

Scottish Photographic Federation



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Notice is hereby given that the 120TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

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

SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2022 VIA ZOOM
STARTING AT 2.00PM

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 Thursday 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

Data Protection - All Data collected will be used in line with our Constitution. "All personal data obtained by the SPF and used to facilitate the administration of the SPF, its services and events will be handled in compliance with our 'SPF Data Protection Policy'" - A copy of the SPF Data Protection Policy can be downloaded here https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/sites/default/files/downloads/spf_data_protection_policy.pdf

AGM AGENDA 2022

1. President's Opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM pages 6 to 9
4. Matters arising from the 2021 AGM
5. Treasurer's Report on 2021 pages 21 to 26
6. Proposals -
 - a) Subscription proposals for 2023 see page 27
- 7.1 President's Report

The following are contained in this years Report, pages 9 to 20
and are distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM.

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

- 7.2 General Secretary
 - 7.3 SPF's PAGB Awards Officer 2021
 - 7.4 SPF Print and PDI Portfolios 2021
 - 7.5 SPF Print Championship 2021
 - 7.6 SPF Digital Championship 2021
 - 7.7 FIAP Report 2021
 - 7.8 PAGB Report 2021
 - 7.9 PAGB Inter-Fed Report 2021
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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

PAGB'S 'NEW' INSURANCE BROKERS STB INSURANCE BROKERS IN ASSOCIATION WITH HIVE INSURANCE SERVICES



The PAGB were informed by Darwin Clayton during the renewal process for 2022 that neither they nor Sun Alliance would be offering Insurances to the PAGB, it's Federations or member clubs after April 2022, which meant the PAGB required to look for an alternative Insurer/Broker for 2023 renewal time.

The PAGB have managed to secure such a broker, and an Insurer.

The new brokers are
Hive Insurance Services
who are delighted to work in partnership
with the PAGB to offer their clubs access to
Public Liability, Management Liability
and Equipment cover.

The new underwriters are Axa

Through discussions the PAGB have managed to keep all the same benefits that were offered by our previous insurer Darwin Clayton UK Ltd.

The premiums have gone up slightly but they are in line with the anticipated increase had we stayed with Darwin Clayton.

The SPF will send out full details in time for your renewal date of 1st Feb 2023. But if you want to see more, the PAGB insurance application form can be accessed from the front page of the PAGB web site where you will see Hive Insurance Services.

<https://stbinsurance.co.uk/pagb-apply/>

Notification of this change will also be reported in eNews and an article by Hive Insurance Services in the next issue.

Clubs and club members can access a number of different insurance policies, regarding Management Liability , etc all at beneficial rate to the PAGB.

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 2022-3 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

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
119TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held via 'Zoom' on Sunday 31st October 2021 at 1 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Allan Perera, *Auchterarder CC*; Anne Nicol, *Auchterarder CC*; David Blatchford, *Ayr PS*; Alison Hunter, *Ayr PS*; Ian Ferguson, *Beith CC*; Ian Mitchell, *Bon Accord CC*; Helen Mitchell, *Bon Accord CC*; Allan Gawthorpe, *Bon Accord CC*; Neil Smith, *Carlisle CC*; Jim Pollock, *Carlisle CC*; Libby Smith, *Carlisle CC*; Hunter Kennedy, *Carlisle CC*; John McMillan, *Clacks CC*; Lorraine Parramore, *Cowal CC*; Andrew Thomson, *Cumnock & District CC*; Joyce White, *Dingwall CC*; Bob Humphreys, *Donside CC*; Ian Cameron, *Donside CC*; Maybeth Jamieson, *Dumfries CC*; Rod Wheelans, *Dumfries CC*; John McVie, *Dumfries CC*; Ivy May McIntosh, *Dundee PS*; Ian Sturrock, *Dundee PS*; Ken Goodfellow, *Dunfermline PA*; Stuart Glen, *East Kilbride CC*; Isobel Lindsay, *Edinburgh PS*; Helen Mundy, *Edinburgh PS*; Muriel Binnie, *Edinburgh PS*; Terry Railley, *Edinburgh PS*; George Taylor, *Forres CC*; Alasdair Joyce, *Forres CC*; Alison Bradley, *Kinross CC*; Cathy Davies, *Kirkcaldy PS*; Wanda Mackie, *Kirkcaldy PS*; Jason Prince, *Livingston CC*; Susan Roberts, *Livingston CC*; Sandra Taylor, *Livingston CC*; Russell Walker, *Livingston CC*; Margaret Dewar, *Motherwell PS*; Brian Saberton, *Motherwell PS*; Clive Turner, *Paisley PS*; Ken Dow, *PCPC*; Gordon Rae, *President*; Joe Prior, *QPCC*; Gordon McMann, *QPCC*; Tom Doherty, *QPCC*; Emily Noakes, *St Andrews PS*; Stan Farrow, *St Andrews PS*; Anne Sproul, *Stirling & District CC*; Steven McCann, *Strathaven CC*; Dave Ferguson, *Falkirk CC*

1. **PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS** – The President welcomed all to the 119th SPF AGM, and said it was great to see such a large turnout with Clubs represented from all over Scotland. (53 Attended, with 36 voting delegates representing 25 Member Clubs) 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.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies for absence were received from Roger Hinton, *Bon Accord*; Jackie Riach, *Deeside*; Alan Hempseed, *Dunfermline CC*; Ken Lindsay, *Eastwood*

3. **MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM** – There were no amendments to the 2020 Minutes. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by George Taylor and seconded by Dave Ferguson.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2020 MINUTES** – there were no matters arising.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2020** – Treasurer, Libby highlighted aspects of the Treasurer's Report and noted that 2020 was a strange year with some events actual and some virtual and the SPF recorded a surplus for 2020 as was anticipated at our 'virtual' October 2020 AGM.

