

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pittwater Camera Club Inc
Held on November 18th, 2013 at BYRA Hall, 1842 Pittwater Road, Bayview**

Present

Airlie Andrews, Mike West, Peter Squires, Bill Roberts, Brian Smith, Marie Windred, ,
Bob Hunting, John Taylor, Brian Halls, David Naar, Mike Fisher, David Hipsley, Hette
Mollema, Sandy Esterhuizen, Sue Kleverlaan, Bill Schnabel

Apologies

Linda Cowley, Fenella Clarke, Robyn Aldridge, Mark Godfrey, Peter Haes, Ray
Chappelow

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm

Instead of reading the Minutes item by item, it was agreed that the Minutes of the previous AGM, having been distributed to all members prior to the meeting by the Secretary, be accepted as correct.

The Minutes were Accepted by Marie Windred Seconded by Mike West

Business arising from the Minutes

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Treasurers Report 30th Sept.2013

Please find attached P.C.C. Financial Statement for financial year end Sept. 2013
The Credit balance at the end of this period was **\$3723.88**

To put this in perspective I have set out some relevant data below, as well as highlighting some of the larger amounts of Income / Expenditure for current and past years.

	30.09.2012	30.09.2013
Credit Balance	\$2842.64	\$3723.88
Income	\$3646.10	\$4791.59
See note 1		
Expenditure	\$2757.96	\$3985.35
See note 1		

SELECTED.

Meeting Att'dences	\$1240.25	\$718.65
See note 2		
Membership Fees	\$1820.00	\$1860.00
FCC Fees/Insurance	\$442.00	\$480.00
Judges / Presenters	\$1135.00	\$1110.00

General Comments.

At the end of the financial year Sept.2013 the club is in a positive financial position. Membership has remained around approx. 50 members, with the increase of new members counteracting those who, for whatever reason, have not rejoined.

The actual total number of-members, attending all meetings during the year has dropped to **333** from **473** during 2012. This along with a slight increase in misc. expenses being paid out of attendance fees is reflected in the decrease in net attendance monies as listed above. The President and I have each independently reviewed the accounts to confirm these numbers.

Brian Smith
Hon. Treasurer

Note 1. The 2013 Income and Expenditure amounts are **each** inflated by approx. **\$1460.00** due to Nan Tiem Club weekend.

Note 2. Misc. expenses and supper items are paid out as cash from these monies. This figure on Balance Sheet is the net amount.

PITTWATER CAMERA CLUB INC

BALANCE SHEET 1ST OCT 2012 - 30th SEPT. 2013

INCOME

	\$
Balance/Statement 01.10.12	2842.64
Matt Board Sales	496.00
Meeting Attendences	718.65
Raffle Ticket Sales	247.00
Bank Interest	11.94
Membership Fees	1860.00
Nan Tiem W/End	1458.00
Participating members money	
TOTAL	7634.23

EXPENDITURE

	\$
BYRA Donation	200.00
Card Holders/Lanyards	64.75
Web Site Hosting	109.00
FCC Inter Club Entry	25.00
Fed.Camera Clubs(Insur./M'Ship)	480.00
J D Trophies(2011)	63.80
Judges/Presenters	1110.00
Dept Fair Trading	51.00
Matt Board Purchase	340.00
Nan Tiem W/End Deposit	506.00
Nan Tiem W/End Final Payment	956.00
Supper Items Images of Year'12	79.80
	3985.35
Balance / Statement 30.09.13	3723.88
Less	75.00
2 Cheques not presented at 30/09	
TOTAL	7634.23



Brian Smith Hon.Treasurer



Peter Squires President

The Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report were Accepted by Bill Roberts Seconded by John Taylor

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report

There was no business arising from the Treasurers Report



Pittwater Camera Club Inc. President's Report - 18 November 2013

Thanks to all those who have helped in the smooth running of the club, your contribution is highly valued and much appreciated. The list is long of those who assist the club, not only the office bearers who have formally offered their time to take charge of various activities, but also those who can see that help may be needed and jump in and get things done. It is greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Hette, who will be stepping down as Web Master and Sue who will be relinquishing her role as our supper host. Hette has done a terrific job with our web site over the years and has greatly enhanced the value of our site to our members. Sue has never failed to treat us to great suppers. While Sue has been in the kitchen, her images continue to get called out for receiving merits or credits - "Food for Thought" for those keen to take on the role.

