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Notice is hereby given that the 119TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

which should have been held in June 2021, will now be held on

**SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021 VIA ZOOM
STARTING AT 1.00PM**

To attend this AGM Zoom Meeting - Anyone wishing to attend requires to send an email to libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com with the following details -

*Attendee Name and Full Club Name (No Acronyms Please)

*Confirmation if Attendee is a Voting Delegate for the Club, or not

*email address for Attendee to receive Zoom meeting link/details

The deadline for these details to arrive with the SPF General Secretary is by Wednesday 27th Oct to give time for the Zoom meeting details to be sent out to all wishing to attend.

*If you require further details before confirming Zoom attendance please email or phone 01555 750737
You can alternatively send the above details by post to the SPF General Secretary but please ensure any written email address is correct.*

Please remember a maximum of 2 voting delegates per Club.

There are no restrictions on the number of attendees per Club

When deciding whether or not to attend please remember that we require a quorum before this AGM can run, and this is already later than usual June timeslot.

Please Note that we can take no responsibility for you being unable to attend due to inaccurate email addresses or any late or non-deliveries.

Please check your spam folder for any missing meeting details.

Apologies for absence, Proposals to the Federation,
Nominations to the Executive Committee to be sent to the
SPF General Secretary, Neil Smith
in writing as soon as possible to
libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com
or 34 Braemar Crescent, Carlisle ML8 4BH

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AGM AGENDA 2021

1. President's Opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2020 AGM pages 6 to 11
4. Matters arising from the 2020 AGM
5. Treasurer's Report on 2020 pages 23 to 28
6. Proposals -
 - a) Subscription proposals for 2022 see page 29
7. The following are contained in this years Report, pages 11 to 22
and are distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM.

Only matters arising from these or on this Agenda will be discussed.

- 7.1 President's Report
- 7.2 General Secretary
- 7.3 SPF Print and PDI Portfolios 2020
- 7.4 SPF Print Championship 2020
- 7.5 SPF Digital Championship 2020
- 7.6 FIAP Report 2020-21
- 7.7 PAGB Report 2020
- 7.8 PAGB Inter-Fed Report 2020
- 7.9 SPF's PAGB Awards Officer 2020

8. Election of Office Bearers & Ordinary Members see listing on page 5
9. Any Other Competent Business.

Your attention is drawn to clause 2.1 of the Constitution of the SPF where it says:

"...each Affiliated Society is entitled to be represented by 2 members as delegates. All members of Affiliated Societies may attend, but only delegates may vote."

Executive Committee of the Scottish Photographic Federation

AGM ELECTIONS

POST	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
PRESIDENT			
SNR. VICE PRESIDENT			
JNR. VICE PRESIDENT			
SECRETARY			
TREASURER			
HON. VICE PRESIDENT	NO ELECTION REQUIRED		
IMM PAST PRESIDENT	NO ELECTION REQUIRED		
MEMBER 1			
MEMBER 2			
MEMBER 3			
MEMBER 4			
MEMBER 5			
MEMBER 6			
MEMBER 7			
MEMBER 8			
MEMBER 9			
MEMBER 10			
MEMBER 11			
MEMBER 12			
MEMBER 13			
MEMBER 14			
AUDITOR			

MINUTES
of the
SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION
118TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 'virtually' on Zoom due to Covid restrictions
on 25th October 2020 at 1 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: John McVie (President) Chair, Gordon Rae (Snr. Vice President) Dumfries CC, Gordon McMann (Jnr. Vice President), Libby Smith (Hon. Vice President and Treasurer) Carluke CC, Neil Smith (Secretary) Carluke CC, Terry Ralley Edinburgh PS, Rod Wheelans Dumfries CC, Hunter Kennedy Carluke CC, Ian Sturrock Dundee PS, Tom Doherty Queens Park CC, George Taylor Forres CC, Joe Prior Queen's Park CC, Jim Pollock Carluke CC, Alison Bradley (Minute Secretary) Kinross CC, Anne Sproul Stirling & District CC, Cathy Davis Kirkcaldy PS, Wanda Mackie Kirkcaldy PS, Alastair Macrae Haddington CC, Alistair Macmillan Kirkintilloch CC, Andy S Hayes Edinburgh PS, Bill Tilstone Auchterarder CC, Brian Saberton Motherwell PS, Cemal Dervish-Uman Donside CC, Clive Turner Paisley PS, Dave Ferguson Falkirk CC, David Bolton Dunfermline PA, David Greer Edinburgh PS, David Robertson Airdrie & Coatbridge CC, Dougie Allan Beeslack Penicuik CC, Emily Noakes St Andrews PS, Fred Wood Beith CC, Gill Walker Livingston CC, Gordon Shankland Auchterarder CC, Helen Mitchell Bon Accord CC, Iain Wood Mearns CC, Ian Mitchell Bon Accord CC, Isobel Lindsay Edinburgh PS, Ivy May McIntosh Dundee PS, James Morrison Livingston CC, Jean-Anne Goodbrand Moray CC, Jim Moir Edinburgh PS, John McMillan Clacks CC, Joyce White Dingwall CC, Kenneth Dow Paisley Colour CC, Malcolm Boddie Milngavie & Bearsden CC, Margaret Dewar Motherwell PS, Maybeth Jamieson Dumfries CC, Mike Chandler Fraserburgh PS, Neil Given Cumnock & District CC, Owen Cochrane Inverness CC, Paul Laycock Haddington CC, Rae Munro Moray CC, Roger Hinton Bon Accord CC, Sandra Taylor Livingston CC, Stewart Dodd Dundee PS, Susan Roberts Livingston CC.

(62 Attended, with 42 voting delegates representing 30 Member Clubs)

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS – The President welcomed all to the 118th SPF AGM, and said it was great to see such a large turnout with Clubs represented from all over Scotland. He explained that this AGM should have been held in June, but this was not possible due to the Coronavirus outbreak, which also saw the cancellation of the PAGB's AGM that was to be held in April. Their AGM was subsequently not held until 3rd Oct 2020 via Zoom. The SPF required the outcome of that AGM before we could confirm our own proposals and give notice of this AGM. This has resulted in slightly shorter notice than usual, but still complying with our Constitution requirement of 10 days. This was felt necessary as we normally have all of the paperwork for 2021 Membership out by mid-November to all SPF Clubs so that we can meet PAGB and Insurance deadlines. 32 clubs are present and 42 club delegates. Participants were reminded not to vote if not registered, and asked to keep muted unless speaking and to give their name before starting to speak. He was impressed with turnout as there was normally a struggle to get sufficient clubs to be quorate. All has been achieved within the constitutional timescale, albeit pushed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Tom Gorman (SPF Treasurer), Pat Cook PCPC, Allan Gawthorpe Bon Accord.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM – There were no amendments to the 2019 Minutes. Acceptance of the Minutes as a true and accurate record was proposed by Gordon Rae and seconded by Clive Turner.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2019 MINUTES – there were no matters arising.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2019 – Treasurer, Tom Gorman is stepping down at this AGM, and does not recommend the proposal being put forward to this AGM. In his absence Libby presented the Treasurer's report as outlined in the Annual Report and confirmed that the

accounts have been audited. She noted that we currently have 96 Member Clubs with 3453 members. She noted that Stirling Management Centre is not an option at present.

There were no comments or questions on the Treasurer's Report, acceptance of which as a true and accurate record was proposed by Rod Wheelans and seconded by John McVie.

