Treasurer's Statement that there is no change to membership or attendance fees stands.

We will, however, continue to monitor developments and, if necessary, propose actions to keep the Club's finances healthy. This could include raising membership and/or attendance fees and, perhaps, asking for a contribution to the cost of Zoom meetings.



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Income & Expenses for Year Ending 31 March 2020			2020/21 Forecast Worst case - No Mill meetings 2020/21	
Income	2018/19	2019/20		
Membership fees	2485	2485	2235	Based on 2019 less 10% - possible attrition
Attendances Wednesday	3312	3112		
Attendances Practical	309	207		
Raffle Collection	898.00	877		
Less Raffle prizes	365.73	532	273	604
Bank Interest	2	2		
Panel of 6 Comp	159	17		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6799</b>	<b>6427</b>	<b>2235</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Rent - Wednesday Club Nights (Mill)	1866	1792	165	Charge for 3mtgs March 2018 - already paid
Rent - Thursday SIGs (Mill)	327	373	55	1 meeting - Already paid
Sandon Village Hall		220		
Judges Expenses	381	507	500	20 comps at £25 per comp
Speakers Expenses	979	1252	1450	Based on 2019 plus £200 for extra speakers in close season
Insurance	315	254	255	Based on 2019
EAF, PAGB etc	244	246	250	Based on 2019
Weekly Refreshments	358	357		
Social Events (BBQ & Xmas Social)	321	309		
Donations	16	100	100	Based on 2019
Engraving and Cups	244	329	290	Average 2018/19
Equipment Purchase/Maint/Repair	67	639	70	Based on 2018
External Competitions	120	227	540	Based on 2018 plus new laptop for Ext comp cttee
Other Expenses	76	123	165	Already spent
Website	112	125	180	Based on 2019 + extended storage
Postage and Stationery	283	201	240	Average 2018/19
Programme Printing	325	275	275	Based on 2019
Printing and Photocopying	38	26	30	Based on 2019
Zoom subs			168	12 mths @ £14 pm
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6072</b>	<b>7353</b>	<b>4733</b>	
Surplus/-Deficit for the year	727	-926	-2498	
Balance at start of year	8063	8790	7864	
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>8790</b>	<b>7864</b>	<b>5366</b>	
Bank Current a/c end of year	4840	3711	1413	
Bank Savings a/c end of year	3951	3953	3953	
Cash in hand		200		

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MC commented that he had sent out the annual account twice and there had been no response, consequently, as there were no questions, he is assuming that everyone is happy with the accounts. Melvyn Frewin proposed that the meeting accept the accounts, it was seconded by Mike Rose and the meeting agreed the approved the accounts (28 agreed, 1 abstention).

**5. Officers' Reports – see Appendix 1**

**6. Members to vote on Officers' reports:** (Proposed by the President that the reports be dealt with in their entirety and then voted upon.) This year all of the Officers Reports have been emailed to members in advance so that they can read them prior to the AGM and have any questions they wish answered. Proposed by Mike Leonard and Seconded by Melvyn Frewin. Approved by 28 votes to accept, 2 abstentions.

**7. Chairman's Report – Ray Lawrence**

I find myself in a strange position. Having picked up the mantle in an acting capacity three quarters of the way through the season, my first responsibility was to cancel the rest of the scheduled meetings due to the COVID pandemic. Subsequent to this, the exhibition at the library, the 4C's and then the clubs annual BBQ have all become casualties of a different normal. There is obviously a fear at this point that the lights are off. However, through the boundless energy, enthusiasm and commitment of the club committee harnessed with the beauty of technology, the club has continued to meet virtually via zoom, and aims if anything to develop our activities moving forward.

Competitions have been exclusively undertaken through PDI, and together with the acquisition of excellent speakers, some of whom in the course of our normal season we would not have had the ability to entertain, hope the members who have tuned in to all the zoom sessions have appreciated the fare which has been placed before them.

Over the summer season, we have had increasing support for the internal PDI competitions, with some stunning images being presented, and as already indicated speakers engaged from slightly more distant geographies including Smethwick, Ireland and Tblisi, Georgia

Behind the scenes there has been a huge amount of effort in relation to next seasons program, which has been changed, re organised and organised again by Colin Birch, in an effort to ensure despite the COVID uncertainty we have all bases covered. To this end a program has been developed which is capable of being presented physically at the Mill, or virtually over zoom which is no mean feat. It is highly likely the majority of the season will be conducted virtually, especially in view of the heightened fear of a second COVID wave as I pen this piece.

