

Scottish Photographic Federation



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the
121ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION
will be held on
SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2023 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 26th 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 2023

1. President's Opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM pages 6 to 9
4. Matters arising from the 2022 AGM
5. Treasurer's Report on 2022 pages 21 to 26
6. Proposals - see page 27
 - a) Subscription proposals for 2024
 - b) Constitution Proposal Change to change the AGM date restriction
7. The following are contained in this years Report, and are distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM. see pages 10 to 20, & 28

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

- 7.1 President's Report
- 7.2 General Secretary
- 7.3 PAGB Inter-Fed Report 2022
- 7.4 SPF Print and PDI Portfolios 2022
- 7.5 SPF Print Championship 2022
- 7.6 SPF Digital Championship 2022
- 7.7 PAGB Awards Officer Report 2022
- 7.8 PAGB Report 2022
- 7.9 FIAP Liaison Officer Report 2022

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 120TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held via 'Zoom' on Sunday 30th October 2022 at 2 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Gordon Rae (President); Neil Smith (Secretary); Libby Smith (Treasurer); Alec Hunter, *Bon Accord CC*; Alison Bradley, *Kinross CC*; Andy Hayes, *Edinburgh PS*; Anne Nicol, *Auchterarder CC*; Anne Sproul, *Stirling & District CC*; Audrey Peddie, *Oban PC*; Bob Humphreys, *Bon Accord CC*; Brian Saberton, *Motherwell PS*; Cameron Scott, *Carlisle CC*; Cathy Davies, *Kirkcaldy PS*; Chris Reekie, *St Andrews PS*; Dave Ferguson, *Falkirk CC*; David Blatchford, *Ayr PS*; Derek Corner, *CKPS*; Eddie Telford, *Ayr PS*; Emily Noakes, *St Andrews PS*; Fred Wood, *Beith CC*; George Taylor, *Forres CC*; Gordon McMann, *QPCC*; Helen Mitchell, *Bon Accord CC*; Hunter Kennedy, *Carlisle CC*; Ian Mitchell, *Bon Accord CC*; Ian Sturrock, *Dundee PS*; Jackie Riach, *Deeside CC*; Joe Prior, *QPCC*; John McMillan, *Clackmannanshire CC*; John McVie, *Dumfries CC*; Ken Dow, *PCPC*; Ken Goodfellow, *Dunfermline PA*; Margaret Dewar, *Motherwell PS*; Maybeth Jamieson, *Dumfries CC*; Mike Chandler, *Fraserburgh PS*; Norman McKenzie, *Brechin PS*; Rod Wheelans, *Dumfries CC*; Russell Walker, *Livingston CC*; Sandra Taylor, *Livingston CC*; Susan Roberts, *Livingston CC*; Terry Ralley, *Edinburgh PS*.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS – Gordon welcomed all present and reminded those attending that only affiliated society delegates may vote.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies were received from Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS; Roger Hinton, Ewan Fraser and Kevin Flannigan from Bon Accord CC, and Clive Turner from Paisley PS.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2021 AGM – (*pages 6 – 9 of the documents circulated*) There were no amendments and acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Dave Ferguson and seconded John McVie.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2021 MINUTES – there were no matters arising.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2021 (*pages 21 – 26 of document circulated*) – Treasurer, Libby highlighted aspects of the Treasurer's Report and noted that last year she had 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 that the 2020 surplus was not all used. Entries kept up in competitions and resulted in healthy income. as we hope to return to normal in 2023 venue and travel costs are in our considerations going forward. There is a significant cost of medals and engraving ongoing and we require to purchase replacement medals. A factor also to consider is the number of clubs rejoining, we are now down to 86. Various problems have hit some clubs, finding committee volunteers, some clubs unable to use Zoom due to poor broadband, or their venue being used as a vaccination centre. We are therefore proposing a reduced membership for 2023, rather resuming our pre-covid level. The PAGB rate was £16 last year and is going up to £32 for this year, though lower than 2019. The FIAP percentage dropped by PAGB as they have funds in reserve for any FIAP events. The SPF translates this into a per member rate so that smaller clubs pay much less than larger clubs do. Accounts not yet audited but this to be rectified. Aim to have continuous story between years 2020 and 2021 expenditure £4,827.89 to income £3,712.01 which gives a surplus of £1,115.88, net worth of Federation

£48,283.25 almost identical to what it was a year ago. The Accounts have been adjusted to reflect the balance in PayPal account not previously shown. Acceptance of the accounts proposed by Ian Sturrock and seconded by Gordon McMann. We are hoping to move to digital banking over the coming year. Libby reported that the new Insurance Brokers, Hive, require that payments be made by credit card. It was suggested these payments be made by a personal credit card and reclaimed from the club. There were no other questions relating to the Accounts.