Two of our main events were held on Zoom, meaning no travel, venue or accommodation costs. Only the Print Championship and two Executive Meetings were held 'face to face'. A zero membership fee was set for 2021 due to the predicted 2020 surplus and the PAGB setting a zero membership rate. The 2020 surplus is therefore intended to cover as much of the 2021 shortfall as possible.

The Portfolios again recorded a surplus which was significantly greater than that for 2019, due in part to an increased entry. More clubs entered virtual competitions as entry was made easier. All sections of the Portfolios were run digitally and clubs were looking for the DVD to help fill their syllabus.

The Print Championship recorded a small surplus, but well down on 2019. The Digital Championship was not completed until 2021, though a small surplus is estimated. Very healthy surplus on 2020 of £7,400. It is predicted that there will not be much of a deficit for this year,

AGM PROPOSAL 2022
SUBSCRIPTIONS PROPOSAL FOR 2023

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 2023 to be at the rate of £32.00 per Club has led the SPF to this proposed Annual Subscription rate for 2023.

The 'per member' Annual Subscription proposed by us (*the SPF*) annually is a joint SPF & PAGB membership fee. Although things are beginning to get back to normal, the SPF and many of our member Clubs are still seeing the effects of the lockdown, particularly with reduced memberships. 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 again this year

The SPF Executive Committee propose that the subscriptions rate for 2023 be **£3.50** per member payable by 31st December 2022.

Although we do not propose a late payment levy for 2023 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 2022-3

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.

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.

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2020	2021
General fund account	24,928.74	24,931.22
Treasurer's cheque account SPF	18,234.23	20,170.75
Treasurer's cheque account SPF Salon/PayPal	4,739.08	3,181.28
 REPRESENTED BY		
Treasurer's account SPF (****644)	18,234.23	20,170.75
Treasurer's account Salon/PayPal (****977) PayPal Account on Year	4,739.08	3,183.57 (2.29)
Premier account SPF (****721)	24,928.74	24,931.22

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 2021

Name

Address

Signed

Dated

possibly even a small surplus.

The PAGB have set a reduced per Club rate of £16.00 for 2022. This is incorporated in the SPF per member rate being proposed.

The Scottish Salon accounts are not included but we do have a Scottish Salon bank account and a Scottish Salon PayPal facility and until the Salon can run again this has been assigned to SPF because it is only practicable to accept electronic payments this way. All moneys entering and leaving that account are actually SPF ones. 3159 members at start of 2021, but we will probably see less in 2022.

6. PROPOSALS

SUBSCRIPTION PROPOSALS FOR 2022 (page 23 of the pre-supplied Annual Report) - As there are likely to be smaller numbers of club members and of actual clubs, the SPF Executive Committee proposes that the subscriptions rate for 2022 be £3.00 per member payable by 31st December 2021. There will be no late payment levy for 2022 but if payment is not made by first week of January clubs 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 will remain at 120 members. Proposal seconded by Rod Wheelans and unanimously accepted.

7. ANNUAL REPORTS (pages 11 to 21)

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 - Gordon observed that he had not visualised, when he accepted the post of SPF President, he would be running events from home! It was realised the usual events could be run via Zoom, but level of support was not known mainly because clubs weren't meeting in person or with a reduced syllabus, and some had closed down. These events have gone well and have even attracted some new members. There were no questions about the President's report.

7.2 GENERAL SECRETARY – EXTRACT - Started 2020 with 97 clubs and 3470 individual club members. From early March almost all clubs met virtually due to Covid, and some not even virtually until the end of 2020. Some clubs rejoined (free) to get services, and only two were lost. Membership estimated at December 2020 as 3152 a drop of 318. The two clubs which have not responded are Fort William and Duns & District, but the latter is posting material on its website for 2021. Both clubs have continued to receive material in the hope they will rejoin, but they will be delisted if they do not now rejoin. In September notified that Inverclyde CC in process of dissolution after 73 years due to a lack of volunteers and drop in membership. Hope that members will join other Renfrewshire clubs. Following last AGM another Fife based club joined, Hillend CC, and have joined in some SPF competitions. Libby advised the deaths of three "elder statesmen" all Roll of Honour recipients for their services to clubs and the SPF. Andrew West from Fraserburgh has been added to the Roll of Honour. Libby put out a request for more nominees to be put forward. The SPF gained a new Committee Member at last year's AGM, and, shortly after, two more volunteers 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 as an Area Rep. We thank Terry for all of his work on the FIAP applicants behalf. The new post holder is Anne Sproul. Thanks was expressed to all involved for their help during the last year.

7.3 SPF Print and PDI Portfolios 2020 - no questions on report.

7.4 SPF Print Championship 2020 - no questions on report.

7.5 SPF Digital Championship 2020 - no questions on report.

7.6 FIAP REPORT 2020-21 – All applicants submitted were successful and congratulations are due to them. Edinburgh PS first Digital Salon 2021-22 has successfully applied for FIAP Patronage. No FIAP Biennials were entered this year.

7.7 PAGB Report 2020 – There were no questions.

7.8 PAGB Inter-Fed Report 2020 – The PAGB did not run this event.

7.9 SPF's PAGB AWARDS OFFICER 2020 – The 2020 adjudications had to be either postponed or cancelled and ran in early 2021. Digital assessments were carried out online, but not via Zoom, instead using webbased software. The print adjudication ran as a closed event at Smethwick in June 2021.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & ORDINARY MEMBERS

Gordon paid tribute to Jim Pollock who was not standing for re-election. Jim has been on the SPF Executive Committee and Scottish Salon Committee for many years. He is probably best known as the backroom organiser at the Print Championship and running the Slide Championship.