To accommodate this, there will be a requirement for us to modify certain aspects, particularly in relation to print competitions. We are planning to operate print competitions, but with social distancing in mind the rules will be modified to require a PDI copy of the print entered to be uploaded. Prints will need to be delivered 10 days prior to the competition to a collection point at the Mill (we will advertise and broadcast well in advance), and the prints will then be labelled and taken to the judges who have agreed to judge in this fashion. The PDI requirement is to enable the images to be viewed via zoom with the judges commentary as appropriate.

As a club we are also looking into how we may present the Special Interest Groups, again across zoom, and will broadcast to all members once a program has been organised. We are busy at the moment trying to expand the range of topics available to us. The one group which continues to thrive is the Wildlife SIG which has been sharing lots of images of birds and insects during the lockdown period.

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There will be many members who have isolated over the period, or may not have had the same amount of opportunity to exercise their trigger fingers. To this end, we are proposing to abandon any relegation from the league this season only, as we look to re - engage all our activities for the following season. However, this is the only real change to the competitions, and whilst there are plans to gently modify the structure of the competitions, everyone agreed this was maybe a subject for future seasons, not next.

On a much sadder note we unfortunately lost 4 members of the club during the course of the year. John Wheeler, Ron Gregory, John Goodacre and Richard Stevens. We offer our thoughts, condolences and best wishes to their friends and families.

One of the biggest issues as has been addressed by the Treasurers financial report is the financial impact of COVID. The club endured a deficit last year, and the forward forecast for next year is a further two thousand pound (ish) deficit. Whilst this may be an unwelcome and unpleasant jolt, we are fortunate that the governance of the club has been in very safe hands and reserves acquired over the years have allowed us to continue to operate, secure high quality speakers, whilst also looking to improve the program offering. We will at some point need to address, more so if we see any drop off in membership numbers this year. However, the first priority was to ensure the club continued to operate and thrive, and the number of attendees over the summer and the quality of the program organised for next year hopefully will prove a suitable testament to all the efforts taken to ensure this is the case.

Two members of the existing committee are not standing for re election this year. Steve Birch who has operated the print competitions on behalf of the club, and our current President Bruce Gray. On behalf of the club I would like to extend our extreme gratitude for all the effort and energy they have put into the club, and for kindly agreeing to 'extend' their commitments whilst our seasons became unnatural elongated through COVID.

This leads me to the one thing I feel bound to comment as an extension to the above is the extra ordinary effort which is undertaken by members of the committee to ensure we as club members receive an interesting and diverse program, which allows the club to thrive. During the pandemic, this is doubly the case with technical solutions being sought by Zoom, a host of additional communications to judges and speakers to isolate their ability and willingness to operate virtually. Without the efforts of all these individuals we would not have a club to be proud of, and take my hat off to all those members of the committee who unselfishly give up their time, effort and energy for the rest of us.

I look forward to welcoming you all back this season, whether virtually or physically, and hope everyone remains safe and well.

- 8. Year 2020/2021 subscriptions:** The committee proposes that the 2020/2021 subscriptions should be held the same as last year. 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. SIG Evening workshops £2. Proposed by: **Annie Ringland** Seconded by: **John Shears** Carried Unanimously.
- 9. Membership Renewal:** Existing members are requested to rejoin by the end of the summer break as we are near our maximum membership and would like to be able to offer places to new members in September.
- 10. President's remarks.**

When I became president for a 1 year term at the 2019 AGM I could never have imagined the events that would follow and that the term of office would be extended by several months.

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In the first part of the season we lost 5 long serving members of the club

John Fildes - Past committee member and responsible for first introducing a sound system to the club.

John Wheeler – Long term member and past caretaker of the Mill

Richard Stevens - Long term member and entertainer with acts of magic

John Goodacre - One of the longest serving members of the club in excess of 20 years.

Ron Gregory - Long term member and remembered for his cheerfulness and words of encouragement.

In the second half of the season we had the saga of Sandon, a vote on the need for a president and finally the lockdown with coronavirus.

However, it has not all been bad news. In 12 external competitions we came in the top 3 places on 8 occasions and 1<sup>st</sup> place in 3. Congratulation to Sally in her first and very successful year as external competition secretary.