6. PROPOSALS - SUBSCRIPTION PROPOSALS FOR 2023 (*page 27 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 increase for 2023 to £3.50 per member payable by 31st December 2022. That is still considerably less than the 2019 rate was of £4.00). There will be no late payment levy for 2023 again, but Clubs were reminded that 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 Cathy Davies, with no counter proposal the rate was accepted.

7. ANNUAL REPORTS

7.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President's Report – Gordon Rae described his term as a one-off never having run a face to face event but competitions ran in 2021-2022 similarly to the previous year using judges at home and presenting results by Zoom. Interim PDI Championships produced 625 images from 36 clubs and Portfolio Competition 1447 images from 30 clubs and the Print Championships with 863 unmounted prints from 26 clubs. He was glad prints continued to come forward and lots of outstanding work in a great season. Executive meetings continued on Zoom, and together with enumerable phone calls things were kept turning for another year. Sadly he had learned of the passing of Andrew West to whom last year he presented an award for 60 years of service at Fraserburgh's 70th Anniversary. He then announced that Anne Greiner who, while never being on a committee, has worked in the background at many events for the SPF and PAGB, including almost every PAGB Awards Adjudication, as well as judging and lecturing and helping with competitions, was awarded the APAGB accreditation, for service to UK photography. Her award was presented by Roger Parry, PAGB President. Gordon then thanked the Executive Committee for their advice and support, in particular Libby and Neil Smith, and thanked the SPF members and wished them good luck in future.

Gordon Rae then announced that the following items were 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. (*pages 9 to 20*)

7.2 GENERAL SECRETARY – EXTRACT - A number of clubs have ceased SPF membership since last year, and some have also folded for a variety of reasons including lack of volunteers to serve on their committees: Annan CC, Annan PS, Craigewan PG, Duns & District PS, Kelso CC, Linlithgow CC, Loch Lomond CC, Orkney CC, Saltcoats CC and Stranraer CC. These include a couple of very long standing Clubs. Eddie Telford mentioned that Girvan members would probably be joining Ayr next January. Some clubs are hopeful of re-joining in due course, once they have built up a membership again. There remains 2735 individual club members but it is hoped some members of clubs who have folded will join other clubs. The first Edinburgh International Digital Exhibition was run at the end of the year and 2022 sees the return of the Edinburgh International Print Exhibition. The biennial PAGB handbook is going online. The online handbook content will be available to any Committee member who registers on PAGB system (CES). The system is already live for judges, including Scottish ones, and lecturers will be added very soon. Libby gave details of how club committees can access this. The SPF Directory is constantly available and updated, and is circulated to Committee members listed with the SPF to use for

club business. Those who were present were urged to pass on any updates to relevant members.

7.3 SPF PAGB AWARDS 2021 - Libby gave an update since her report. There are a number of applicants for the April 2023 and November adjudications. This interest has been kick-started by two Awards Workshops, one held on Zoom and the other an in-person workshop held in late 2022. Another in-person Workshop is planned for early 2023 and also in Aug-Oct 2023. Libby asks any interested people to get in touch.

7.4 SPF PRINT AND PDI PORTFOLIOS 2021 - Portfolio shows going out on 1st November. DVDs are still preferred to WeTransfer but George Taylor said time for DVDs coming to an end. John McVie noted that judging of print sections were again done using the uploaded digital files. The event was Judged by Mike Sharples from Midland Counties, Barry Meed from Western Counties and Dave Butler from Lancashire & Cheshire. More than 1800 images were submitted for the competition by 33 clubs.