6. PROPOSALS

The SPF and PAGB had both set their 2021 Subscriptions Fees proposals for their AGMs back in March. Given how the Covid situation transpired over the summer, and that both organisations had been forced to cancel events or had to adapt them to the restrictions. As time went on, both organisations took the view, given the comments, queries or actions from Member Clubs, that it was appropriate to revisit their subscription proposals for 2021. As the Annual Subscription Fee payable by SPF Clubs (by 1st January) is a joint PAGB and SPF per member fee, it was important that the PAGB subscription rate was confirmed before we published our SPF proposals, given that the Fee they proposed was for a drastically different amount (£0.00 per Club as opposed to the previous £38.00 per Club). Once approved by the PAGB, this allowed us to hold this SPF AGM.

a) Subscription Proposals for 2021 (page 29 of the pre-supplied Annual Report) - The SPF will still have significant expenses in 2021 whether or not we run events approx. £5-6000 in 2019; Some of those costs will not be incurred if we are not holding face to face meetings but we will still have costs for e.g. storage facilities/website/campaign monitor/software renewal/Insurances/FIAP Membership together with any new costs for running virtual meetings etc. We intend to continue to run some form of events, although the format of those will be determined by restrictions at the time, and although our events normally cover their costs, we may see reduced entries so we have to be prepared for those making a loss. The requirement is still there by the SPF and PAGB for Clubs to be registered at 1st Jan. The details for this are also laid out on pages 29 and 30.

For the purpose of the 'SPF Membership Declaration Form' (and our Club definition in our Constitution) we can confirm that Clubs who would normally meet in person 'face to face', who cannot do so due to Covid-19 restrictions (or other such similar causes), that are only able to meet using 'Virtual' means (e.g. using Zoom, MS Teams etc.), do comply with this Membership Declaration and Constitutional item, even if meeting programs are published in a more 'ad-hoc' manner during this time.

The SPF Executive Committee therefore proposed the subscription for 2021 be £0.00 per member if paid by 31st December. David Greer (Edinburgh) felt this would be clearer if members complete a declaration form by 31 December as we cannot have a "Zero fee". Darwin Clayton will look for a list of member clubs as at 1st Jan. Mike Chandler (Fraserburgh) asked to whom in clubs does declaration go; A - information will be sent out to Secretary of Club and Competition Secretary. David's proposed amendment was put to the vote, accepted and seconded by Rod. It is not known what will be covered by insurance and not known what the rate will be but possibly increased. Libby will supply information when available. It will be sent out to the same contacts as above. Cemal Dervish-Unan (Donside) queried when this would be; A - the form will be sent out at latest by mid-November, and the details will also appear on Services area of SPF website. A reminder will be sent out before 31 December. Contact General Secretary or Treasurer re queries.

b) Additional Subscription Proposal (not included in Annual Report) - Libby asked the AGM's indulgence to put a second proposal. She explained that it was not anticipated in the current climate that a new Club would apply to join the SPF in 2021 when the above proposal was put out. This has now occurred. It is therefore proposed that for new Clubs joining in 2021 the Subscription fee be 50% of the 2020 rate of £4 (i.e. £2.00 per member). The proposal was seconded by Fred Wood (Beith CC) and after discussion was put to the vote. The proposal was

carried with 93% in favour 7% abstaining.

7. ANNUAL REPORTS (pages 9 to 21 & 31 of the supplied Annual Report)

The President announced that the following are contained in this year's Report and have been distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM. Only matters arising from these or on this Agenda will be discussed.

7.1 President's Report - John hopes meeting together personally will be achieved soon. There were no questions about the President's Report.

7.2 General Secretary – extract - *Since June this year we have lost 2 of Scottish Photography's elder statesmen, both having been long term very active members and past holders of their Clubs and the SPF, as well as Judges, APAGB and SPF Roll of Honour recipients; In June, Bill McCance from Paisley Colour PC, an SPF Past President (78-80) and FIAP Liaison Officer for 35 years (till 06) earning him an Hon EFIAP. He was also responsible for the SPF (and Scottish Salon) joining FIAP, and a co-founder of the Paisley International; In Sept, Gordon Stevenson of Queen's Park CC, an SPF Past President (80-82), SPF Treasurer (74-91) and PAGB Treasurer (-91). Since our last AGM the following Clubs have joined - The Lavern CC and East Kilbride CC. The following Clubs have left the SPF over the past year; Bute PS, Great Glen CC and Garioch CC, and sadly Kilmacolm CC has disbanded after some 67 years largely due to reduction of numbers and volunteers.*

Rae Munro is stepping down from the SPF EC after many years. In more recent times she has been very active in bringing more sponsorship to our events. Also stepping down at this AGM is Pat Cook. Pat has helped out in a variety of ways behind the scenes, but more visibly as part of the scoring team at the Championships and Salon. Our grateful thanks to you both for all you have done over the years. Finally, Tom Gorman, SPF Treasurer is stepping down at this AGM having held the post for just over 15 years. Prior to that time Tom was President (97-99) and Scottish Salon Chairman. As Salon Chairman he set up a Scottish Salon Sub-Committee, under the wing of the SPF, to resurrect the Salon after Clubs were unable to afford to host it. Over the years he has helped out behind the scenes on many of the SPF's events. We owe Tom our grateful thanks for all he has done for the SPF and its member Clubs over many years.

We do require more manpower, most of our Area Rep's posts are vacant, or are filled by our SPF Executive Members, so; If you are interested and willing to 'take on a job' and think you may also possess some of the necessary skill sets that we require or would like to find out more please get in contact with us.

John asked for comments or questions, there were none. He then said he was not going to go into the other reports 7.3 to 7.12 which had been sent out in the Annual Report but asked if there were any points people wished to raise.

Isobel Lindsay (Edinburgh PS) asked if the Digital Championship is going to be held? It was explained that it will be virtual and the dates will not be as originally stated. For the Print Championship something will be worked out but will probably involve unmounted prints. Closing date will be extended. This will be discussed either this afternoon at the Executive Meeting or at next one in a fortnight. Information will be on the SPF website as well as being emailed out.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & ORDINARY MEMBERS

Following upon the election of Gordon Rae as President, John McVie stepped down from the Chair and Gordon Rae assumed the position of President (without a chain of office) and chaired the remainder of the meeting. John now becomes Immediate Past President.

Gordon Rae said it was an honour and privilege to be President though he has a shortened first year! He went on to say that John came on to the EC in 2012, and soon after took on two Competition Secretary's roles; organising the SPF Portfolios Judgings, together with the SPF's

entries into the PAGB Inter-Federation Competitions, and he still holds both of these roles. In 2014 he took on the post of Junior Vice President. In 2016 as Senior Vice President a few of you may remember John in his kilt when the SPF hosted the PAGB Awards Adjudications, and again in 2017 when we hosted the Celtic Challenge! He thanked John for his service to the SPF and wished people had been present to give him a vote of thanks. He wished him happy retirement from this Roll and said that in normal circumstances he would end by presenting John with his Past President's badge but this will happen in due course. He said he was sure all would join with him in thanking John for his role as President and John said he would pass on President's medal to Gordon if they ever got to meet again!

Senior Vice President: In accordance with the Constitution the Executive proposed that the Junior Vice President Gordon McMann be elected as Senior Vice President.

Secretary: Neil Smith is willing to stand for re-election.

Treasurer Given the short notice of Tom Gorman stepping down, and given that our end of financial year is imminent (31st Dec); the Executive propose that Libby be appointed Treasurer as she is already the counter-signatory on bank accounts, with the intention that a new Treasurer be found in time for the June 2021 AGM.