I would firstly thank all of your committee for their work in the smooth running of the club prior to the lockdown. Thanks also to Ray for stepping in to fill the role of chairman so effectively.

I would like to give a special thanks to Mike Crack and Clare Price for holding it together during a difficult time over Sandon

Special thanks too for Colin Birch for his work rearranging our programme during lockdown and of course to our techie team Andrew Pickess and Mark Taylor for stepping into the breach to give us, so successfully, our virtual evenings on zoom.

Steve Birch is standing down this year as print secretary and I would like to thank him for his many contributions to the running of the club during his term.

I would like to give a special thank you to you the members for your commitment and support for the club during difficult lockdown times. In spite of everything, we still have a club of enthusiastic photographers. Long may that remain so. I sincerely hope that there will come a time soon when normality returns and we can continue to be a successful club.

I can confirm that your committee will continue to look for a better venue for club meetings at the end of lockdown and a check list has been agreed for points that must be clearly satisfied in a potential venue before offering you the opportunity to agree a move.

Finally, I wish the club much success in the future and hope that it will function successfully for many years to come.

## **11. Election of the President.**

### **Nominations for President**

This year there were two nominations for the position of President:

Colin Birch – proposed by Bruce Gray and seconded by Ray Lawrence



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Pat Frewin – proposed by Melvyn Frewin and seconded by Greg Keeling

Bruce Gray outlined some of the reasons why Colin Birch should become our president.

Colin has been a long time member of the club, about 15 years, and has carried out many years of continual service. His ability to find the club speakers during these Covid-19 times has been outstanding. He has contributed significantly to the rules of the club and in the past has spent years in the search of new venues. He is currently the EAF president and therefore must be considered a steady 'pair of hands'.

Melvyn Frewin outlined some of the reasons why Pat Frewin should become our president.

Pat has been a member of the club for 18 years and over this period of time she has had many different roles. She was external competition secretary for 16 years and during this time took the club to Connah's Quay to represent the EAF at the PAGB Inter-Club Championship. Pat has been the chairman of the club, always gives 110% and has a great desire to be a useful person for the club. She is indeed a worthy candidate.

The election results were as follows:

Colin Birch – 25 votes  
Pat Frewin – 6 votes  
with 1 abstention.

Therefore Colin Birch was elected to serve as President and immediately took over the chair from Bruce.

## **12. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members.**

(members requested to vote on the whole list)

The following persons having been duly nominated and seconded individually have agreed to stand for the positions indicated below:

Chairman: **Ray Lawrence**  
Vice Chairman: **Andrew Pickess**  
Comp Sec PDI: **Mark Taylor**  
Comp Sec Prints: **Ian McDonald**  
Ext Comp Sec: **Sally Freeman**  
Committee Member Web: **Andrew Pickess**  
Committee Member Sound: **Mike Leonard**  
Committee Member Members Sec: **David Clark**  
Committee Member Rotas: **David Clark**

Approval of the appointment of these persons was proposed by: **Bruce Gray**, Seconded by: **Tony Mansfield**

On a vote of the members present, election of the above persons to the respective committee positions 31 members agreed (passed unanimously).

## **13. Election of Honorary Auditor.**

**Barry Collin** was proposed by: **Bruce Gray**, Seconded by: **Trevor Sadowski**

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On a vote of the members present, election of Barry Collin to the position of Auditor, 30 members agreed with 1 abstention.

**14. Proposed changes to the Constitution:**

**-13 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:** *SGM - If at least 6 members of the club have a serious point or complaint that they wish to be considered by the committee, then they will ask the secretary for a Special General Meeting to discuss these issues. The meeting will be chaired by the current chairman.*

**-14 EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:** *EGM - If the chairman and committee wish to propose a change to the constitution or the way the club is managed, then the chairman will arrange for an Extra Ordinary General Meeting to discuss the proposals with the members. The meeting will be chaired by the current president.*

**-11 SELECTION COMMITTEE:** *The Committee shall consist of the External Competitions Secretary and FIVE Members appointed by the Club Committee to serve for a period of one year and reappointed by the Committee*

Proposed by: **Annie Ringland** , Seconded by: **Bruce Gray**, 29 members agreed with 1 member disagreeing. The proposal was agreed.