7.5 SPF PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 - Prints were sent in unmounted to help keep costs down to Clubs for both printing and delivery. Approx. 800 prints were received. This was a similar number to the previous year. Libby encouraged more people to get back into printing. Our running of the SPF Print Championships has been much appreciated by individual Club members who enjoy printing, as there has been a lack of opportunities for them to use their prints. We hope to be back in person with an audience event in 2023 at end of March as our first public event. Currently the venue is tbc.

7.6 SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 – As a number of photographable events had not yet resumed, and as many Clubs were not yet up to full strength, our 'Interim' competitions were set with a choice of two competitions, with a smaller quantity of images being required. This proved popular with some clubs competing who didn't normally do so. As the championship was originally set around the PAGB Warwick event, as a pre-qualifier for that event, we will require to consider the format for this event longer term.

7.7 FIAP REPORT 2021 – The change of Liaison Officer was noted, from Terry Railley who was stepping down in this role, to Anne Sproul who had taken it over. Both were thanked for taking on this role. Anne has started to receive forms for 2023. Anne thanked Terry and Libby for their help.

7.8 PAGB INTER-FED REPORT 2021 – John McVie explained that this event took place in June annually. In the 2021 all sections run were open to digital images. He highlighted that the SPF came 2nd in Nature Section and 8th in Open Section. SPF Individual award winners were - PAGB Ribbons in Open Section to Stan Farrow from St Andrews for Lockdown and in the Nature Section to Stephanie Wilkie of Dundee for Sanderling in the Bubbles. There were also a number of SPF acceptances.

There were no comments or questions on any of the reports.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & ORDINARY MEMBERS

President Gordon Rae thanked Alison for all of her years of service as she was standing down from the Executive at this AGM. For many years she has been Minute Secretary, but has also helped out at our public events both behind the scenes as well as on the door or the raffle.

As this was Gordon's last meeting as President before handing over to his successor, Libby thanked Gordon for all of his time as President, which had been a most unusual and challenging time with no audience event being run. He was also thanked for all he had done during the four preceeding years as Vice President. Luckily he had one face to face event when he stood in for John McVie just before lockdown at our SPF Print Championship.

Libby Smith took the chair and proposed the election of the Senior Vice President Gordon McMann, as President on behalf of the Executive in line with our constitution. After being seconded by Bob Humphreys and accepted unanimously Gordon McMann took 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 McMann	Executive	Bob Humphreys
Snr. Vice President	George Taylor	Gordon McMann	Cathy Davies
Jnr. Vice President	Ian Sturrock	Gordon McMann	George Taylor
Secretary	Neil Smith	Gordon McMann	Hunter Kennedy
Treasurer	Libby Smith	Gordon McMann	Ian Sturrock
Hon. Vice President	Libby Smith	No election required	
Imm. Past President	Gordon Rae	No election required	
Member 1	John McVie)	
Member 2	Hunter Kennedy)	
Member 3	Rod Wheelans)	
Member 4	Joe Prior)	
Member 5	Terry Railley)	
Member 6	Cathy Davis)	
Member 7	Wanda Mackie) Ian Sturrock	George Taylor
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		

Attendees were then asked for any new nominees to the Executive. There were no other volunteers leaving two vacancies. Appointment of a Minute Secretary is not a matter for the AGM. Libby asked that anyone interested in joining the Executive should get in touch with her.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS - No matters were raised.

Rod announced that the Masters of Print was coming up in November and encouraged members to enter. The SPF had an excellent record in this event. We have had Individual award winners, one year SPF members took all three gold medals, and one SPF member managed to win a top sponsors' prize of an Epson printer. Maybeth Jamieson is one of only three people to have had an acceptance in all five Masters of Print events.

Gordon thanked all for attending.

Neil Smith,
SPF General Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As proceedings are slowly getting back to normal it is good to see a large number of our membership have come through the Covid-19 troubles, while most have reduced memberships I am sure they will grow back to their former strength again.

While we still have to make use of zoom for various meetings, we are also aiming to getting back to face to face meetings, with new venues being sourced for next season, at a reasonable price and travelling distance.

During the 2022/23 seasons a diary of events was scheduled however things had to be continually shuffled about due to a variety of circumstances. This was done while trying to inconvenience our member Clubs as little as possible.