Attendees were then asked for any new nominees to the Executive. Dave Ferguson Falkirk CC offered to stand. There were no other volunteers. Full details as indicated below -

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Second
President	Gordon Rae	Executive	George Taylor
Snr. Vice President	Gordon McMann	Executive	John McVie
Jnr. Vice President	George Taylor	Rae Munro	Terry Railley
Secretary	Neil Smith	Cathy Davis	George Taylor
Treasurer	Libby Smith	Terry Railley	Ivy May McIntosh
Hon. Vice President	Libby Smith	No election required	
Imm. Past President	John McVie	No election required	
Member 1	Hunter Kennedy)	
Member 2	Rod Wheelans)	
Member 3	Joe Prior)	
Member 4	Terry Railley)	
Member 5	Cathy Davis) George Taylor	Dave Ferguson
Member 6	Wanda Mackie)	
Member 7	Jim Prior)	
Member 8	Alison Bradley)	
Member 9	Tom Doherty)	
Member 10	Anne Sproul)	
Member 11	Dave Ferguson	Rod Wheelans	Anne Sproul
Member 12	Vacant		
Member 13	Vacant		
Member 14	Vacant		
Auditor	TBC		

After the elections had been concluded Libby said it would not be normal for the Secretary and Treasurer to live in the same house and wants a successor as soon as possible, or at least someone as Assistant Treasurer to shadow her and who can be co-opted on to the Executive. It was agreed that Gordon Rae will be counter-signatory on cheques. The President emphasised the necessity of getting someone to volunteer as Assistant Treasurer.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

9.1 Joyce White Dingwall CC noted people remain on Roll of Honour even after death. Libby explained those appointed remain posthumously.

9.2 Dave Ferguson had heard that PAGB prints were being destroyed rather than returned. Rod said Masters of Print did not return prints, but this was not the case with anyone else within the PAGB. Libby said that she as a judge would not destroy prints. These could be held on to until safe to return or be returned to Club to quarantine. It was felt people were more likely to participate if prints would be returned to them.

Gordon pointed out that this is a period of continuous adjustment and judges have to find a way to participate. Getting prints in is easier than returning them to members.

The logistics of running print competitions was discussed at great length with a lively discussion. Brief notes as follows –

- Rod said Dumfries is running print comps. size down to A4 or A5 and asked how many other clubs were. Rod felt if prints dropped would be difficulty in mustering interest in future.
- Sandra Taylor – Livingston first print comp. being held in 2 weeks.
- Brian – Motherwell not made final decision yet but supported the two prior speakers' ideas.
- Isobel Lindsay - Edinburgh going to have go at print comps after Christmas. 4 print comps. in quick succession!
- John McVie – felt it was necessary to keep prints going.
- Clive Turner, Paisley PS – problem getting judges, don't want to do Zoom.
- Rod – You can go far further afield for judges. Their first print competition judged by Paul Stanley of Dublin, and next by person in Dorset. Next PAGB e-news will carry names of judges working on zoom.
- Stewart Dodd, Dundee – just received Kinross prints. Were sent physical prints to him, quite surprised when person delivered at door, having phoned in advance. Continued as normal.
- Libby – Print and PDI never match in quality. Some judges may be reticent until they have experience. Judges should get Images and Prints to judge in advance, and then give comments on Zoom preferably seeing sight of any Print PDIs in advance to ascertain the differences before the night. There is no paper characteristics in the PDI of a print that is why we photograph prints at the championship.
- Hunter – was reticent to begin with but now happy. Not so keen on taking in prints. PDI's do not always match prints, quality can be better or worse. What is the picture being viewed on, e.g. on good monitor, tablet or iPhone. Rod agreed.
- Cathy – Kirkcaldy chose to go digital, because of problem of allowing time to quarantine prints prior to passing to judge because of Syllabus restrictions. Will go back to them as soon as they can.
- Joyce, Dingwall - said she is not seeing same quality.
- Stewart Dodd, Dundee felt quarantining makes lead time excessive, so doing everything as digital for the time being.
- Rod feared this was mistake, putting another nail in coffin of prints. Not fair to print workers. Longer lead time required for prints. Wash hands after handling prints.
- Libby said she is in shielding category and did not leave house until end July. Judged prints all the way through lockdown after quarantining as arranged. Suggested club should make arrangements in advance. Anyone thinking about getting prints judged should clear this with judge first, e.g. leave prints in boot of his car/porch etc for three days.
- Bill Tilstone, Auchterarder CC – this arrangement is very successful.
- Hunter – sees this running on until following summer.

9.3 Fred Wood, Beith CC asked if a meeting on Zoom constitutes a meeting in regard to the

SPF Membership Declaration Statement? Libby responded that as it stands at the moment, the membership fee and declaration is on the basis of the Constitution and the Constitution implies face to face meetings, but It has been confirmed by the PAGB and also by Darwin Clayton that the declaration can be signed for so long as this situation prevails. Provided the Constitution does not say that the Club is a virtual only club then meeting 'virtually' is sufficient to be able to sign the declaration.

9.4 George reminded members that if they want copies of competition DVDs, especially if they had not entered the competition, they should place orders soon. Booking forms on the website under Annual Portfolios. It can be used via Zoom and is supplied as MP4 to aid this.

9.5 Iain Wood, Mearns CC - new clubs £2 per member not in proposal. Libby and Rod pointed out it was in the proposal for today's AGM, but it had not been published in advance which is why it was at the discretion of the Clubs present to accept the proposal. It applies for 2021.

9.6 Alistair Macrae, Haddington CC pay charity with gift for use of premises, but this year not occupiable, but they hope to make donation regardless. He wondered if other clubs were paying rent for premises they could not use. Various members contributed their views on use of premises and the feasibility of meeting there. Dundee and some other clubs are planning to continue on Zoom during 2021.

There being no further business, the President thanked all participants for attending and declared the meeting closed at 14.52.

Neil Smith,
SPF General Secretary

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

A year with a difference - Never in my wildest dreams did I think when I accepted the post of SPF President that I would be running events from the comfort of my own home.

As time rolled on through the pandemic we realised that by careful planning and use of the online zoom platform we could still operate and run the usual events like the Digital Championship, the Print Championships and most recently the Portfolio competition.

We had no idea how well these events would be supported, mainly because clubs weren't meeting in person, some were running a smaller programme than usual, some were operating but not doing competitions and some clubs had even closed down completely, so basically it was all going to be an unknown journey.

But to our huge surprise and delight the Digital Championship was well supported and a great success. The Print competition was a completely different challenge where the prints were actually judged by the judges at home, then the results delivered by means of a zoom meeting. The Portfolio competition was run as a digital only competition and the results delivered in the same way.

They all went fantastically well, we had some new clubs enter for the first time and do very well, also some new entrants featured in the prize lists too, so well done to everyone who competed and supported these events.

It just makes you think of that old saying – Where there's a will, there's a way....

All of the Executive meetings have been run online too with a few phone calls here and there just to discuss the fine tuning of the above events. With all that said and done my first year looked like it was creeping quietly towards the end of October and the Annual AGM, which again was to be held online.

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Then, out of the blue came an e-mail, addressed to the SPF President. It was an invitation from Fraserburgh Photographic Society inviting me as president to visit their club, present my "Wild Scotland" talk then join their members and guests for a buffet reception to help them celebrate their 70th anniversary. After the buffet would I like to present their annual awards and trophies?

I bet you can all guess how long it took me to reply to that e-mail...

I visited their club on the 7th October and it was a great night, what a feeling to be back amongst like minded people talking about all things photography again, a very enjoyable night indeed.

Then to finish the evening off and on behalf of the SPF I had one more special presentation to make, that was to present a once in a lifetime award for services and dedication to photography, both within his club and within the Scottish Federation. That award went to Andrew West, a member of Fraserburgh PS for 60 years, 43 of those as president of the club.

It was a huge honour to present this award and to welcome Andrew West onto the SPF Roll of Honour list. - Again, huge congratulations to Andrew...

Now at the end of my first year as President I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the SPF committee for all their support and for being there when required, many of you have important rolls to play within the federation and although there may be times when it seems like a thankless task, trust me, it is greatly appreciated.

I'm sure I can speak on behalf of all of the committee, and for members from further afield too.. To Libby and Neil Smith, I would just like to say a massive thank you for everything you do for the SPF and beyond..