**15. Any other business:**

**a. Questions from Members submitted in advance: There were none.**

**b. New Venue.**

MC told the meeting that he had found a new potential new venue, Broomfield Football Club (BFC). He felt that it ticked all the boxes for the requirements of Chelmsford Camera Club. It is a new building approximately 4 years old and doesn't yet appear on Google maps.

It has the following:-

Ample car parking on either side, room for about 50 cars

Storage Cupboards

underfloor heating

friendly people

kitchen

bar

Screen to be erected

Disable access and toilets

blackout blinds – asap

Projector but not calibrated

As there are no floodlights on the playing fields at BFC so the teams will not be able to train during the evenings.

CCC will need to use their own sound system.

BFC own the car park and the hall so there is no other outside influence on these premises.

The **main issue** was that we could not have every Wednesday night in the month, the alternative is to move to a Thursday night.

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MC felt that CCC was ideal for BFC and vice versa, but the use of the hall could not start until 2021-22 due to our own commitments to the judges and speakers.

MC said that we would need to make a firm commitment for the 2021-22 year, he felt that we would not find a better venue and CB concurred.

The way forward was for BFC to set up the hall and RL/MC organise staged visits from CCC members. They will then be able to judge for themselves whether the hall was suitable. RL asked the members to be patient over the timeslots as they would have to be socially distant. An evening was deemed essential as there had been disquiet about this during the Sandon episode. John Shears asked if it could be a Thursday evening..

(At present BFC has loaned some of their chairs to Broomfield hospital).

RL said that the committee were 100% behind the move to this new venue and asked the meeting to vote on a proposal to move forward with this potential new move.

29 members were in agreement, 1 disagreed and there was 1 abstention.

MC said that now 30% of the club have accepted this proposal, we must seek the opinion of the rest of the club. He suggested that images of the hall and grounds were sent to remaining members, asking for their questions and organise a visit sooner rather than later.

CB said, in his capacity as programme secretary, that he had started bookings for 21-22 therefore it was essential that we make the decision about BFC as soon as possible.

Tony Mansfield asked whether the committee were considering extending the membership, RL replied that it was not being considered due to the number of prints on a print night.

### **c. Attendance Finances**

Tony Mansfield asked about raising the concessionary annual subscription from £25 to £30. MC stated that this would be reviewed the end of next season.

RL said that until now we haven't charged the members for the zoom sessions, as our aim is to keep the club going. We need to review this situation.

There was the obvious suggestion to charge for these sessions as this would help the finances, therefore there was a proposal to collect a payment when we as individuals accessed a zoom session. AP said that a third party could be involved who would take a percentage of the zoom fees e.g. a fee of £1.50 would need a charge to the members of £2.17 and a fee of £2.00 would mean a charge of £2.67 to the member. Tony Mansfield stated that he wouldn't want money to go to any third party.

There was a general consensus that we should have a chargeable process. The suggestions for this process included:

- Donation process (not per zoom session)
- RL suggested a payment per attendance on zoom. MC to invoice members every so many weeks.
- Barry Collin suggested a credit card payment for every evening that was attended.
- Steve Marriott stated that his golf club use a card collection process, for every time you attend, this is totalled, and the amount is deducted every month.
- Greg Keeling suggested a flat rate for all, but MC said that was unfair as there was a significant number of people who didn't attend each meeting.

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- Brian Purdy also thought a lump sum donations would be the way forward. CP said that the club could be worse off using that approach as many members may actually leave and therefore we would lose some of our yearly subscriptions.

There was a feeling that if we could establish who had attended each meeting, possibly by various screen shots prior to half time, then MC could devise a way of billing them at suitable intervals.

CB said that the committee would take away this idea and refine it but people who don't attend would not have to pay.

**Action: CB/RL/MC**

Tony Mansfield asked if we would be promoting our guest speakers to other clubs, however, as we only have a zoom licence for 100 people we would not be able to guarantee how many people were attending the zoom session.

**There being no further formal business, the meeting was declared closed by the new President Colin Birch at 21.03 pm.**

### **Presentation of the awards**

CB stated that all the awards had already been engraved. However, any cups or shields won in external competitions would have to be engraved and paid for by CCC. AR suggested the recipients of the league and annual awards paid for their own engraving, CB said that this suggestion was worth of consideration.