Despite this there was excellent participation and support from the membership for the Digital Championship, Print Championship and the Portfolio Competitions, with entry numbers up in some cases, so well done to everyone who competed and supported these events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SPF's Executive Committee for all their hard work and commitment in supporting the Scottish Photographic Federation, you are much appreciated.

A lot of research has been undertaken to source new venues for our face to face meetings and competitions, to enable us to be ready with a full diary for the next season, a tremendous thanks is due to Libby and Neil for all the time and commitment in resolving this issue, with costs being so high, and travelling distances to be considered, job well done.

Going forward we still have a few vacancies on the committee to be filled, again thanks to Libby for stepping in to cover these positions.

Gordon McManh,
President

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

We ended 2020 with 97 Clubs but the continuation of Covid restrictions was to take it's toll by the start of 2022. Clubs struggled with uncertainty, lack of venue availability, or membership numbers, and in a number of cases lack of volunteers for committee posts. 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. By the end of 2022 two more Clubs were to join them Biggar CC and Donside CC, both of whom were struggling to survive, so our Club numbers drop to 84, and a membership of 2847, up slightly on the previous 2735, however still well down on the 3453 pre-covid number. Some may have picked up additional members on zoom, when running hybrid meetings but have largely been unsuccessful in converting those all into 'bums on seats'.

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For 2022, we again took the decision to hold all of our SPF events again without an audience, and used zoom to add extra events which enabled Clubs to share in the announcement of results. This decision was taken largely due to the uncertainties in 2021 about venue availabilities and that not many Clubs were meeting in person until the latter part of the year. Making this decision early also allowed us to keep our Annual Subscription to a minimum for 2022.

Our 2022 Print Championship ran again with unmounted prints, but was Judged 'in-camera' by our three Judges in Holywood Hall, near Dumfries in early August. The 2022 Annual Portfolios was judged as three PDI sections, with images being sent to the three Judges as it overlapped with the Print Championship. The 2022 Digital Championship, was again run in the restricted quantities format, and saw 38 Clubs compete, some for the first time, and culminated in a January 2023 presentation event.

We decided that we would return to in-person audience events for 2023, but despite our best efforts we found it impossible to find an affordable venue large enough to host the 2023 SPF Print Championship in a suitable timescale. Our 'old' venue at Stirling Court quoted us a per delegate rate of £35 making it totally impractical for our format of event to be held there. We finally had to run the Print Championship without an audience, but with the three Judges in attendance at New Lanark Hotel, judging mounted and unmounted prints. We then held a zoom event to allow Clubs and individuals to share in the results announcements.

Keen to stay in the Stirling area, as it has proved popular with audiences from all over, we eventually found an ideal venue in Dunblane. We have already held a couple of events and a meeting there and look forward to welcoming everyone to our one-day 18th Nov PAGB Awards Workshop (booking required) and our SPF Digital Championship on 19th Nov (pay on the door).

Externally, Scottish authors and Clubs continue to do very well in the PAGB and International arenas although the various organisations have also found numbers have dropped.

The 158th Edinburgh International Print Exhibition returned in 2022 and again in 2023, with the 2nd Edinburgh Digital just having closed as I write this report.

The online zoom register set up by Adrian Lines proved popular during covid, and as a result the SPF Directory-Handbook now indicates which of our SPF Judges and Lecturers are prepared to do zoom. Adrian's online zoom register has now been totally replaced by an online PAGB system, which also replaces the 'printed' PAGB Handbook. This online system gives all SPF Clubs up to date access to all of the Judges and Lecturers from throughout all of the Federations of the PAGB, including the SPF, for both zoom and in person bookings. To gain access Club Officers require to create an individual CES log-in and then have a Club Officer account registration approved. 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 stepped down from her role at the 2022 AGM and was thanked for all of her help and great patience over the years.

During 2023, due to personal issues Anne Sproul also stepped down from the SPF Executive and her role as FIAP Liaison Officer. We thank her for her contribution over the past few years.