Moving on into next year we hope we will be able to meet at some point in person, but for the time being we will continue with online meetings. We still don't have venues available to keep a safe distance and we would have no guarantee of getting enough helpers to help run an event, so we feel its best to stay safe and continue the way we are for the moment.

Finally, please everyone take care, stay safe and I hope we all meet again soon. Thank you all.

Gordon Rae
SPF President

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

We started 2020 with 97 Clubs and 3470 individual club members. With the events that transpired by early March almost all Clubs met only virtually throughout 2020 due to Covid, and a few didn't meet even 'virtually' until the end of 2020. We were unsure how many Clubs would register at the end of 2020 to retain their membership in 2021 even with no fee being payable. We were pleasantly surprised to receive the required paperwork from all but two Clubs. Many Clubs had to estimate the number of members at 31st Dec 2020, which was unsurprisingly down slightly at 3152. The two Clubs who haven't responded so far are Fort William CC and Duns and District PS, but we took the decision to continue to list them and send them material in the hope that once things opened up again they would rejoin.

Sadly, in September, we were informed that Inverclyde Camera Club is in the process of dissolution after 73 years of existence. This is mainly because of a lack of volunteers with the required skills to form a full committee exacerbated by a drop in membership brought on by Covid. On a more positive note since our last AGM another Fife based Club has joined, Hillend Camera Club.

Unfortunately since our last AGM we were to see the loss of three more elder statesmen of Scottish Photography, having been long term very active members and continuous post holders of their Clubs as well as SPF Roll of Honour recipients; Dr Bob Cumming, past chairman of

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Milngavie & Bearsden, Glasgow & West, and an Honorary member of the Scottish Circle. He was a long standing exhibitor, SPF Judge and Lecturer serving Scottish photography over more than 40 years; Willie Robertson, Paisley PS who held a variety of roles since 1985, including as Secretary for 21 years. He regularly helped the SPF itself when the Scottish Salon was run in their clubrooms or exhibited at the Museum; and only this month Bob Smith, Bon Accord CC Vice-President; a post holder in a variety of roles for many years including as a Past President, including the Bon-a-Slide International, and a staunch supporter of the now extinct Grampian Cup and its successor the Grampian Eye. He was also an SPF Lecturer and Judge for many years, his last Judging being only days prior to his passing.

On a more positive note is the inclusion of a new member of our SPF Roll of Honour, Andrew West as highlighted in the President's report.

Other than our 2020 Print Championship, which was held at Stirling as normal, all others were Judged remotely and Presentation events held on Zoom afterwards to announce the Club Results and Individual Awards. This did add considerably to the event timescales but we had brilliant support from the member Clubs with the number of entries received - The 2020 Annual Portfolios saw a record entry!

Our 2020 Digital Championship, run in a different format, saw some Clubs enter for the first time, and culminated in January.

We have continued to run all of our 2021 events remotely Judged as Covid has not improved in the way we perhaps hoped.

Our 2021 Print Championship ran with unmounted prints to make it logistically possible to send a large quantity of prints to our Judges. We were not sure how many prints we'd get but were delighted to receive over 800. We have been told that this involved a bit of work unclogging printers, new purchases or organising group or commercial printing! - we do thank all of you for the efforts you've gone to to keep prints alive.

Our 2021 Annual Portfolios was again all judged as three PDI sections as it overlapped with the Print Championship, and saw almost the same size of entry as 2020. Although we held a presentation event for announcement of the Club Results and Awards, the Portfolio Shows that come out 1st Nov will contain many more images than were shown on that day.

Our hoped for June AGM was again postponed before ever being announced as the pandemic continued to make planning difficult, and the PAGB set their Fees at their April AGM subject to review in October. Our Annual Subscription proposal to be set at this year's AGM for 2022 has been set accordingly to reflect that change.

Externally Scottish authors and Clubs continue to do very well in the PAGB and International arenas although the various organisations have also had to adapt to a new way of working because of Covid.

All of our organisations rely on their volunteers, as sadly Inverclyde knows only too well. The SPF is no different, and we were very heartened to gain a new Committee Member at last year's AGM, but following that we were delighted to have two more volunteers within days of that AGM who were quickly co-opted on to the Executive; Ken Dow, President of Paisley Colour PC, and Ken Goodfellow, President of Dunfermline PA.

Terry Railley our FIAP Liaison Officer is stepping down from his FIAP role at this AGM, although he is staying on the SPF Executive. We thank Terry for all of his work on the FIAP applicants behalf. The new post holder is Anne Sproul.

Finally, a thankyou to all of the SPF Club contacts we have dealt with over the past year who have had to get to grips with our changes as well as the difficulties of trying to run their Clubs within extremely difficult circumstances.

A thank you also to all of the members of the SPF Executive Committee for your invaluable input over the past year.

Neil Smith,
SPF General Secretary

SPF PRINT & PDI PORTFOLIOS PORTFOLIOS

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic this year's Annual Portfolio Competitions were quite unique. It would have been easy at the point of lockdown to have cancelled the competitions altogether, but a number of Clubs had already either completed their entry online, or had organised a significant part of their entry ready for online completion. We therefore went ahead with the SPF Annual Portfolio Competitions in a safer format for everyone. Instead of Clubs sending their actual prints we arranged for the Projected Digital Images of the Prints (as uploaded to the SPF website) to be judged in their place.

Instead of three Judges, for practical reasons, the competitions this year were judged by just 2 people – the husband and wife duo of Adrian and Jane Lines from the Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union. They were independently sent the images, which they each scored between 5 and 10. Their individual scores were then combined to give a maximum possible score of 20 and minimum score of 10. The Judges were then asked to select their Individual Award winners from their highest combined scoring images.

The Judge's combined scores were also used to calculate the final Club placings whose results came as normal from the total combined scores of the Club's selections in each category.

A total of 2033 Prints and Projected Images were received from 33 Clubs; made up of 898 PDI, 661 Colour Print PDIs and 474 Mono Prints PDIs. Numbers were up by an incredible 600 on last year, so a massive thank you to all of the Clubs who entered.

After Judging, the highest scoring entries (Approx. 30% of total entry) form the Annual Portfolios of accepted Print Projected Image Sections and Projected Digital Images for the year which will be available to view on DVD. The overall club results were as follows:

- Best Monochrome Club - The Salon Trophy - Paisley Colour PC
- Best Colour Club - The Henry Coates Trophy - Carluke CC and Eastwood PS
- Best Digital (PDI) Club - The McLachlan Shield - Ayr PS

SPF Colour Print Portfolio Club Results 2020

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Carluka Camera Club	75	1st=
Eastwood Photographic Society	75	1st=
Brechin Photographic Club	74	3rd=
Bon Accord Camera Club	73	4th
Queens Park Camera Club	72	5th =
Dumfries Camera Club	72	5th =
Paisley Photographic Society	72	5th =
St. Andrew's Photographic Society	72	5th=
Milngavie and Bearsden Camera Club	48	9th

SPF Monochrome Print Portfolio Club Results 2020

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	74	1st
Carluka Camera Club	73	2nd =
Dumfries Camera Club	73	2nd =
Mearns Camera Club	72	4th
Eastwood Photographic Society	71	5th=
Bon Accord Camera Club	71	5th =

SPF PRINT & PDI PORTFOLIOS PORTFOLIOS

SPF PDI Portfolio Club Results 2020

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Ayr Photographic Society	108	1st
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	107	2nd =
Dumfries Camera Club	107	2nd =
Dundee Photographic Society	107	2nd =
Donside Camera Club	106	5th
Carluka Camera Club	105	6th=
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	105	6th=
St. Andrew's Photographic Society	105	6th=