#### **a. The League Awards**

##### **League Prints:**

- Level 3 was won by Deniz Elmaz with 75 points. Runner up was Hannah Sadowski with 70 points.
- Level 2 was won by jointly by Sally Freeman and Nigel Brewer with 78 points. Joint runners up were Phil Voyez and Stan Brent with 77 points.
- Level 1 was won by Pat Frewin with 80 points. Second was Trevor Burley with 79 points and third was Greg Keeling with 78 points.

##### **League PDI:**

- The winner of level 1 was **Tom Plucinski** with 100 points and joint runners up were **Mike Leonard, Pat Frewin** and **Veronica Rice** with 98 points.
- The winner of level 2 was **Ray Lawrence** with 99 points. Runner up was **John David** with 96 points. In joint third place were **Brian Saxby, Steve Wilkinson** and **Trevor Sadowski**. With 91 points.
- The winners of level 3 were **Deniz Elmaz** and **Steve Marriott** with 97 points. The runners up were **Alan Delany** and **Hannah Sadowski** with 87 points

#### **b. Photographer of the Year Award** (trophies can be kept)

**Joint Third Place:** Sally Freeman

**Second Place:** Tom Plucinski

**Winner:** Pat Frewin

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**a. Print Secretary- Steve Birch**

**LEAGUE**

There were only five rounds of the league competitions during the 2019/20 season. The planned sixth round was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The scores from the best four rounds were used for the final positions in the league. During the year 51 members submitted a total of 458 prints.

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Two members were promoted from Level 3 to Level 2.

Ten members were promoted from Level 2 to Level 1.

No members were relegated from Level 1 to Level 2.

Next season, Level 1 will increase from 17 to 27 members. Level 2 will decrease from 29 to 21 members. Level 3 will have 3 members based on current membership.

**THE MONOCHROME PRINT COMPETITION FOR THE DENNIS CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

This competition consisted of 58 prints from 31 members

In first place was Patrick O'Meara with "London Modern Architecture 2019"

Second place went to Brian Purdy with "Woodhenge, Braintree" and third place went to Tom Plucinski with "Thinking".

Nine members were highly commended – "The mist and cloud close in - My Huang Shan" by Ray Lawrence, "Galactic Rotation" by Sally Freeman, "The Lone Tree, Llyn Padarn, Wales" by Alan Evans, "The Tulip Stairs" by Alan Evans, "Millennium Support" by Trevor Sadowski, "London Aquatic Centre" by Mike Rose, "Norfolk Brown Hare - Springtime Peach" by Tony Mansfield, "Blackfriars Bridge and St Pauls" by John David and "Figure Study" by Stephen Birch.

**THE BURLEY CUP**

The competition for the panel of three comprised 24 entries.

In first place was Phil Voyez with "High Flyers".

Second place went to Pat Frewin with the panel "Times Gone By" and third place went to Ray Lawrence with "Shake it, Shake it Baby – Mute Swan, River Chelmer".

Five members were highly commended - "Feeling Blue" by Gary Woods, "Love to Dance" by Sally Freeman, "Endangered Species 5, Brown Hare" by Tony Mansfield, "Madeira Chaffinches" by Pat Frewin and "Facial Expressions" by John David.

**THE CYRIL CHORLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY**

This competition did not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ANNUAL AWARDS**

The print categories of the annual awards were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank those members who have assisted me with the scoring and handling of the prints during the competition evenings – your help has been invaluable throughout this and previous seasons. I will be resigning from my role at the AGM and, whilst I've enjoyed my time as print secretary and assisting in the running of the club, I'm looking forward to viewing competitions from the front and finally being able to listen to the comments made by the judge properly.

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**2019 - 2020 League Ranking Positions - Prints**