2022 was another year where we lost some stalwarts of Scottish Photography, they included in early 2022 Bob Smith, a long term member of Bon Accord CC, serving on a variety of Committee posts over the years including as President. He was heavily involved in running the Bon-A-Slide International, was an SPF Judge and Lecturer for many years

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and was on the SPF Roll of Honour. We also lost Douglas Hamilton, early in 2022, a long term member of Edinburgh Photographic Society, who together with his wife Sue ran the Edinburgh International Print Salon for many years, with Doug as it's Chairman. He was also an SPF Judge and Lecturer.

In August 2022 we lost Andrew West of Fraserburgh PS, who had only been added to our SPF Roll of Honour a short time before, in late 2021. Andrew was a member of Fraserburgh for over 60 years, and held the post of President for 43 of those as well as Treasurer and Secretary multiple times.

As this report is being published, we received the very sad news that one of our own SPF Executive Committee members, and a past SPF President (2016-2018), Hunter Kennedy had passed away suddenly.

His last duty had been to oversee the SPF Judges Assessment Day, held in Dunblane the previous weekend, in his role as SPF Judges Liaison Officer, before attending our Sept EC meeting that afternoon. He was a member of Carlisle CC for over 45 years, and the SPF Executive for over 10 years, but had helped out at SPF events and the Scottish Salon for many years prior to that. An SPF Lecturer, and SPF & PAGB accredited Judge, he will be sadly missed by Clubs and Executive alike, as well as the many photography friends he made over the years. We would like to thank all of the Clubs and Individuals for all of the kind comments received following our recent announcement of his passing. He will leave a big hole in our Executive.

Thank you to all of the SPF Club contacts we have dealt with over the past year who have been very understanding of some last minute changes to our events. 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!

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

Neil Smith
SPF General Secretary

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS

The PAGB Inter-Federation Competitions were not entered by the SPF in 2022 due to it being a Print Only event. As our SPF Print Championship had to be run later than normal due to the prevalence of Covid in the Judging area, this held up the availability of many likely prints from Clubs. Also, as our PAGB Inter-Fed entry for Prints would normally come from our SPF Portfolios competitions, as these were all being Judged as Digital File, with no prints being submitted, this also impacted our ability to have a print entry in time for the PAGB's May closing date.

Full details of the PAGB's 2022 Inter-Fed Competitions and Exhibition can be viewed on the PAGB's website.

The 2023 event was also run as a Print only event, and full details are available on the SPF website for that event which a number of Scottish authors did well in.

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS

We again went ahead with the SPF Annual Portfolio Competitions in the same format as we had for 2021. 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.

This year's Judges were Richard Speirs (NCPF), Christine Widdall (LCPU) and Roger Parry (MCPF).

A total of 1447 Prints and Projected Images were received from 30 Clubs; made up of 556 PDI, 475 Colour Print PDIs and 416 Mono Prints PDIs. Numbers were down slightly on the previous year.

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 74 highest scoring images. The results were announced at a Results and Awards Presentation Event on Sunday 25th Sept 2022 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 - Ayr Photographic Society

Best Colour Club - The Henry Coates Trophy -

Carlruke Camera Club and Dumfries Camera Club

Best Digital (PDI) Club - Carlruke Camera Club

SPF COLOUR PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2022

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Carlruke Camera Club	53	1st=
Dumfries Camera Club	53	1st=
Bon Accord Camera Club	52	3rd=
Livingston Camera Club	52	3rd=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	51	5th
Aberdeen Camera Club	50	6th
Ayr Photographic Society	49	7th=
Queen's Park Camera Club	49	7th=

SPF MONOCHROME PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2022

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Ayr Photographic Society	53	1st
Dumfries Camera Club	51	2nd
Dunfermline Photographic Association	49	3rd
Aberdeen Camera Club	48	4th
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	47	5th=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	47	5th=
Bon Accord Camera Club	46	7th=
Livingston Camera Club	46	7th=

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SPF PDI PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2022

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Carl Luke Camera Club	80	1st
Dumfries Camera Club	79	2nd
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	75	3rd
Ayr Photographic Society	73	4th=
Bon Accord Camera Club	73	4th=
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	69	6th=
Livingston Camera Club	69	6th=
Stirling and District Camera Club	68	8th