Libby Smith took the chair and proposed the re-election of Gordon Rae as President on behalf of the Executive. Gordon resumed the chair and chaired the remainder of the election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Members. Full details as indicated below -

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Gordon Rae	Executive	George Taylor
Snr. Vice President	Gordon McMann	Gordon Rae	John McVie
Jnr. Vice President	George Taylor	Gordon Rae	Hunter Kennedy
Secretary	Neil Smith	George Taylor	Cathy Davies
Treasurer	Libby Smith	Dave Ferguson	Ian Sturrock
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)	
Member 6	Wanda Mackie)	
Member 7	Alison Bradley) John McVie	Ivy May McIntosh
Member 8	Tom Doherty)	
Member 9	Anne Sproul)	
Member 10	Dave Ferguson)	
Member 11	Ken Goodfellow)	
Member 12	Ken Dow)	
Member 13	Vacant		
Member 14	Vacant		
Auditor	TBC		

...FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

SPF EXPENDITURE

Administration	Executive Meetings - Zoom & Travel	293.72
	Stationary and Software Updates	871.38
	Data protection registration	40.00
	Custodian	16.47
	e-flash and e-mailing	231.41
	SPF PAGB Awards Workshop	35.00
	Storage Unit	864.00
Competition	Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	38.40
	Digital Championship	193.75
	Print Championship	201.56
Fees	FIAP Membership Fees & Distinctions	1,455.71
	PAGB Membership Fees	00.00
	Public Liability, All Risks and MLI Insurance	586.49
Total Expenditure		£4,827.89

SPF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT...

SPF INCOME

Competitions	Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	1,603.85
	Digital Championship (Interim)	1,123.38
	Print Championship	486.28
Custodians Income	Sale of Medals & Viewing Fees	498.50
Subscriptions	Joint SPF/PAGB Membership Fees	00.00

Total Income £3,712.01

Attendees were then asked for any new nominees to the Executive. There were no other volunteers leaving two vacancies.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

9.1 Libby announced Digital Championship will be going ahead and will be closing on the date it would normally go ahead in person. Same format as last year and details going out this coming week. Not feasible with current technology to judge it live with the quality being seen by the judges and quantity of images too large for any other option. Will be judged off camera but there will be a presentation event with same DVD arrangement as last time.

Not practical to add image titles to file names.

9.2 Rod announced PAGB Print Championship took place last weekend. And gave results. All Scottish clubs have to qualify and only two can. 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.

Rod proposed vote of thanks to Gordon Rae. Gordon responded and thanked all for attending.

Neil Smith,
SPF General Secretary

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

We ended 2020 with 97 Clubs but the continuation of Covid restrictions was to take its toll by the start of 2022. Clubs struggled with uncertainty, lack of venue availability, or membership numbers, and in some cases lack of volunteers for committee posts. This impacted for some financially as well, with many choosing to continue meeting only by 'zoom', after trying to meet in-person. Unfortunately 11 Clubs were no longer SPF members on the 1st Jan 2022 with some even folding. They were Inverclyde CC, who folded in Sept 2021, Annan CC, Annan PS, Craigewan PG, Duns & District PS, Kelso CC, Linlithgow CC, Loch Lomond CC, Orkney CC, Saltcoats CC and Stranraer CC.

Some Clubs had to continue to estimate the number of members on joining at 31st Dec 2021, which was unsurprisingly down on the 3152 reported last year, to 2735 Individual Members, a drop of 718 since Jan 2020.

I reported on most of the 2021 events in my previous annual report. Since then, all of our events have been held with only a virtual audience at a presentation event. Two of the events having the images being sent to the Judges, and third being held in-camera. All of these events have been well subscribed both with entries and attendances at the presentation events.

Our 2021 Digital Championship, was again run in the restrict quantities format, and saw 36 Clubs compete, some for the first time, and culminated in a February presentation event.

Our plan for the 2022 Print Championship, was to run again with unmounted prints, but to have them Judged 'in-camera' in March/April with no more than 12 attending, including the three Judges. Unfortunately the rise in covid levels, and shutdown at the start of the year, impacted on the ability of some Clubs to collect their prints by the deadline, which again had to be extended. With localised outbreaks continuing throughout the spring it also proved impossible to hold the Judging then as we had hoped.

Our 2022 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 pre-covid levels. 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.

Another challenge we had faced during the past two years was organising and supplying SPF Medals to Clubs and their members who had won them at SPF events during 2020 and 2021. This was due to our Custodian being in the 'high-risk category', exacerbated by him being

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

hospitalised for a period quite unrelated to Covid. Once he was feeling better we managed to arrange access to the supply of medals.

We are very grateful to Joe Prior for taking on the task of arranging for engraving and supply of all of the medals over the summer to the relevant Clubs, and we wish our Custodian Tom a continued speedy recovery. This was quite a task for Joe with some 97 medals to be sent out to 30 Club Secretaries. The Medals for the 2022 Print Championship and 2022 Annual Portfolios events will go out shortly.

Externally, Scottish authors and Clubs continue to do very well in the PAGB and International arenas although the various organisations have also found things challenging for the first half of 2021 because of Covid.

Late 2021 saw the 1st Edinburgh International Digital Exhibition run, and after being unable to run in 2020 or 2021, the 158th Edinburgh International Print Exhibition returned in 2022.

The PAGB held two Masters of Print competitions in 2021 after the 2020 event had been initially cancelled. Scottish authors did extremely well in both, gaining several Individual Awards! The cancelled 2020 PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Adjudications started off online for the PDI applicants carried over from 2020, and those in for April 2021, the Print Adjudication finally managing to run as a closed event in June 2021.

The PAGB Inter-Fed competition 2021 was only able to run as a digital only event. The PAGB Digital Championship 2021, normally held at Warwick, ran as an online event in July, and the PAGB Print Championship 2021 ran at Smethwick clubrooms with a hybrid audience, to restrict numbers in the venue. 2022 has seen PAGB events return to normal audience events, after a rocky start for Judgings earlier in the year, but so far audience numbers have been significantly down.