League	Competition 1 18 September Pauline Martindale	Competition 2 16 October David Hall	Competition 3 11 December Ken Payne	Competition 4 - Themed 22 January Mike Fuller	Competition 5 19 February Roy Essery		
<b>Level 1</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>Dropped Score</b>	<b>Final</b>
Pat Frewin	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Trevor Burley	18	20	19	20	20	18	
Greg Keeling	18	19	20	20	19	18	
Brian Purdy	20	18	19	20	17	17	
Tom Plucinski	17	19	20	18	20	17	
Alison Johnson	19	19	20	15	19	15	
Alec Fraser	19	19	18	17	20	17	
Elaine Butcher	18	18	19	19	19	18	
Mike Crack	19	20	19	0	17	0	
Ann Burley	16	17	20	20	17	16	
Mike Rose	18	18	19	18	17	17	
Annie Ringland	17	19	17	19	18	17	
Bruce Gray	18	18	17	0	20	0	
Colin Birch	18	20	18	0	16	0	
Stephen Birch	18	17	19	0	16	0	
Melvyn Frewin	16	20	19	0	14	0	
Colin Galley	15	17	17	0	18	0	
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>Dropped Score</b>	<b>Final</b>
Sally Freeman	20	20	18	18	20	18	
Nigel Brewer	20	20	20	17	18	17	
Stan Brettle	18	20	19	18	20	18	
Phil Voyez	19	20	18	20	14	14	
Ian McDonald	18	20	20	18	17	17	
Teresa Fowler	19	20	17	20	17	17	
John Story	18	19	17	20	19	17	
John David	20	18	18	17	20	17	
Gary Woods	19	20	20	17	16	16	
Tony Clark	19	17	20	0	19	0	
Martin Ventris-Field	17	20	17	18	19	17	
Trevor Sadowski	17	17	19	17	19	17	
Alan Evans	0	18	19	17	18	0	
Tony Mansfield	18	18	17	18	17	17	
Brian Saxby	18	17	18	17	18	17	
Patrick O'Meara	18	18	17	18	16	16	
Elly Dorman	16	18	17	20	15	15	
David Clark	18	17	18	15	16	15	
Jonathan Banks	17	18	16	0	18	0	
Jenny McDonald	17	17	18	16	16	16	
Alan Puzey	0	19	17	16	16	0	
Alan Watts	18	16	15	17	15	15	
José Dechamps	17	16	17	16	0	0	
Peter Tachauer	17	20	18	0	0	0	
Barry Collin	19	17	0	0	0	0	
Joe O'Herlily	18	0	17	0	0	0	
Ed Burney	0	0	17	0	18	0	
Graham Chorley	0	19	0	0	13	0	
Michael Fowler	0	0	18	0	0	0	
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>High Score</b>	<b>Dropped Score</b>	<b>Final</b>
Deniz Elmaz	19	20	18	15	18	15	
Hannah Sadowski	20	16	17	0	17	0	
Steve Marriot	0	0	20	0	20	0	
Roy Chapman	15	0	17	0	0	0	
Alan White	0	18	0	0	0	0	

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**b. PDI Secretary – Mark Taylor**

PDI Competition results

The number of entries for the PDI competitions has been at a very healthy level, keeping the judges very busy. Below are the final tally after 6 competitions, an entrant's best mark for each competition was retained and the best 5 of these were used to determine the final league position.

League Results

<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tom Plucinski	100
Mike Leonard	98
Pat Frewin	98
Veronica Rice	98
Clare Price	97
Mike Crack	96
Sally Freeman	96
Alison Johnson	95
Greg Keeling	95
Alec Fraser	92
Bruce Gray	92
Gary Woods	92
Nigel Brewer	92
Bob Pollard	91
Colin Birch	91
Brigitte Whiteing	89
David Bishop	89
Jonathon Banks	89
Patrick Omeara	89
David Heath	88
Brian Purdy	85
Mike Rose	70

<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ray Lawrence	99
John David	96
Brian Saxby	91

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Steve Wilkinson	91
Trevor Sadowski	91
Pauline Drew	89
Andrew Pickess	88
David Whiteing	88
Elly Dorman	87
Ian McDonald	87
Allan Puzey	86
Rita Thorneloe	85
Chris Hackett	84
Jose Dechamps	84
Tim Ahern	82
Les Mann	81
David Clark	67
Tom Peacock	62
Ed Burney	58
Tony Clark	37

<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Deniz Elmaz	97
Steve Marriott	97
Alan Delany	87
Hannah Sadowski	87
Bas Patel	37
Dave Moffat	20

**NOTE FROM THE PDI SECRETARY**

I would like to thank all those that have supported me in my first year as PDI Secretary, especially the previous Secretary David Heath for his support and sympathy when things have not worked well, the combination of new laptop, projection software, colour calibration equipment and a new secretary may have been a step too far.