The following INDIVIDUAL AWARDS were also awarded by the Judges -

Best Overall Colour Print	Osprey Fishing	Rob Buchan	Aberdeen CC
Best Overall Mono Print	Edge of the Storm	John Thom	Aberdeen CC
Best Overall Projected	Pollen Hunter	Dave Beatson	Bon Accord CC
Best Creative Print	The Postcard	Rikki O'Neill	Dundee PS
Best Nature Print	Mallard Duckling Chasing Mayflies	Sandy Gimour	Queen's Park CC
Best Landscape Print	The Boathouse	Alistair Swan	Ayr PS
Best Portrait Print	God is My Refuge	Rod Wheelans	Dumfries CC
Best Creative Projected	Thoroughly Miserable	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy PS
Best Landscape Projected	Rattray Moonrise	Neil Stout	Eastwood PS
Best Nature Projected	Short Eared Owl	Rosie Barnes	Dingwall CC
Best Portrait Projected	The Young Garment Worker	Alison Smart	Paisley Colour PC

Colour Print Section -

Christine's Judge's Choice	Take Five	Neill Ross	Paisley Colour PC
Richard's Judge's Choice	Kapow	Maybeth Jamieson	Dumfries CC
Roger's Judge's Choice	The Ghost of Christmas Post	Bruce Harley	Livingston CC

Mono Print Section -

Christine's Judge's Choice	Angles & Shapes, Light & Shade	Bill Ryder	Ayr PS
Richard's Judge's Choice	End of the Road	Scott Campbell	Lanark CC
Roger's Judge's Choice	Thunder	Maybeth Jamieson	Dumfries CC

Projected Digital Section -

Christine's Judge's Choice	Hyacinth Conversation	Gaile Gray	Carl Luke CC
Richard's Judge's Choice	Be Off With You	Alasdair Martin	Carl Luke CC
Roger's Judge's Choice	Flying High	James Stevenson	Ayr 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

The judging format for this year's competition was again altered to cope with the consequences of Covid restrictions, however we were able to hold an in-person Judging with our three Judges.

Prints this year were submitted unmounted up to A3 size, Club entries were restricted to 50 prints but only 16 were required for the Club Awards and nature restrictions were removed. For both Colour and Mono sections, the top 8 scores counted for the Best Club in Category. For the Best Overall Club (John Logan Trophy) 15 prints were required with a minimum of 5 Mono. Following a few time extensions, a realistic entry was achieved from 26 clubs who submitted 368 Mono and 495 Colour. The judging was finally able to be arranged at Hollywood Village Hall near Dumfries on 4th August.

The Judges for the event were John Williams MPSA EFIAP/b DPAGB (NCPF), Gordon Jenkins HonPAGB (L&CPU) and David Symonds FRPS EFIAP (SPF), a fine panel who were very efficient and helpful.

A Zoom Presentation of the results was held on Sunday 4th August which was joined by a very large audience.

CLUB RESULTS

Best Overall Club – John Logan Trophy – Dumfries Camera Club (211 points)

2nd Carluke Camera Club (206 points)

3rd Edinburgh Photographic Society (202 points)

4th= Bon Accord Camera Club and Eastwood Photographic Society (201 points)

Best Monochrome Club (SPF Gold Medal) - Carluke Camera Club

Best Colour Club (SPF Gold Medal) - Joint Winners -

Edinburgh Photographic Society and Dumfries Camera Club

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Print (Esme Smythe Trophy) - Lost and Alone by Jim Hill, Carluke CC

Best Colour Print (SPF Gold Medal) - The Burrower by Fiona Wallace, Irvine Camera Club

Best Mono Print (SPF Gold Medal) - Exploring the Wreck by Ken Gillies, Edinburgh PS

Best Landscape Print (Campbell McNair Trophy & SPF Silver Medal) - Pike of Stickle by Simon Allen, Dumfries CC

Best Portrait Print (SPF Silver Medal) - You'll Have Had Your Tea by Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC

Best Nature Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Cormorant Wing Drying by Sandy Gilmour, Queen's Park CC

Best Creative Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Havana Gent by Rikki O'Neill Dundee PS

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

David Symonds – The Prisoners by Jim Hill, Carluke CC

John Williams – Finlay by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy CC