What has proved popular during the past couple of years is the online zoom register set up by Adrian Lines. This is being replaced by an online PAGB system, which is also replacing the PAGB Handbook. This new online system will give Clubs up to date access to all of the PAGB Federation's Judges and Lecturers, both for zoom and in person bookings. The Judges are already available online, inc. all of the SPF's list of Judges. The Lecturer's lists are starting to be added now.

Also popular over the past two years is the PAGB's Recorded Lecture Service, giving Clubs almost instant access to RLS downloads. Both of these services are available to all Club Committee members from the PAGB's Central Entry System. More details are available from the SPF website as to how to access this area.

In early 2022 we received notice of a volunteer for the post of Ayrshire Area Rep, after it being vacant for many years, so we welcomed Eddie Telford, a member of Ayr PS, onto the SPF Executive following agreement by the Area Clubs.

After many years, Alison Bradley, our SPF Minute Secretary, is stepping down from her role at this AGM. Alison may be familiar to many of you who attended our championships as she was also frequently seen on the door or selling raffle tickets. We thank Alison for all of her help and great patience over the years, particularly while Minute taking!

Thank you also to all of the members of the SPF Executive Committee for your invaluable input over the past year once again.

Finally, thank you to all of the SPF Club contacts we have dealt with over the past year who have had some challenges trying to run their activities with so much uncertainty of what the next Club season may hold.

All of our organisations rely on their volunteers, and sadly volunteers are always undervalued, so if you can help in any way keep your Club running why not consider volunteering for your committee. I'm sure they could do with the help, and it may just save the future of your Club!

Neil Smith
SPF General Secretary

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Surplus (Deficit)

SPF Income 2021	£3,712.01	
SPF Expenses 2021	£4,827.89	<u>surplus / (deficit) (£1,115.88)</u>

Account Transfers

Treasurer's a/c 2020	£18,234.23	
Salon/Paypal Account a/c 2020	£4,739.08	
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	(£1,115.88)	<u>Treasurer's account £20,170.75</u>

Salon PayPal Bank Account	3183.57	
PayPal Balance on Year	(2.29)	<u>Salon/Paypal Account £3,181.28</u>

General Fund a/c 2020	£24,928.74	
Interest from General Fund	£2.48	
		<u>General Account £24,931.22</u>

NET WORTH OF FEDERATION FUNDS = £48,283.25

ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

<u>Brought forward from 2020</u>		<u>Carried forward to 2022</u>	
Treasurer's a/c Salon	4,739.08	Treasurer's a/c SPF(Salon/Paypal)	3,181.28
Treasurer's a/c SPF	18,234.23	Treasurer's a/c SPF	20,170.75
General Fund a/c	24,928.74	General Fund a/c	24,931.22
Cash/Cheq in Hand 2020	1494.60		
Income from SPF 2021	3,712.01	Expenditure from SPF 2021	4,827.89
Income from General A/C	2.48	Transfer from General A/C	0.00
<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£53,111.14</u>	<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£53,111.14</u>

Libby Smith, SPF Treasurer

Signed*Libby Smith*.....

TREASURER'S COMMENTS CONT'D

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	+£1427.93	surplus*
Print Championship (Interim)	+£284.72	surplus*
Digital Championship (Interim)	+£345.37	surplus*

Note on events* - Some expenses are carried forward to 2022, inc supply of Medals and Engraving costs for 2020 and 2021.

Total Funds available to the
Federation and Salon at 31st December 2021

£48,283.25

Libby Smith, Treasurer
Scottish Photographic Federation
30th September 2022

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

2021 started a little uncertainly for the PAGB following the cancellations of their 2020 Awards Adjudications. This had given a back log of both Print and PDI applicants waiting for the opportunity to have their work assessed. However after some work behind the scenes to be able to run a PDI Adjudication using web based software for those applicants who had applied in PDIs, all 2020 Applicants had been able to reschedule their entries on either a closed Jan 2021 PDI Adjudication, or the following April 2021 Adjudication.

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

The PAGB APM Adjudications finally got back to normal in Nov 2021 with Western Counties Federation able to hold this event with an audience.

With many SPF potential candidates waiting for the resumption of SPF workshops for advice before submitting applications, we saw a drop in the number of applications.

The SPF hoped to get back to running their in-person workshops as soon as circumstances allowed, but this proved not to be possible in 2021. However, PAGB online zoom APM presentation invites were available to SPF members. 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)

The following were the successful Scottish Candidates from the 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

At the November 2021 held at Newton Abbot, WCPF there were 4 successful SPF Candidates.

Graham MacKinnon	Queen's Park CC	CPAGB
Sandy Gilmour	Queen's Park CC	CPAGB
David Halliburton	Kirkintilloch CC	CPAGB
Gillian Temple	Dunfermline PA	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

2022 Update - The SPF held it's own online zoom APM presentation event in Sept 2022 and have held their first post-covid in-person APM workshop.

Libby Smith
SPF's PAGB Awards Officer

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic we again went ahead with the SPF Annual Portfolio Competitions 2021 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.

The competitions were judged by Mike Sharples (MCPF), Barry Mead (WCPF) and Dave Butler (L&CPU).

A total of 1806 Prints and Projected Images were received from 33 Clubs; made up of 759 PDI, 575 Colour Print PDIs and 472 Mono Prints PDIs. Numbers were down slightly on the previous year's incredible 600 image increase but only by less than 200 across the sections, so a massive thank you to all of the Clubs who entered.