**c. External Competition Secretary- Sally Freeman**  
**2020 Summary**

My first year as External Competition Secretary and pleased to report a successful year  
 13 competitions entered one cancelled 3 new competitions

**3 wins**



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Upminster Photofold and Braintree

**2 best prints**

Alison Johnson "Coronet Hummingbird Ecuador"

Brian Purdy "Me and my Workshop"

**5 awarded achievements**

EAF

Alison Johnson print awarded 15 "Volcano Hummingbird in the Wild"

PAGB GB Cup accepted images

Ann Burley "Distracted from Prayers"

Trevor Burley "Chinese Whispers"

Sally Freeman "Shooting the Stars"

Sally Freeman "Aurora Lighting Diamond Beach"

High light of 2020 achievement is 4th in the PAGB GB Cup with only one point separating us from 3rd

Thank you to all members who have supported the competitions by attending and contributing their work

A special thank you to Pete Tachauer Martin Ventris-Field Colin Birch Andrew Pickess Mike Crack Pat Frewin Alison Johnson Steve Birch Nigel Brewer and to anyone else not mentioned for their guidance help and support

**Competitions completed**

12 October 2019     4 C's Panel

Judge Clive Tanner

1st - Ipswich & District PS - "ITTF Table Tennis World Cup Championships" (Roger Hance)

2nd - Wayland & District PC - "Swan Lake" (Robin Orrow)

**3rd - Chelmsford CC - "Love to Dance" (Sally Freeman)**

H/C - Benfleet CC - "Speed" (Jane Barrett)

H/C - Cambridge CC - "Moore Reflected" (Ann Miles)

H/C - Colchester PS - "Life on the Wire" (Chrissie Hart)

12 Clubs took part, with 24 entries.

15 October 2019     Colchester 8x8

Judge Barbie Lindsey

1st Colchester 144

2nd Gt Notely 139

**3rd Chelmsford 138**

8 clubs took part

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Attending SF PF MF AJ CP

15 October 2019 Upminster CC Windmill Trophy

Judge Clive Tanner

**1st Chelmsford 146**

2nd Upminster 139

6 clubs took part

**Best print Alison Johnson "Coronet Hummingbird Ecuador"**

Attending MV-F CB

23 October 2019 Benfleet Battle

Judge Daphne Hanson

1st Benfleet 340

**2nd Chelmsford 319**

Thanks to M V-F for organising the evening and covering many roles

12 November 2019 Baddow Print Mono Challenge

Judge Harold Mausey

1st. Springfield 113

**2nd Chelmsford 111**

3rd Baddow 110

6 clubs took part

Attending SF PT

25 January 2020 PAGB The GB Cup for Small Clubs

10 PDI images (on-line)

1st Tamworth PC 125

2nd Oldham PC 121

3rd Chester PC 117

**4th Chelmsford CC 116**

40 clubs took part

9 February 2020 EAF Inter-Club Projected Digital Image Championship

The Fulbourn Centre 31 Home End Fulbourn Cambridge CB21 5BS

Judges Don Byatt Peter Gennard David Gibbins

1st Beyond Group

2nd Ware and District PS

3rd PICO

4th Wayland & District PC

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**5th Chelmsford CC**

34 clubs took part

Attending SF TP SW AR

13 February 2020 Essex Inter-club Projected Image Competition

Leigh-On-Sea CC Community Centre SS9 1SP

Judge Barbie Lindsey

1st Benfleet 53

**2nd Chelmsford 51**

3rd Leigh 49

8 clubs took part

Attending SF CB CG DE DC

22 February 2020 St Ives Interprint Competition

Free Church Centre St Ives PE27 5AL

Judge Monica Weller

1st Cambridge CC 138

2nd Ely PC 127

3rd Bishops Stortford CC 126

**14th Chelmsford CC 107**

29 clubs took part

No club attendance

25 February 2020 Photofold vs Chelmsford CC The B1007 Battle

(Formerly CAPS Competition)

The Fold, 72 Laindon Rd, Billericay CM12 9LD

Judge Jane Barrett

**Winner Chelmsford CC 430**

Photofold 414

**Best print Brian Purdy "me and my Workshop"**

2nd Best PDI Pete Tachauer "Noir"

Attending Colin and Sheila Birch, CG, DC DE

3 March 2020 The Braintree Shield Monochrome Print Inter-Club Competition

Bradwell Village Hall CM778EP

Judge Ron Tear

**1st Chelmsford CC 57.5**

2nd Clacton CC 57

3rd Halstead CC 54

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10 clubs took part

Attending SF

8 March 2020 EAF Inter-Club Print Championship

The Fulbourn Centre 31 Home End Fulbourn Cambridge CB21 5BS

Judges Gwen Charnock Phil Charnock David Lowe

1st Beyond Group

2nd Ware & District Photographic Society

3rd Photographic Imaging Co-operative (PICO)

