

**Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Pittwater Camera Club Inc
Held on November 23, 2015 at Pittwater RSL, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale**

Present

Sue Kleverlaan, Takis Pallas, Ben Copeland, Patricia Roe, Peter Squires, Mike West, Airlie Andrews, Brian Smith, Bill Roberts, David Naar, Darryl Bullock, Peter Bliss, Margaret Stanton, Linda Cowley, Ron Grimes

Apologies

Fenella Clark, Marie Windred, Mike Fisher, Mark Godfrey, Trevor Holman, Robyn Aldridge, Alan & Ruth Purnell, Vincent Shaw

The meeting commenced at 7.40 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 Mike West Seconded by Bill Roberts

Business arising from the Minutes

To follow up on the 2014 suggestion that Pittwater Camera Club contact the local high schools to encourage membership to the club of junior members.

It was also suggested that we run a competition with the students of the interested high schools and award an encouragement prize – be it cash or photographic items.

The Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report were Accepted by Takis Pallas Seconded by Brian Smith

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report

Due to the purchase of a much need data projector totalling \$1458.91 our bank balance is rather low and will be even lower after the Christmas party / awards night in December 2015. Estimated cost of this function to be about \$700.00.

It was suggested and agreed by all present that the Membership Fees for 2016 be increased to \$50.00 per head and \$20.00 for junior members.

Brian Smith and Airlie Andrews are to approach Pittwater RSL in early 2016 to see if they will fund or partly fund a replacement laptop computer or consider some other form of assistance to us.

The President's Report

The President's Report was Accepted by Bill Roberts Seconded by Mike West

Business Arising from the President's Report

There was much discussion on a variety of subjects following the Presidents report which will be noted in General Business.

Election of Office Bearers

Peter Squires declared all positions vacant, the chair was taken by Margaret Stanton and the ensuing election of officers was as follows.

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Peter Squires	Bill Roberts	Darryl Bullock
Vice President	Bill Roberts	Airlie Andrews	Lynda Cowley
Secretary	Airlie Andrews	Brian Smith	Margaret Stanton
Treasurer	Lynda Cowley	David Naar	Bill Roberts
Public Officer	David Naar	Airlie Andrews	Peter Squires
FCC Delegate (1)	Marie Windred	Airlie Andrews	Lynda Cowley
FCC Delegate (2)	Bill Roberts	Takis Pallas	Lynda Cowley
FCC Delegate (3)	Peter Squires	Mike West	Lynda Cowley
Social Media Co-ordinator	Takis Pallas	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Social Secretary	Brian Smith	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Digital Committee (1)	Mike West	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Digital Committee (2)		Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Digital Committee (3)		Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Digital Committee (4)		Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Web Master	Mike West	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
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Point Score Steward	Bob Hunting	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Hosts (1)	No longer required	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Selection Committee (1)	Mark Godfrey	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Selection Committee (2)	Bill Roberts	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Selection Committee (3)	Marie Windred	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Selection Committee (4)	Mike West	Proposal not required	Proposal not required
Selection Committee (5)	Bob Hunting	Proposal not required	Proposal not required

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned a 9.20 pm

SignedDate.....

General Business

It was discussed at length by all present that where possible judges for our competitions should be sourced from outside the FCC. Where possible we should find professional or semi professional photographers to judge our work as they tend to think outside the square and are not bogged down by FCC doctrine.

Peter Squires, as delegate to the FCC, is to address the FCC at their next meeting regarding the results of the 2015 Interclub. This has arisen as it has come to the attention of one of our members, Mike West, that an image entered in the 2015 Interclub by another camera club was in fact also entered in the 2014 Interclub.

This image was entered into the Creative section and achieved a score of 12. The club concerned came second in the section. The FCC has very definite rules regarding entering and this image contravenes their rules. A complaint was lodged by Mike West with the FCC President, David Miller who passed the complaint on to another committee member but to date nothing has been heard back from the FCC. The lodging of this image again to competition and scoring so highly is grossly unfair to the clubs that came third and fourth, as in fact the positions of all three clubs may in fact be reversed.

It was suggested that a roster be drawn up of members to set up the room on meeting nights and to put away the chairs and equipment etc. But, it was decided that a call for assistance to set up should be put in the newsletter each issue and that the President ask on the night that all members assist with putting chairs and equipment away.

The Web Master, Mike West, asked whether members would have any objections to having the images that go into the clubs gallery be given titles and to have the authors name added too, these images so named will appear on the web. This was agreed to. The Web Master will add the necessary information to the images.

There was much discussion regarding a presence for Pittwater Camera Club on Facebook and social media in general. As Facebook claims rights to images placed on their site we discussed that perhaps images could be placed on Flickr. The purpose of Facebook would be for members to get quick assessment of a low res image. We can provide links to the clubs pages, links to presenters and judges too, hence widening our exposure. Takis Pallas has agreed to look into what is required for us and to set it up if given the go ahead.