We again sent the PDIs to the Judges for scoring and the Awards selection was done by them collectively and remotely via Zoom from the shortlist of 95 highest scoring images. The results were announced at a Results and Awards Presentation Event on Sunday 26th Sept 2021 held on Zoom.

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.

The overall club results were as follows:

- Best Monochrome Club - The Salon Trophy - Dumfries Camera Club
- Best Colour Club - The Henry Coates Trophy - Bon Accord Camera Club,
Carluk Camera Club and Irvine Camera Club
- Best Digital (PDI) Club - Dundee Photographic Society

SPF COLOUR PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2021

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Bon Accord Camera Club	52	1st=
Carluk Camera Club	52	1st=
Irvine Camera Club	52	1st=
Dumfries Camera Club	51	4th=
Dundee Photographic Society	51	4th=
Livingston Camera Club	50	6th
Eastwood Photographic Society	49	7th=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	49	7th=

SPF MONOCHROME PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2021

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Dumfries Camera Club	53	1st
Dundee Photographic Society	51	2nd
Carluk Camera Club	50	3rd
St Andrews Photographic Society	48	4th
Irvine Camera Club	47	5th=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	47	5th=
Paisley Photographic Society	47	5th=

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

My report last year indicated that the SPF recorded a surplus for 2020, due largely to virtual or remote-judged events. This surplus together with the PAGB setting a zero membership rate, made it possible for the SPF also to set a zero membership fee for 2021. The 2020 surplus was therefore intended to cover as much of the 2021 shortfall as possible. I'm pleased to say that we ended 2021 with a very small deficit, meaning the 2020 surplus was not all used.

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, with some expenses carrying over to 2022.

The Portfolios again recorded a surplus, in line with last year, largely due to being run remotely.

The Print Championship ran with a 50% reduced Entry Fee to encourage entries but still recorded a small surplus, again being run remotely.

The Digital Championship 2021 also returned a surplus, despite again a reduced Entry Fee, again being run remotely. More Clubs tend to be able to enter this format of this event, given it requires a smaller quantity of images to compete.

The PAGB set a reduced per Club rate of £16.00 for 2022, and have agreed a rate of £32.00 at it's AGM in April for 2023.

Last year, we were able to propose a 25% reduction on the £4.00 joint SPF/PAGB per member rate set in 2019, but given that the PAGB have put their rate up to the full amount, we are unable to sustain this reduced rate for 2023, particularly as we also plan to get back to audience events which will see our event expenses being significantly more going forward.

Additionally of concern is the drop in Clubs rejoining at the end of 2021. In 2020 we had 97 member Clubs, but with the introduction of the reduced fees for 2022 we saw that drop to 86 Clubs. This was largely due to the impact of covid, with a number not having run over 'lockdown' and not knowing if they had a membership, or others having seen a significant reduction in membership or committee. A few clubs are still at great risk so we may see another reduction in 2023.

Taking all of this into account the SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes not to put the subscriptions rate for 2023 up to the pre-covid level of £4.00 but to raise it in increments, for 2023 to £3.50 per member payable by 31st December 2022.

Although we do not propose a late payment levy for 2023, Clubs should be aware that if their Subscription is not paid by the 1st week in January they may be ineligible for PAGB Services (which include Insurances), Website Access to the Recorded Lectures and Competitions as we now require to supply a list of eligible Clubs to the PAGB and Insurance Brokers in very 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

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS

The full results in 2021 saw the SPF finish 8th in the Open Section and an excellent 2nd in the Nature Section, with a number of images in each section being accepted into the Exhibition. Congratulations go to those authors, and also to the two Individual Award winners from the SPF both receiving PAGB Ribbons. In the Open Section - Stan Farrow from St Andrews PS for 'Lockdown' and in the Nature Section - Stephanie Wilkie from Dundee PS for Sanderling in the Bubbles. The entries submitted by the SPF in each section, which made it in to the Exhibition, are listed below.

These images have been chosen from our SPF Digital Championship 2020 and SPF Annual Portfolios 2020. We thank both Clubs and Individuals for their entries without which we'd be unable to enter this event.

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

PDI ACCEPTANCES (NATURE)

Kennedy, Hunter	Carluke CC	Siskin Attack
Durham, Mick	Dumfries CC	Grey Heron Fishing
Fellowes, Edmund	Dumfries CC	Wren Gathering Nest Lining
Rae, Gordon	Dumfries CC	Dipper With Catch
Robson, Jean	Dumfries CC	Visitor To Spring Star
Wilkie, Stephanie	Dundee PS	Sanderling in Bubbles - PAGB Ribbon
Durham, Mick F	Dumfries CC	Orange Tip
Mitchell, Helen	Bon Accord CC	Old Male Pine Marten
Berndt, Alexander	Edinburgh PS	Black Grouse At Lek
Ritchie, Ken	Kirkcaldy PS	Godwit Flying
Stout, Lynn	Mearns CC	Adoration
Woodfin, Mark	Mearns CC	Squabbling Chaffinches
McFadyen, Iain	Paisley PS	Cuckoo v's Robin
Bennett, Richard	Paisley Colour PC	Wren Singing
Hanna, Gavin	Eastwood SPF PS	Jacana In A Hurry
Martin, Malcolm	Eastwood SPF PS	Peek A Two Little Grebe
Beard, Keith	Eastwood SPF PS	Lion Ant
Gordon, Kenny	Eastwood SPF PS	Jellyfish

PDI ACCEPTANCES (OPEN)

Galloway, Phil	Moray CC	Lady Of The Desert
Campbell, Michelle	Irvine CC	Flower Girl
Greiner, Anne	Dumfries CC	Mr Speaker
Campbell, Michelle	Irvine CC	Contemplation
Sadler, David	Dundee PS Jaipur	Jewellery Workers
Shepherd, Nicola	St Andrews PS	Awaiting Classification
Jamieson, Maybeth	Dumfries CC	Dont Look Down
McVie, John	Dumfries CC	Me And My Dad
Farrow, Stan	St Andrews PS	Lockdown - PAGB Ribbon
Lindsay, Ken	Eastwood SPF PS	The Lonely Bike Taxi

Congratulations to all who had work accepted and especially to our award winners this year, but also a big thanks to everybody who's work contributed to our overall positions. We continue to need your work so that we can compete and even if an image is not accepted it is still likely to count towards our overall positions in each section.