**9th Chelmsford CC 289**

25 clubs took part

Attending SF, DC, AR

4th April 2020 Maldon Challenge

Upper Plume School, Farnbridge Road, Maldon CM9 6AB

Judge Ron Tear

**Cancelled**

**d Programme Secretary- Colin Birch**

It was a good year for speakers and also judges who always do a sterling job. Particular highlights were Gavin Hoey who always puts on a good show, John Hooton from Ireland and Gordon Braham. You may not have been able to decipher John's Irish accent but his prints were excellent. Sadly, we will not see Gordon Braham's stunning wildlife images again as he died recently.

Things were going well until the Coronavirus caused us to stop all meetings at the Mill. So then we were into virtual speakers and judging. The final speakers of the season were booked for next year and the remaining PDI and AV competitions judged remotely. We were then able to fill the speaker's slots using speakers from almost anywhere and this continued into the summer break instead of pub evenings. Notable evenings involved Glyn Dewis, Joe Houghton and James Kerwin who lives in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Next season's programme has been modified to ensure that everything can be done virtually as we do not expect to meet again physically before Christmas. Beyond that, it remains to be seen what we can do but we will continue to meet weekly in person or on-line.

The new programme was delayed due to the need to rework it but is now available with artwork again done by Jackie Bale.

**e. Rota and New Members Report- David Clark**

I am also responsible for organising the rota for the jobs that are required to make the club nights run smoothly. This requires members to volunteer to carry out the required jobs, which are doorman to answer the intercom, cashier to take the money and a member for the raffle. Also, we require two members to make the tea and coffee, which is setting out the cups and biscuits and filling the urn to boil the water for the break and serving.

Although we have 100 members, on club nights only about 50 attend which is usually the same people, this makes it difficult for the rota, because we have 36 club nights and 5 jobs. Therefore, it requires some members to volunteer up to four times, but not all members wish to help, some are

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quite reluctant, this makes it exceedingly difficult to share out the jobs fairly. I would ask everyone to at least make the effort to help a couple of times, as we all benefit on the night. Lastly, I wish to thank everyone who helped on club nights this year, although its been cut short with this pandemic, and I wish everyone to keep safe until we can resume normality.

**New Members**

As the New Members secretary it's my job to welcome new members who come to our club night on each Wednesday between September and May of each year, which is the season for our club meetings at the "Mill" in Chelmsford.

This current year has been abnormal due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have not had any meeting since the end of February.

The new members who joined the club were mainly at the start of the season in 2019 they are as follows:

Judah Olajide, Sam Blake, Alan White, Steve Davey, Ed Burney-Cumming, Bas Patel, and Steve Marriott.

I wish all the new member a warm welcome to the club and trust that they have enjoyed their limited time at the meetings because of the pandemic. I would also wish to include Alison Garrett who joined in June this year.

On club nights if any of these members have any questions about the club, I will be happy to help, or introduce them to a senior club member for more in-depth help that they require.

We do have SIG (special interest group) night on the first Thursday of the month for an in-depth tutorial on certain subjects, which will be announced by the chairman on club nights.

**f. Web Master Report- Andrew Pickess**

Usage of the site:

- Visits: 9,335 (Previous year 7,503)
- Page views: 38,103 (Previous year 27,197)

Work this year:

Updated the designs of the sub sites (PDI Uploader and Committee only area) to match the design of the main site.

Improved the PDI uploader –

- Can now upload multiple images
- All uploaded images are immediately displayed
- Facility to enable viewing at any time of a member's images that have been uploaded to a:
  - specific PDI competition
  - all PDI competition
  - specific Annual Awards class
  - all Annual Awards classes.

**g. AV Report- Andrew Pickess**

This year there were 11 entries to the competition, 1 more than last season, with first time entries from 3 members (David Clark, Sally Freeman and Tom Plucinski).

HC – Walk in the woods. - Colin Birch

3<sup>rd</sup> – Night time at Kew. - Sally Freeman

2<sup>nd</sup> – Chicago. - Gary Woods

1<sup>st</sup> – Where the streets have no people. – Andrew Pickess

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Well done to Sally on getting 3<sup>rd</sup> place with her first entry.