Gordon Jenkins – Winter Tides by Gary Fyfe, Livingston CC

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

The following were awarded **Highly Commended** –

Gothic Liaison	by Libby Smith, Carluke CC
Magnolia and Hessian	by Margaret Elliott, Dumfries CC
God is my Refuge	by Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC
God Fearing Man	by Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC
Girl and the Pram	by Rikki O'Neill Dundee PS
The Entertainers	by Rikki O'Neill, Dundee PS
Face to Face	by Alan Jones, Edinburgh PS
Stern	by Terry Railley, Edinburgh PS
Mating Black-veined Whites on Fragrant Orchid	by Lesley Simpson, Edinburgh PS
Paddling Out	by Clive Watkins, Irvine CC
Storm Barra arrives in Lower Largo	by Phil Cooke, Kirkcaldy PS
Outnumbered	by Sandra Taylor, Livingston CC
Lost	by Bruce Harley, Livingston CC
Looking Up	by Brian Doyle, Mearns CC
The Hydro	by Mark Harris, Paisley Colour PC

The following were awarded **Commended** -

The Ark	by Libby Smith, Carluke CC
How Much then Friend?	by John McVie, Dumfries CC
Hospital in Lockdown	by David Moyes, Dumfries CC
The Girl at No. 17	by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC
Praying for Forgiveness	by Peter De Marco, Eastwood PS
Ions Boat	by Manoj Mohan, Eastwood PS
Redshank Calling	by James Moir, Edinburgh PS
Svetlana	by Terry Railley, Edinburgh PS
Creeping Ladies Tresses	by Lesley Simpson, Edinburgh PS
Hare	by Clive Watkins, Irvine CC
Thoroughly Miserable	by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS
Cold Camp	by Norman McNab, Milngavie & Bearsden CC
Winter Sunset	by George Robertson, Milngavie & Bearsden CC
Solitude	by Maureen Anderson, Queen's Park CC
Going the Wrong Way	by Eric Begbie, Stirling & District CC

Joe Prior
SPF Executive Member

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's competition format largely followed last year's such that clubs had the choice of entering two competitions to suit individual entry abilities following lockdown restrictions.

The Plate Trophy required 15 images per club and the Ian Bowie Trophy required 20 images, the trophies keeping the legacy of our SPF Digital Championship. 38 clubs competed, 21 in the Plate and 17 in the Ian Bowie Trophy and overall 656 images were entered.

Following online submission, the images were split into the two competitions, organised with each club's 1st then 2nd etc entries and the competitions were sent to each of the judges for scoring using Adobe Bridge's star rating system, 5*= 5, 4*=4 etc.

The final results were collated by the SPF from the judges' returns to give the total score for each image (maximum 15, minimum 6) and the Club Results calculated from these.

The 123 images scoring 13 or above formed a shortlist for individual awards for consideration by the judges.

This year's judges were Clive Tanner FRPS MPAGB APAGB from Maidstone (KCPA), Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB EFIAP from Carlisle (NCPF) and Robert Millin MFIAP EFIAP/d3 MP5A FBPE DPAGB from Ellesmere Port (L&CPU)

A Zoom Awards Presentation was held on Sunday 29th January 2023 to announce the Club results and Individual Awards which was attended by our three judges and had an audience of 115 including some of the award winners.

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 – Paisley Colour Photographic Club

3rd Place - SPF Bronze Medal – Carluke Camera Club

THE PLATE TROPHY

Winner – The Kirkintilloch Plate Trophy & SPF Gold Medal - Greenock Camera Club

Runner Up = - SPF Silver Medal – Dunfermline Photographic Association & Stirling & District Camera Club

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Image - SPF Gold Medal White Horses by Mary Gibson, Carluke CC

Best Runner-Up - SPF Silver Medal The Girl at No. 17 by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

Best Nature - SPF Silver Medal Grumpy Hare Day by Jackie Walker, Falkirk CC

Best Landscape - SPF Silver Medal Stranded by Kenny Gordon, Eastwood PS

Best Creative - SPF Silver Medal Showtime by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS

Best Portrait - SPF Silver Medal Horse Woman by Bob Hossack, Greenock CC

Robert's Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal

Looking for Papa by John McVie Dumfries CC

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Sleeping Beauty by Les Johnstone, Stirling & District CC

Gerald's Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal

Coming Right At You by Magda Jowers, Paisley Colour PC

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

The Burger Van by John Macgregor, Moray CC

Clive's Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal

Take Five by Neill Ross, Paisley Colour PC

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

Roped by David Scott, Dunfermline PA

Joe Prior
SPF Executive Member

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

2022 saw the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM) Adjudications return to normal, with audience events in April 2022 and Nov 2022. The SPF also reintroduced their workshop events in the second half of 2022, first with an online zoom event late Sept and an in-person workshop at Carluke on 8th Oct which was extremely well attended.