John McVie
PAGB Competitions Secretary

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS

SPF PDI PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2021

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Dundee Photographic Society	76	1st
Carluke Camera Club	75	2nd=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	75	2nd=
Stirling and District Camera Club	73	4th
Dumfries Camera Club	72	5th
Eastwood Photographic Society	69	6th=
Falkirk Camera Club	69	6th=
St Andrews Photographic Society	105	6th=

The following INDIVIDUAL AWARDS were also awarded by the Judges -

Best Overall Colour (Print)	Candle Spells	John McNairn	Dundee PS
Best Overall Mono (Print)	Musicians	Rikki O'Neill	Dundee PS
Best Overall Projected	Cuban	Rikki O'Neill	Dundee PS
Best Creative (Print)	Calling Time	Roger Hinton	Bon Accord CC
Best Nature (Print)	Wild Pine Marten Female with Kit	Ian Mitchell	Bon Accord CC
Best Landscape (Print)	Little Librarian	Michelle Campbell	Irvine CC
Best Portrait (Print)	The Grocer	Mary Gibson	Carluke CCC
Best Creative Projected	The Pram	Rikki O'Neill	Dundee PS
Best Landscape Projected	Misty Recessions	Eric Begbie	Stirling & District CC
Best Nature Projected	Siskin Attack	Hunter Kennedy	Carluke CC
Best Portrait Projected	Life On Hold	John McNairn	Dundee PS
Colour (Print) -			
Mike's Judge's Choice	Alignment	Alan Sharples	Dumfries CC
Barry's Judge's Choice	Whizz Kid	Michelle Campbell	Irvine CCC
Dave's Judge's Choice	Marionettes	Kenny McLean	Cumbernauld & KPS
Mono (Print) -			
Mike's Judge's Choice	London Geometry	Morag Forbes	Auchterarder CC
Barry's Judge's Choice	First Light	Ken Lindsay	Eastwood PS
Dave's Judge's Choice	Hoodie	Rikki O'Neill	Dundee PS
Digital -			
Mike's Judge's Choice	Mistress of the House	John McNairn	Dundee PS
Barry's Judge's Choice	Medusa	Gary Kerr	Livingston CC
Dave's Judge's Choice	Balanced Worlds	Rikki O'Neill	Dundee PS

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 about the Portfolios are also available on the SPF website.

John McVie,
SPF Portfolio Secretary

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

As we were unable to hold the 2021 SPF Print Championship Judging in February at Stirling due to Covid restrictions, we were forced to consider an alternative format for this year's event. As well as accommodating 'remote' judging, the new format had to allow all prints to be as easily transferred between Club and the SPF as possible, and then irrespective of the total of prints received still be manageable for the SPF to be able to send to our Judges for Judging, and then be returned to us.

We opted for Unmounted prints at a maximum A3 size, but we had no idea how many Clubs would be able to come up with prints, so we reduced the number of prints required to achieve the various Club placings. After a couple of extensions to the closing date for receipt of prints due to the slower than anticipated opening up after the winter lockdown; A total of 26 Clubs entered a total of 804 prints of which 338 were Mono and 466 Colour, which was a great response considering the situation we all found ourselves in.

Once the prints were received they were labelled and a third of each were sent independently to each Judge to score (Maximum of 15; minimum of 9). The three Judges were Ralph Duckett MPAGB, EFIAP/p, APAGB from Burton upon Trent PS in the MCPF, who attended the presentation event, David Gibbins ARPS, APAGB, EFIAP/b, BPE5 from Beeston CC in the N&EMPF and David Lowe DPAGB, ARPS, AFIAP from Smethwick PS in the MCPF

These scores were then used to calculate the Club Results and give the Shortlist of Prints for the Individual Awards selection by the Judges which was held on Zoom after all prints had been returned, scores collated and prints scanned.

Clubs could enter up to a maximum of 50 prints but only 16 prints were required for the various Club Awards. Top 8 Mono print scores counted towards the Best Mono Club ; The top 8 Colour print scores counted towards the Best Colour Club. For the Best Overall Club (John Logan Trophy) you required 15 prints, with a minimum of 5 being Mono.

The Individual Awards and Club Results were announced on a Zoom Presentation event held on Sunday 25th July.

CLUB RESULTS

Best Overall Club - (John Logan Trophy) - **Dumfries Camera Club** (224 points)
2nd Carluke CC (217points)
3rd St Andrews PS (212points)
4th Eastwood PS (210 points)

Best Colour Club – (SPF Gold Medal) - **Dumfries Camera Club,**

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

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Print (Esme Smythe Trophy) - Mr Speaker by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

Best Colour Print (SPF Gold Medal) - Fishy Business by Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC

Best Mono Print (SPF Gold Medal) - Lockdown by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

Best Landscape Print (Campbell McNair Trophy & SPF Silver Medal) - Knapps Loch by Clive D Turner, Paisley PS

Best Portrait Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Looking Out by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

Best Nature Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Lion ant by Keith Beard, Eastwood PS

Best Creative Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Stolen Heart by Rikki O'Neill, Dundee PS

Judge's Choices (SPF Bronze Medal) were awarded as follows -

PAGB REPORT

Duckett(MCPF), Tillman Kleinhans (LCPU) and Niamh Whitty(IPF). At the end of the Judging the result was to see Edinburgh PS finish top Scottish Club in 11th place on 184 pts, 12th= place was Dumfries CC on 183 pts and Carluke finished in 14th place on 181 pts.