The following Individual Awards were also awarded by the Judges -

Best Overall Colour (Print)	Breaking Waves	John Burns	Mearns CC
Best Overall Mono (Print)	Resistance is Futile	John Burns	Mearns CC
Best Overall Projected	Heidi	Tracey Taylor	Kirkcaldy PS
Best Creative (Print)	Taking a Gander	Roger Hinton	Bon Accord CC
Best Nature (Print)	Cuckoo Versus Robin	Iain McFadyen	Paisley PS
Best Landscape (Print)	Decay	Ellis Welsh	Perth CSSA
Best Portrait (Print)	The Grocer	Mary Gibson	Carluka CCC
Best Creative Projected	Lock Down	Stan Farrow	St Andrews PC
Best Landscape Projected	Bobby Sox Trees	Bob Humphreys	Donside CC
Best Nature Projected	Dew Covered Damsel	Toby Houlton	Dingwall CC
Best Portrait Projected	Just Sittin'	Ken Lindsay	Eastwood PS
Colour (Print) -			
Adrian's Judge's Choice	Black Darter	Ben Freeman	Brechin PS
Jane's Judge's Choice	Start of the Working Day	Gavin Forrest	Carluka CC
Joint Judge's Choice	Bear Family	Richard Bennett	Paisley Colour PC
Mono (Print) -			
Adrian's Judge's Choice	Sliding	Raymond Gargaro	Paisley Colour PC
Jane's Judge's Choice	Nona's Bedroom	Anne Greiner	Dumfries CC
Joint Judge's Choice	Cathedral	Kevin Flanagan	Bon Accord CC
Digital -			
Adrian's Judge's Choice	Sunset Fun	James Stevenston	Ayr PS
Jane's Judge's Choice	Me and My Dad	John McVie	Dumfries CC
Joint Judge's Choice	Wren Singing	Richard Bennett	Paisley Colour PC

All Club Placings and Individual scores for the photographs entered have previously been emailed directly to the Club Competition Secretary who completed their Club's entry and full details are also available on the SPF website.

John McVie,
SPF Portfolio Secretary

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2020 event was held on Sunday 16th February at the Stirling Court Hotel and saw 30 clubs take part, one down on the previous year, and 1372 prints being assessed, also one down on last year.

This year's Judges were - Christine Widdall MPAGB, EFIAP, FBPE, APAGB from L&CPU, Tony Potter APSA, GMPSA, EFIAP/p, ARPS from NCPF and Pax Garabedian DPAGB, EFIAP, PPSA also from NCPF.

There was a good turn out from the Clubs for the event and once again Paper Spectrum had a stand.

The final Club Results were –

Best Overall Club - (John Logan Trophy) - **Carluka Camera Club** (251 points)

2nd Equal Dumfries CC and Edinburgh PS (249 points)

4th Bon Accord CC (245 points)

5th Eastwood PS (243 points)

Best Colour Club – (SPF Gold Medal) - **Bon Accord Camera Club, Carluka Camera Club and Edinburgh Photographic Society**

Best Monochrome Club - (SPF Gold Medal) - **Dumfries Camera Club**

Individual Awards were awarded by the Judges as follows -

Best Overall Print & Best Colour Print (Esme Smythe Trophy & SPF Gold Medal)

Don't be Sheepish by Andy Tye, Strathaven CC

Best Mono Print (SPF Gold Medal)

Sharon, Trongate by Charles Hamilton, Paisley Colour PC

Best Landscape Print (Campbell McNair Trophy & SPF Silver Medal)

Storm Lashed by Libby Smith, Carluka CC

Best Portrait Print (SPF Silver Medal)

In the Wind by Paul Dickson, Bon Accord CC

Best Nature Print (SPF Silver Medal)

Wild Pine Marten Female with Kit by Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord

Best Creative Print (SPF Silver Medal)

Waiting for Classification by Nicola Shepherd, St Andrews PS

Judge's Choices (SPF Bronze Medal)

Christine Widdall – Hebridean Seascape by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood PS

Tony Potter – The Posse by David Scott, Dunfermline PA

Pax Garabedian – Highland Mist by Peter Paterson, Edinburgh PS

The following were awarded **Highly Commended** –

Island Stroll by Chris Bonnington, Carluka CC

Birthday Portrait by Alastair Cox, Carluka CC

On the Porch by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

The Goat Whisperer by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

The Price of Progress by Keith Beard, Eastwood PS

Reed Bunting by Jean Manson, Edinburgh PS

Spring Blossom in the Round by Keith Avert, Kirkaldy PS

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Potter's Son by Wanda Mackie, Kirkaldy PS

Blackmount and Ice by Alan Cameron, Kirkintilloch CC

Solo Cellist by Stuart Clyne, Midlothian CC

The following were awarded **Commended** -

Put the Kettle on by Alastair Swan, Ayr PS

This Scottish Summer by David Mair, Bon Accord CC

Moonglow by Mary Parsons, Donside CC

Artichokes by Jean Burhouse, Dundee PS

Road Rage by David Scott, Dunfermline PA

Too Much, Too Little by Alexandra McOrist, Edinburgh PS

No Trekking Today by Jim Stevenson, Kilmaurs PC

Cuckoo v's Robin by Iain McFadyen, Paisley PS

Nautilus Remembered by Stan Farrow, St Andrews PS

Brown Hare in the Snow by Joyce Manson, Strathaven CC

Siskin by Sarah Woodfin, Mearns CC

Joe Prior
SPF Executive Member

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2020 competition was held under Covid restrictions and necessarily the format and judging method had to be adapted to allow it to take place.

The two judges (normally three) for the Championship were Andrea Hargreaves MPAGB EFIAP/b BPE3 PSA4 and Marilyn Roberts DPAGB BPE3 from the Yorkshire Photographic Union.

To encourage as many clubs as possible to take part, the Championship was split into two separate competitions, the Plate Trophy which required 15 images per club and the Ian Bowie Trophy which required 20 images, named after the normal SPF Digital Championship trophies. A further four individual awards were added to add interest and encouragement.

These efforts resulted in an increase of clubs participating rising to 36 rather than the usual 28-30. 18 clubs competed for each Trophy so there were 630 images overall for Judging.

Judging was achieved by distributing each club's entries evenly throughout the competition entered and the two competitions were sent independently to each Judge. Each Judge then assigned a star rating to the entry and the SPF then assigned score values to the rating (5* = 10; 4* =8; 3* =6; 2* =4) and the scores were then totalled for the overall score. These scores were then used to calculate the Club Results and provide a shortlist of Images for Individual Awards which were shown at a Zoom presentation event attended by the two Judges.

A DVD containing all of the entered images was also supplied to the Clubs who entered. Copies are available from the Recorded Lecture Service for a nominal fee to Clubs who didn't enter.