This year we have had a really strong program of presentations, competitions, outings, workshops and events. Thanks goes to our Secretary, Airlie, for initiating and organising these activities. A lot of time, effort and initiative goes into developing a program of events to offer something for everyone. We endeavour to appeal to all levels of skill and expertise and welcome any suggestions to continue to improve the appeal to members. We value the mix of experience, inspiration and interests of all our members. Combining this with the external influence from judges and presenters creates a great environment for us to share our passion for photography.

Its great to see members who have initially been a little reluctant to put forward their images, gain confidence and put forward images which continue to inspire and impress others.

If you are new to the club and haven't managed to put forward any images yet, we would love to encourage and help you to do so. Things that may be holding you back:

i) *You may not think your image is good enough.*

- Remember, nobody knows who belongs to the images - unless of course you are awarded a Merit or Credit, in which case it definitely was good enough!
- a good judge will give you constructive advice how to improve the image or suggest different approaches to capturing the image which may make it more compelling. While we learn a lot from listening to the critique of the images of others, our photography is given a real boost by having our own images reviewed.

ii) *Not sure how to prepare your digital image or get your image printed and mounted.*

- visit the Resources page of our web site for instructions or ask other members for advice. If you need further help, send us an email. You don't need your own printer. Fenella, last year's Top Shot winner for her creative entry gets her images printed at Big W. Bill Roberts will again be giving a tutorial on cutting matt board for mounting your images, early in the year. If you would like someone else to cut them for you, let us know and we can point you in the right direction.

Our workshops and tutorials run by members during the year have been well received and we are planning on covering camera craft, matt cutting and image processing workflow during the coming year. By holding some of these activities as optional extras prior to the main meeting, we hope to provide more opportunity for those wishing to learn these fundamental skills and therefore cover topics during our main meeting which may have more universal appeal.

Enjoy your photography and share your passion,

Peter Squires
Peter Squires

The President's Report

The President's Report was Accepted by Marie Windred Seconded by Bob Hunting

Business Arising from the President's Report

There was no business arising from the Presidents Report

General Business

Most of the following was discussed during the Treasurers Report and the Presidents report so I have moved it all here to General Business where it belongs.

Brian Halls suggested that new members and visitors should be given a coloured label on the night with their name on it so we can make them feel welcome.

There was animated discussion as to whether we should run Open and Set subjects on the same night. As the programme has been set for 2014 this will be set aside for the committee to discuss in 2014 when preparing the programme for 2015.

The idea that Pittwater Camera Club should run a Portfolio group in 2014 was discussed. Several members indicated their interest in the subject. The Secretary will arrange for a speaker to talk to a group of members sometime in January or February 2014.

A suggestion was put forward that we have a Q and A at the start of meetings, whereby members can ask questions about cameras, gear and anything photographic, and hopefully someone will be able to answer..

At the same time we will also be asking members to let everyone know if they are planning on visiting an event, festival etc in the following few weeks if anyone would like to join them, Many people would like to get out more to take photos but are intimidated at going alone.

Brian Smith advised that he would not be standing for re-election in 2014 as he has served 6 years now and it is time for a break.

Election of Office Bearers

Hette Mollema declared all positions vacant and the ensuing election of officers was as follows.

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Peter Squires	Bill Roberts	Marie Windred
Vive President (1)	Bill Roberts	Airlie Andrews	Peter Squires
Hon Secretary	Airlie Andrews	Sue Kleverlaan	John Taylor
Treasurer	Brian Smith	Marie Windred	Bill Roberts
Public Officer	David Naar	Peter Squires	Bob Hunting
FCC Delegate (1)	Marie Windred		
FCC Delegate (2)	Bill Roberts		
FCC Delegate (3)	Peter Squires		
Promotions Officer	John Taylor		
Social Secretary	Leslea Hills		
Digital Committee (1)	Mike West		
Digital Committee (2)	Brian Smith		
Web Master	Mike West		
Point Score Steward	Bob Hunting		
Hosts (1)	Sandy Esterhuizen		
Hosts (2)	Robyn Aldridge		
	Sue Kleverlaan		
Selection Committee (1)	Bob Hunting (Chief)		
Selection Committee (2)	Bill Roberts		
Selection Committee (3)	Mike West		
Selection Committee (4)	Marie Windred		
Selection Committee (5)	John Taylor		

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9.30 pm

Signed *Auhe Andrews* Date *18/11/13*