MASTERS OF PRINT was initially cancelled for 2020 before being run for the fourth time, closing for entries in early 2021. This was covered in detail in the 2020 Annual Report. The 5th MoP was held in late 2021, and once again Scottish authors did extremely well. The MoP Exhibition was back at Birmingham in St Martin's Church in the Bullring, with the awards presentation day being held on 4th Dec 2021.

The Judges were Anne Greiner (SPF), Niamh Whitty (IPF) and Mike Sharples (MCPF). Of the final 60 works exhibited 12 were from Scottish authors. The SPF was the most successful Federation, with 36 photographers from 11 SPF Clubs entering. Three finished in the top ten, Ayr, Dundee and Dumfries. Top Scottish Club was Dumfries CC who entered 41 prints and came 3rd overall; 5th place went to Ayr PS and 9th place to Dundee PS.

The following SPF authors gained acceptances – Edmund Fellowes, Keith Beard, Maybeth Jamieson, Gordon Rae, Stan Farrow, Alastair Swan, Lesley Simpson, Rikki O'Neill, David Moyes, Lorna Hayton, Margaret Elliot and Michele Campbell. Congratulations also to the three SPF main award winners - PAGB Silver Medals for Teachers Pet by Michele Campbell, Irvine CC; Creeping Ladies Tresses by Lesley Simpson, Edinburgh PS and Carpow Settlement Marker by Stan Farrow, St Andrews PS. For 2021 a special Silver MoP Badge was on offer for anyone managing to get one print in each of the 5 MoP exhibitions. One SPF photographer received a Silver Badge for a great achievement so well done to Maybeth Jamieson of Dumfries for 5 out of 5!

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT reported on separately in this Annual Report. New facebook site - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pagbawardsforphotographicmerit>

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.

We are also both on the GB Cup and GB Trophy sub-committee on a temporary basis.

JS Lancaster Medals were awarded to Roy Thomas (WPF), Mark Buckley-Sharp (CACC), Peter Young (WPF), Howard Tate (YPU) and Daphne Hanson (EAF). And, an APAGB was awarded to Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC - well overdue!

Libby Smith,
SPF's Member on PAGB Executive

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS

The PAGB Inter-Federation Competition Judging was shown 'live' via Zoom as only Digital Sections were being Judged due to the current Covid situation. Two Sections were Judged OPEN and NATURE where 30 images per section had been submitted by each Federation.

SPF Executive Members, SPF Club Secretaries and Competition Secretaries and those with entries selected by the SPF were able to attend the Judging on the 6th June and a number did from the SPF. The Judges were David Gibbins NEMPF, Rod Wheelans SPF and Christine Widdall L&CPU.

PAGB REPORT

PAGB 91st AGM ran on its usual April date and was held on Zoom on 10th April 2021. 58 people attended. President Howard Tate (YPU) started the meeting asking for a 1 minute silence for lost colleagues, Ian Platt and Peter Cheetham both JS Lancaster holders. The Treasurer noted that Federations had 19 less clubs affiliated compared with 2019, giving a total of 961 clubs. The elections of OB's saw President Roger Parry (MCPF); Vice President Daphne Hanson (EAF); Adrian Lines (LCPU) re-elected Honorary Secretary and Peter Young as Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: AGM: Expecting everything to go back to normal, as per 2019 costs, this had generated the proposed rate of £32.00. Due to the expected surplus in 2020/21, the PAGB Treasurer was proposing a discount against this rate. The amount would be determined in October 2021. In Oct 2021 the discounted per club rate was agreed at £16.00 for 2022.

The Executive Committee had two meetings held via Zoom in February and April, and one face to face meeting in Oct 2021, in Warwick University.

RECORDED LECTURE SERVICE with instant download proved extremely popular in 2021. This service is available to all SPF Clubs (see SPF website for details of how to access this).

INSURANCE: Insurances were provided via PAGB broker, Darwin Clayton. 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. All policies were taken out and paid directly to the broker. PLI and All Risks made the transition without issues. An optional 'Management Liability Insurance' policy was made available to Clubs instead. We were informed by the PAGB that no new policies would be able to be taken out with Darwin Clayton after April 2022.

GB CUP & TROPHY 2021: These events were run together as a coordinated set of events with Judging delayed and held between March and May.

41 Clubs competed in the GB Trophy (Print) events. The Judges were Alan Stopher, Andrea Hargreaves and Howard Tate. Only one Scottish Club entered the GB Trophy competitions in 2021, Dumfries CC, who finished 6th in the Open section and 6th in the Nature Section. In the GB Trophy Nature Section one Individual Award went to a Scottish author - Mick Durham of Dumfries CC for Fungi and Slug, for Judge's Choice.

INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 normally held at Warwick Arts Centre in July was run as an online event. Three Scottish Clubs represented the SPF from their pre-qualification in 2019; Carlisle CC who made the 2019 final, along with Dumfries CC and Ayr PS who qualified in the November 2019 SPF PDI Championship. This year's Judges were Marilyn Roberts (YPU), Gabriel O'Shaughnessy (IPF) and Leo Rich (SCPF). At the end of the qualifying rounds, Carlisle had finished in 11th place (186pts), while Dumfries CC finished in 12th place (185pts) and Ayr PS in 22nd (178pts). With none qualifying for the final. No plate trophy was run.

120 Clubs competed in the GB Cup (PDI) competitions. The Judges were Gordon Jenkins, Richard Speirs and Howard Tate. 10 Scottish Clubs competed in the GB Cup competitions in 2021 Donside CC, Irvine CC, Dundee PS, Dingwall CC, Edinburgh PS, Kirkcaldy PS, Carlisle CC, Dumfries CC, St Andrews PS and Paisley Colour PC.