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The final results were as follows –

The Ian Bowie Trophy

Winner - Ian Bowie Memorial Trophy, & SPF Gold Medal Dumfries Camera Club

Runner Up - SPF Silver Medal - St Andrews Photographic Society

3rd Place - SPF Bronze Medal - Carluke Camera Club

The Plate Trophy

Winner – The Kirkintilloch Plate Trophy & SPF Gold Medal Cowal CC

Runner Up - SPF Silver Medal - Moray CC

3rd = Place - SPF Bronze Medal - Mearns CC & Strathaven CC

Individual Awards

Top Image - SPF Gold Medal

Jack by Gordon Scott, Mid Calder CC

Best Nature - SPF Silver Medal

Orange Tip by Mick Durham, Dumfries

Best Landscape - SPF Silver Medal

Full Moon at Skogafoss by Alison Smith, St Andrews PS

Best Creative - SPF Silver Medal

Isle of May Puffins by Nicola Shepherd, St Andrews PS

Best Portrait - SPF Silver Medal

Flower Girl by Michele Campbell, Irvine CC

Andrea's Judge's Choice Trophy - SPF Bronze Medal

Contemplation by Michele Campbell, Irvine CC

Marilyn's Judge's Choice Trophy - SPF Bronze Medal

Triplets Hitchin' a Lift by Helen Mitchell, Bon Accord CC

Andrea's Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal

Adoration by Lynn Stout, Mearns CC

Marilyn's Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal

The Skies the Limit by Steve Michael, Dunfermline CC

e-flash 100 Medal Winner - SPF Bronze Medal

Green and White by Agnes Clark, Falkirk CC

The other results in the **e-flash 100 Medal** vote were –

Runner Up - Storm Ciara by Kenny Gordon, Eastwood PS

3rd Equal - Light at the End of the Tunnel by Stan Farrow, St Andrews PS
and Lady of the Desert by Phil Galloway, Moray CC

5th - Takeaway by Mark Walker, Donside CC

Joe Prior
SPF Executive Member

FIAP LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

FIAP Distinction Awards

All applications submitted this year (2021) have been successful, congratulations goes to :

	Name	Club	Distinction
1	Bruce Harley	Livingston CC	AFIAP
2	Jim Stevenson	Kilmaurs PC	EFIAP
3	Fiona Spence	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP
4	Barrie Spence	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP
5	Bob Humphreys	Donside CC	EFIAP
6	Ken Gillies	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP
7	Ken Wilkie	Eastwood PS	EFIAP/b
8	David Sadler	Dundee PS	EFIAP/S
9	Clive Turner	Paisley PS	EFIAP/S
10	Andrew Hayes	Brechin PS	EFIAP/G
11	Ian Mc Fadyen	Paisley PS	EFIAP/G
12	Bill Terrance	Kilmaurs PC	EFIAP/d2
13	John McNairn	Dundee PS	EFIAP/d2
14	Eion Johnston	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/d2
15	Terry Railley	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/d2

Life Cards

Updated Life cards are now free to applicants, and I am not aware of any issues this year. There was 1 member who did not receive his card from last year, but I believe that this has been resolved by the new Card Producer based in Hong Kong

FIAP Patronage

1 successful application for FIAP Patronage: First EPS International Digital Salon - 2021/503 for Edinburgh

FIAP Biennials

No FIAP Biennials were entered this year

SPF FIAP Liaison Officer

Regretfully I need to stand down as SPF FIAP Liaison Officer, but am happy to pass things on to Anne Sproul, whom I know will make a great success of this rewarding role.

Terry Railley,
FIAP Liaison Officer

PAGB REPORT

PAGB 90th AGM was postponed from its usual April date and held on Zoom, on 3rd October 2020. Howard Tate (YPU) was re-elected President; Roger Parry (MCPF) Vice President; Adrian Lines (LCPU) elected Honorary Secretary and Peter Young as Treasurer. Due to many events not taking place in 2020, the retiring Executive recommended that the subscription for 2021 should be £0.00 per affiliated club - Agreed unanimously.

The Executive Committee had one face to face meeting in Feb 2020, in London. One other was held via Zoom in October.

RECORDED LECTURE SERVICE that had gone online in 2019 with the option of instant download proved extremely popular in 2020. This service is available to all SPF Clubs (see SPF website for details of how to access this).

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW: This was postponed before being cancelled for 2020.

INSURANCE: Autumn 2020 saw a slight change to the way all PAGB member Clubs who take out their Insurances provided via PAGB broker, Darwin Clayton. All policies must be taken out and paid directly with the broker. PLI and All Risks made the transition without issues. But, problems arose again when we were informed that the PAGB could no longer hold a Trustee Liability Policy to cover all Federations and Clubs. A new optional 'Management Liability Insurance' policy was made available to Clubs instead, and was in place for Jan. At renewal issues arose with a change of wording in the policy 'Statement about You' which was brought up with the Brokers and PAGB. An improved revised wording was reached later in 2021.

GB CUPS 2020: The Judges for both the Open and Small GB Cup were Andrea Hargreaves (YPU), Joan Blease (L&CPU) and Simon Allen (SPF). The Judges for the Nature section were Edmund Fellowes (SPF), Stephanie Cook (YPU) and Sandie Cox (WCPF).

Ten SPF Clubs entered the Open section of this new competition in 2020, and five made it to the top 30. Eastwood PS finished top Scottish Club in 7th Place, and Edinburgh PS in 9th place. Paisley Colour PC was to be the third best SPF Club in the competition finishing in 19th= place. Dumfries CC and St Andrews PS also made the top 30 overall. One Individual Award went to an SPF Club member - Best Seascape (PAGB Bronze Medal) went to Ken Lindsay of Eastwood PS for 'Wave'.

Three SPF Clubs entered the Small Clubs GB Cup. Mid Calder finishing in 22nd= place, and Donside CC and Kirkcaldy PS both finishing on 12th=. One Small Clubs Individual Award went to an SPF Club member - Best Image went to Bob Humphreys of Donside CC for 'Morning Glow'.

In the Nature section nine Scottish Clubs participated, three finishing in the top 20. Paisley Colour PC finished 10th=, Edinburgh PS finished 12th and Dumfries CC finished 13th=. One Individual Award went to an SPF Club member - Best Crustacean (PAGB Bronze Medal) went to Ken Gillies of Edinburgh PS for 'Peppermint Shrimp Inside a Sponge'.

GB TROPHY 2020: Only one SPF Club entered either section of this unmounted print competition in 2020, Dumfries CC. The Judges for the Open section were Andrea Hargreaves (YPU), Joan Blease (L&CPU) and Simon Allen (SPF). The Judges for the Nature section were Edmund Fellowes (SPF), Stephanie Cook (YPU) and Sandie Cox (WCPF). In the Open section Dumfries CC finished in 7th Place, and 5th place in the Nature section. No individual Awards were won this year.

INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2020 normally held at Warwick Arts Centre in July was cancelled for 2020.

INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2020 normally held at Blackburn in late October was cancelled for 2020. The SPF Clubs qualifying for these 2020 Championships were carried forward to 2021 and invited to attend those events.

PAGB REPORT

MASTERS OF PRINT 2020 was initially cancelled before run for the fourth time, closing for entries in early 2021, and the 850 prints received Judged in April. The Judges were Hunter Kennedy (SPF), Michael O'Sullivan (IPF) and Leigh Preston (MCPF). It wasn't possible to hold an Exhibition but the 'coffee table' catalogue was produced and mailed to every entrant as well as to every SPF Club, courtesy of the main sponsors OnlinePaper.

SPF members had 12 of the total of 60 selected authors gaining the prized MoP Badge and reproduced in the Catalogue.

Congratulations go to the following 9 successful Scottish authors who gained the acceptances – Fungi and Slug by Mick Durham, Dumfries CC; Glasgow Armadillo by David Moyes, Dumfries CC; Safe by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC; Alignment by Alan Sharples, Dumfries CC; The Wedding Gift by Rikki O'Neill, Dundee PS; Wave by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood PS; Flower Girl by Michele Campbell, Irvine CC; Hooded Crow Perched in Tree by Keith Thorburn, Oban PC and Habitat Loss by Stan Farrow St Andrews PS.

Congratulations also to the three Scottish main award winners gaining acceptances and winning PAGB Silver Medals for Judge's Choices – One Down Two to Go by Kate Russell, Dundee PS, Lockdown by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC and Juvenile Pine Marten On Branch by Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord CC.

In addition the Scottish Photographic Federation was the 2nd most successful Federation overall, three Scottish Clubs in the top ten – Dumfries, Dundee and Kirkcaldy. Top Scottish Club was Dumfries CC who entered 30 prints and came 4th overall; 8th place went to Dundee PS and 10th place to Kirkcaldy PS.