In the GB Cup Nature Section one Individual Award went to a Scottish author - Gordon Rae of Dumfries CC for Dipper with Catch, which was awarded the Chairman's Medal. In the GB Cup Open Section one Individual Award went to a Scottish author - Michele Campbell of Irvine CC for Knit One, Purl One, which was awarded a Judge's Choice.

INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 was held in a cut down format of one round to find a winning club at Smethwick clubrooms in late October. The SPF Clubs qualifying for the 2020 Championships were carried forward to 2021 and invited to attend those events. Dumfries CC and Edinburgh PS represented the SPF, with 2019 finalists Carlisle CC. The Judges were Ralph

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Ralph Duckett – Between the Blizzards by Rab Kerr, Kirkcaldy PS

David Gibbins – Wheels by Roger Hinton, Bon Accord CC

David Lowe – Giraffe with Calf by John Ayton, Paisley PS

The following were awarded **Highly Commended** –

Knit one purl one	Michele Campbell	Irvine CC
Happy with dreadlocks	John Hannah	Eastwood PS
Launching Upwards	Kate Russell	Dundee PS
Village Potter	Rod Wheelans	Dumfries CC
The Pink Hairband	Anne Greiner	Dumfries CC
Last Light	Maybeth Jamieson	Dumfries CC
Heifer for Sale	Alan Sharples	Dumfries CC
March of the King Penguins	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy PS
Dawn on the Dunes	Hunter Kennedy	Carlisle CC
Staying Warm	Chris Reekie	St Andrews PS
The Timekeeper's Pay Packet	Stan Farrow	St Andrews PS
Habitat Loss	Stan Farrow	St Andrews PS
Foggy Days	Katy Bridgestock	Queen's Park CC
Arctic Convoy	Graham MacKinnon	Queen's Park CC
Amber Behind the Wheel	Iain Glen	Livingston CC

The following were awarded **Commended** -

Flower girl	Michele Campbell	Irvine CC
The Orange Vase	Agnes Clark	Falkirk CC
Just Sitting	Ken Lindsay	Eastwood PS
My Cat	Rod Wheelans	Dumfries CC
Cuckoo Harassed by Meadow Pipit	Edmund Fellowes	Dumfries CC
Honey Fungi and Slug	Mick Durham	Dumfries CC
Metaluna Spider Preying On Mate	Jean Robson	Dumfries CC
Glasgow Armadillo	David Moyes	Dumfries CC
Through the Poles	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy PS
Two Highland Coos	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy PS
Morning Grooming	Mary Gibson	Carlisle CC
The Old Square Aberdeen	Libby Smith	Carlisle CC
The Gambler	Gavin Forrest	Carlisle CC
Hérons Frozen Snack	Keith Thorburn	Oban PC
This Piano Is Not In Tune	Peter Lawson	Livingston CC

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2021 competition was held under Covid restrictions and necessarily the format and judging method had to be adapted to allow it to take place.

Our three Judges were Paul Keene MPAGB FRPS EFIAP/d1 MFIAP from Amersham, Sue O'Connell DPAGB EFIAP/d3 ABPE from Bristol and Roger Evans MPAGB FBPE EFIAP/p from Shropshire.

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.

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Once again we saw 36 Clubs competing, higher than for our normal format.

The two competitions were then sent independently to each Judge to score using Adobe Bridge's star rating facility. After scoring, each Judge returned their star rated images, and the SPF assigned score values to each Judge's star rated images (5* = 5; 4* =4; 3* =3; 2* =2) .

The three Judge's scores were then collated by the SPF to give the total score for each image (Maximum of 15; minimum of 6). These total scores were then used to calculate the Club Results and give the Shortlist of Images for the Individual Awards selection by the Judges. The resultant quality was high with 101 images scoring 13 or above. These 101 images formed the Judge's shortlist for the Individual Awards to be selected from.

We held a 'Zoom' Awards Presentation event' on Sunday 27th February 2022, where we announced both the Club Results and Individual Awards.

The final results were as follows –

THE IAN BOWIE TROPHY

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

Runner Up - SPF Silver Medal - Carluke CC

3rd = Place - SPF Bronze Medal - Dundee PS & Eastwood PS

THE PLATE TROPHY

Winner – The Kirkintilloch Plate Trophy & SPF Gold Medal - Dunfermline PA

Runner Up - SPF Silver Medal - Queen's Park CC

3rd Place - SPF Bronze Medal - Dingwall CC

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Top Image** - SPF Gold Medal Siskin Acrobatics by Jock Elliott, Brechin PS
Best Nature - SPF Silver Medal Mallard Duckling chasing Mayflies by Sandy Gilmour, Queen's Park CC
Best Landscape - SPF Silver Medal Cold Day On The Clyde by Joyce Manson, Strathaven CC
Best Creative - SPF Silver Medal Wailing Wall by Graeme Youngson, Visions PC
Best Portrait - SPF Silver Medal It's Your Move by Peter De Marco, Eastwood PS
Paul's Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal Apollo has landed by Keith Beard, Eastwood PS
Paul's Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal Cia Cia by Petra Mackay, Mid Calder CC
Sue's Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal Thunder by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC
Sue's Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal In a spin by David Scott, Dunfermline PA
Roger's Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal Chinese Lanterns by Stan Farrow, St Andrews PS
Roger's Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal Early Quiraing by Isabella Hillhouse, Cowal CC
Highly Commendeds - Grebe family by Tony Brown, Dunfermline CC
Dew Covered Mayfly by Toby Houlton, Dingwall CC
Laurieston gothic by Katy Bridgestock, Queen's Park CC
Commendeds - Happiness by David Greer, Edinburgh PS
My Cat by Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC
Last Light by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC

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