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT continues to be very popular and is reported on separately in this Annual Report.

APPOINTMENTS: Rod Wheelans (PAGB Hon-Life Vice President) continues as a member of the APAGB and J.S. Lancaster sub-committees, is also on the Finance, Judges', PAGB Print Championship, Strategy and Standards and Governance sub-committees. He is also Chairman of the Awards for Photographic Merit, the Masters of Print, and editor of the PAGB e-news.

I was re-elected as the member of the PAGB from the SPF. I am also a member of several sub-committees including PAGB Print Championship, Digital Championship, Awards for Photographic Merit, the Masters of Print, Strategy, JS Lancaster and Competition Entry System.

Libby Smith,
SPF's Member on PAGB Executive

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS

The PAGB Inter-Federation Competitions are normally Judged each June. Federations normally submit entries from the members of their affiliated Clubs, each May, in four sections – Monochrome Print, Colour Print, Open PDI and Nature PDI.

Unfortunately these events did not run in 2020 due to the Covid circumstances in March/April 2020. The digital competitions ran in 2021 with a larger entry number permitted. More details in next year's Annual Report.

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

The PAGB Awards continue to be extremely popular in the SPF, and we once again ran our January workshop for those interested in having work assessed. Unfortunately Covid restrictions were to make it impossible for the SPF to hold any further workshops during 2020.

The PAGB were also unable to hold their usual April and Nov Adjudications in 2020, with both planned events being cancelled. However after some work behind the scenes to be able to run a PDI Adjudication using web based software, by November, all 2020 Applicants had been able to reschedule their entries on either a closed PDI Adjudication that was held online in Jan 2021, or the following April 2021 Adjudication.

In order to cope with the back log of Print Applications April 2021 ended up as two Adjudications; the first an online PDI Adjudication, and then the backlog of Prints were then Adjudicated as soon as restrictions lifted in June, as a Closed event at Smethwick.

The PAGB also put in place an Advisory service as it was also unable to hold it's normal workshops around the Federations. This proved popular and is still available to any prospective applicant. (See SPF website for details)

Although this is a 2020 Report, given the length of time many of these applicants have waited we are reporting them here. The following were the successful Scottish Candidates from the Jan, April and May 2021 Adjudications who can now place CPAGB, DPAGB or MPAGB after their names.

At the January 2021 'online' closed PAGB PDI Adjudication there was 1 successful SPF Candidate.

Ken Gillies	Edinburgh PS	DPAGB
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At the April 2021 'online' closed PAGB PDI Adjudication there was 1 successful SPF Candidate.

Jean Robson	Dumfries CC	CPAGB
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At the June 2021 closed PAGB Print Adjudication, held at Smethwick there were 5 successful SPF Candidates.

Maybeth Jamieson	Dumfries CC	DPAGB
David Sadler	Dundee PS	DPAGB
Fiona Spence	Edinburgh PS	DPAGB
Barrie Spence	Edinburgh PS	DPAGB
Keith Beard	Eastwood PS	DPAGB

All of the successful work submitted by these Applicants in 2021 can be viewed in their own respective galleries on the SPF Website, or to find out more about the PAGB Awards scheme, and how to apply visit the SPF visit -

www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-awards

Libby Smith
SPF's PAGB Awards Officer

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As my report indicates the SPF recorded a surplus for 2020 which was anticipated at our 'virtual' October AGM.

Two of our main events were held remotely, meaning no travel, venue or accommodation costs. We were only able to run our Print Championship and two Executive Meetings 'face to face', the remainder of the year was on Zoom.

This predicted surplus together with the PAGB setting a zero membership rate, made it possible to set a zero membership fee for 2021. This 2020 surplus is therefore intended to cover as much of the 2021 shortfall as possible.

The following are the usual events commented on in the Treasurer's report however this year they are slightly misleading as there is a significant outlay still to be offset for Medals and engraving, and one of the events happened over 2020 and 2021.

The Portfolios again recorded a surplus, which was significantly greater than the surplus for 2019, due in part to an increased entry.

The Print Championship recorded a small surplus, which was well down on the surplus for 2019 due mainly to lower income and venue cost increases.

The Digital Championship wasn't completed until 2021 although a small surplus is estimated.

The Scottish Salon did not run in 2020. It is unlikely to do so for some time, however as the Salon bank account also has a PayPal facilities attached, I have encompassed this account as an SPF PayPal account temporarily, as we have required the PayPal facility for some competition entries to be paid electronically when Clubs struggled to get cheques signed. The separate 'Salon' accounts and balance will be reinstated once the PayPal facility is no longer needed or the Salon restarts.

The PAGB have set a reduced per Club rate of £16.00 for 2022.

Although we were able to propose a zero fee last year, that is not sustainable going forward. It is also likely that we will see a reduction in Club membership numbers, and possibly in the number of Clubs re-joining as a number of smaller Clubs are struggling to keep going. Therefore, rather than going back to the full 2020 joint SPF/PAGB per member rate set in 2019, we are proposing a 25% reduction on that rate which we hope will go some way to help Clubs.

The SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes that the subscriptions rate for 2022 be £3.00 per member payable by 31st December 2021.

Although we do not propose a late payment levy for 2022, Clubs should be aware that if their Subscription is not paid by the 1st week in January they may be ineligible for PAGB Services, Website Access, Competitions and more importantly Insurances as we now require to supply a list of eligible Clubs to the PAGB and Insurance Brokers in early January. If you have a difficulty in meeting the deadline then please get in contact as soon as possible.

We propose that the Fee threshold for large clubs will remain at 120 members.

Summary of items usually mentioned:-

Cont'd over

TREASURER'S COMMENTS CONT'D

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	+£1458.56	surplus
Print Championship	+£53.60	surplus
Digital Championship(Interim)	was not completed until 2021	

Total Funds available to the
Federation and Salon at 31st December 2020

£49,396.65

Additional Comments on the Reconciliation of Funds -

* 2019 Financial Statement showed a closing balance of £11,322.83, which contained an error of £8.00. Corrected to £11,314.83

** 2019 Expenses included a payment of £199.85. The cheque was uncashed at the end of the year but was not included in the 2019 reconciliation figures.

Both shown as amended in this 2020 Financial Statement

Libby Smith, Treasurer
Scottish Photographic Federation
10th September 2021

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Surplus (Deficit)

SPF Income 2020	£18,824.30	
SPF Expenses 2020	£11,423.67	<u>surplus / (deficit) £7,400.63</u>

Account Transfers

Treasurer's a/c 2019	£11,314.83*	
Uncashed Cheque from 2019	(£199.85)**	
Salon Account a/c 2019	£5,952.30	
Surplus on year	£7,400.63	<u>Treasurer's account £18,234.23</u>

Cash/Cheques In Hand £1,494.60

Salon/Paypal Account £4,739.08

General Fund a/c 2019	£24,919.79
Interest from General Fund	£8.95

General Account £24,928.74

NET WORTH OF FEDERATION FUNDS = £49,396.65

ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

Brought forward from 2019

Carried forward to 2021

Treasurer's a/c Salon	5,952.30	Treasurer's a/c SPF(Salon/Paypal)	4,739.08
Treasurer's a/c SPF	11,314.83	Treasurer's a/c SPF	18,234.23
General Fund a/c	24,919.79	General Fund a/c	24,928.74
Income from Salon 2020	0.00	Expenditure from Salon 2020	0.00
Income from SPF 2020	18,824.30	Expenditure from SPF 2020	11,423.67
Income from General A/C	8.95	Transfer from General A/C	0.00
Control - Uncashed Cheque 2019 (199.85)		Cash in Hand	1,494.60
<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£60,820.32</u>	<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£60,820.32</u>

Libby Smith, SPF Treasurer

Signed*Libby Smith*.....

SPF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT...

...FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

SPF INCOME

Competitions	Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	1,550.60
	Digital Championship (Interim)	0.00
	Print Championship	2,319.70
Medal Income	Sale of Medals	160.00
Subscriptions	Joint SPF/PAGB Membership Fees	13,654.00
Various Income	FIAP Distinctions	870.00
	PAGB Workshop	270.00

Total Income **£18,824.30**

SPF EXPENDITURE

Administration	Executive Meeting Room Hire	267.40
	Stationary and Software Updates	605.41
	Travel Expenses	712.18
	Data protection registration	40.00
	Custodian	266.66
	e-flash and e-mailing	337.36
	SPF PAGB Awards Workshop	456.68
	Storage Unit	864.00
Competition	Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	92.04
	Digital Championship	288.00
	Print Championship	2,266.10
Fees	FIAP Membership Fees	366.36
	PAGB Membership Fees	3,686.00
	Public Liability, All Risks and MLI Insurance	508.66
	FIAP Distinctions	666.82

Total Expenditure **£11,423.67**

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2019	2020
General fund account	24,919.79	24,928.74
Treasurer's cheque account SPF	11,314.83*	18,234.23
Treasurer's cheque account SPF Salon/PayPal	5,952.30	4,739.08
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Treasurer's account SPF (****644)	11,314.83*	18,234.23
Treasurer's account Salon (****977)	5,952.30	4,739.08
Premier account SPF (****721)	24,919.79	24,928.74
Cash and Cheques in Hand	0.00	1,494.60

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

to the Members of the Scottish Photographic Federation

We have examined the Financial Statement of the
Scottish Photographic Federation
in Accordance with section 2 (4) of the Constitution and Bye Laws In our opinion,
the Financial Statements
give a true and fair view of the state of the Federation affairs
at 31st December 2020

Name

Address

Signed

Dated

AGM PROPOSAL 2021

SUBSCRIPTIONS PROPOSAL FOR 2022

The Coronavirus outbreak and the resulting affect to our SPF events and Member Clubs this last year, together with news that the PAGB had revised their Subscription Proposal for 2022 to be at the rate of £16.00 per Club (*a 50% reduction of their April 2021 AGM proposal*) has led the SPF to this proposed Annual Subscription rate for 2022.

(The 'per member' Annual Subscription proposed by us (*the SPF*) annually is a joint SPF & PAGB membership fee)

Although things are beginning to open up, the SPF and many of our member Clubs are not yet able to meet and run our programmes as we would normally do pre-covid, but are hopeful that this will be the case more so in 2022. We are also aware that costs are all going up so we are proposing a reduced rate from our previous (2019) £4.00 per member rate.

The SPF Executive Committee therefore propose that the subscriptions rate for 2022 be £3.00 per member payable by 31st December 2021.

Although we do not propose a late payment levy for 2022. Clubs should be aware that if their Subscription is not paid by the 1st week in January they may be ineligible for PAGB Services, Website Access, Competitions and more importantly Insurances as we now require to supply a list of eligible Clubs to the PAGB and Insurance Brokers in early January.

We propose that the Fee threshold for large clubs remains at 120 members

*This proposal also requires an SPF Membership Declaration Form together with Main Club Contact Details etc. to be completed by 31st December
For Clubs only able to hold 'Virtual' meetings please see below for additional details*

'VIRTUAL' CLUB MEETINGS AND OUR SPF MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION FORM 2021-2

For the purpose of the 'SPF Membership Declaration Form' (and our Club definition in our Constitution) we can confirm that Clubs who would normally meet in person 'face to face', who cannot do so due to Covid-19 restrictions (*or other such similar causes*), that are only able to meet using 'Virtual' means (*e.g. using Zoom, MS Teams etc.*), do comply with this Membership Declaration and Constitutional item, even if meeting programs are published in a more 'ad-hoc' manner during this time.

(You are however advised to keep good records of your events)

The PAGB have also confirmed this for PAGB affiliation.

As the PAGB 'Club Definition' has been the same as that used by PAGB Insurance Brokers Darwin Clayton, and the Insurers, we have also had it confirmed by the Insurance Brokers that the Insurers have now amended their wording (See Page 31)

The following pages should be read in conjunction with this. Please contact the SPF General Secretary, or Libby Smith if you require any clarification on this.

CLUB ANNUAL REQUIREMENT REMINDER

If you have not already done so please see the additional latitudes given for existing Member Clubs, on the previous page, who are currently only able to hold 'Virtual' meetings, relevant to this SPF Membership Declaration statement for 2021-2 which should be read in conjunction with the below.

The SPF AGM 2015 introduced the following Constitution Change to comply with PAGB affiliation and our Insurer's requirements adopted at the 2015 PAGB AGM. This was adopted by the SPF AGM (Jun 15) as a condition of membership; Clubs cannot rejoin the SPF (or PAGB) if they cannot declare they fulfill these requirements.

From 1st Jan 2016 This is now a condition of Membership, and all Clubs require to complete a Membership Declaration Form annually at Renewal of Subscription.

Please be aware that this affects all Scottish Clubs irrespective of what form of insurance they hold – This is a condition of SPF and PAGB Membership

This SPF MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION FORM will be sent out annually, along with our Annual Subscription renewal details, for completion by a Club Officebearer. It requires to be returned either to the SPF Treasurer or SPF General Secretary by the indicated date.

Note - The idea behind this, as well as to satisfy our Insurers, was also to protect both Clubs and Federations from the possible onslaught of virtual Clubs, and the potential loss of members.

This information is also available from the SPF Website - 'SPF' area 'SERVICES'
www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/services

The actual Constitution wording can be seen below -

"1.2 A Society may be affiliated to the SPF only if it is a camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published constitution and published programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual co-operation, education, entertainment or competition solely from a physical location within Scotland. The objectives of the SPF are to promote co-operation between, and organise activities for the mutual benefit of, Affiliated Societies as well as promoting the general advancement of photography.

1.3 All affiliated Societies shall pay an annual subscription and any additional levy as fixed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). They shall also pay the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) affiliation fee. All such moneys are due on 1st January of each year."

If this causes your Club a problem please contact the SPF General Secretary, Neil Smith as soon as possible to discuss on libbyneilsmith@virginmedia.com (01555 750737).

Visit the SPF Website - 'SPF' area 'ABOUT' for a copy of the complete Constitution
www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/about

'VIRTUAL CLUB MEETINGS AND PAGB'S INSURANCE BROKERS

The 'PAGB's' Insurance Brokers Darwin Clayton, and the Insurers' Club Definition' has previously been the same as that used by the PAGB (and the SPF) however the Insurers have now amended their wording to drop the requirement for 'meeting in person'.

The Insurance Brokers, Darwin Clayton, who the PAGB have agreed preferential rates with for PAGB/SPF Clubs, at the time of the 2021 renewal indicated that the Insurer's definition of a Club, given that so many of us are still only meeting 'virtually' for insurance purposes is now -

"A camera club, photographic society, photographic club, federation, or photographic group accepted as members, or affiliated members, of The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain and affiliated federations, unions and associations, united by common interest in photography and meeting for mutual cooperation, education, entertainment or competition, located within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, The Channel Islands or The Isle of Man."

This is now included in the Insurance Policy documents that Club Treasurer's would have received in early 2021. Only Clubs who fall within this definition can be insured, from renewal, under the PAGB agreed policies.

Please be aware though that the PAGB and SPF Membership have not changed their wording. They are making a temporary allowance due to Covid. Neither organisation accepts 'virtual only' Clubs as members in normal circumstances and Clubs that are constitutionally 'virtual only' Clubs will not be able to obtain membership of the SPF or the PAGB. This affects all Scottish Clubs irrespective of what form of insurance they hold – This is a condition of SPF and PAGB Membership.

SPF WEBSITE

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