With many SPF potential candidates waiting for the resumption of our SPF workshops for advice before submitting applications, there were no applications from the SPF for the April 2022 Adjudication.

The Nov 2022 PAGB Adjudication was held in Antrim, and hosted by NIPA. The following were the successful Scottish Candidates from the 2021 Adjudications who can now place CPAGB, DPAGB or MPAGB after their names.

At the November 2022 held in Antrim, NIPA there were 3 successful SPF Candidates.

Kevin Flanagan

Bon Accord CC

CPAGB

Michele Campbell

Ayr PS

CPAGB

Brian Cathie

Queen's Park CC

DPAGB

All of the successful work submitted by these Applicants in 2022, as well as in previous years, 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

2023 Update -

A trial for two new levels of Award were introduced by the PAGB in 2023, both currently for print applicants; the BPAGB (just below CPAGB level) and EPAGB (a slightly more challenging DPAGB level). See full details on the above webpage.

The SPF have a big workshop day organised for 18th November 2023 which is being run by the PAGB, and will include a number of non-SPF assessors as well as a few of those you will see regularly. See above webpage for details, or contact Libby for info. It is open to observers and for work to be assessed but booking is required. This event is being run, and co-funded by the PAGB as Scotland will host the PAGB Awards Adjudication in April 2025, so if you are thinking about giving it a go, this is a good opportunity to get involved.

Libby Smith
SPF's PAGB Awards Officer

PAGB REPORT

PAGB 92nd AGM ran on its usual April date and was held as a hybrid meeting with PAGB EC in attendance at Scarman, Warwick and others on Zoom on 9th April 2022. 17 delegates attended on zoom, including Neil Smith, Gordon Rae, Gordon McMann and George Taylor from the SPF. The elections of OB's saw re-election of President Roger Parry (MCPF); Vice President Daphne Hanson (EAF); Adrian Lines (LCPU) Honorary Secretary and Peter Young as Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: AGM 2022: In accordance with the decisions taken at the 2021 AGM and the Executive Committee meeting in October 2021, the Subscription rate for 2022 was discounted by 50% to £16.00 per club. At the 2022, with the return to normal, this had generated the proposed rate of £32.00 per club for 2023. This was agreed unanimously

The Executive Committee held all meetings in person during 2022, in Feb, April and October all were held in facilities at Warwick University campus.

RECORDED LECTURE SERVICE with instant download proved extremely popular again in 2022, with new lectures continuing to be added. This service is available to all SPF Clubs (see SPF website for details of how to access this).

INSURANCE: Insurances were provided for 2022 via PAGB broker, Darwin Clayton. We were informed by DC that no new policies would be able to be taken out with Darwin Clayton after April 2022. The PAGB were effectively looking for new Insurers and by the end of the year Hive Insurance Services had made an arrangement with the PAGB, with underwriters AXA. PLI insurance, and MLI were arranged at very competitive prices, however it transpired that All Risks was somewhat more expensive. But, Hive Insurance Services have since committed to reviewing this benefit with the insurer later 2023 to secure better rates for 2024 renewal.

GB CUP & TROPHY 2022: These events were run together as a coordinated set of events with Judging being held in January.

GB Trophy (Print): This year there were 833 print submitted by 27 clubs to the two categories. For the second year running there was no charge for entering prints. Only one Scottish Club entered the GB Trophy competitions in 2022, Dumfries CC, who finished 5th in the Open section and 9th in the Nature Section. In the GB Trophy One Section one Individual Award went to a Scottish author - Rod Wheelans of Dumfries CC for Wheel Man, Best Environmental.

GB Cup (PDI) competitions: This year there were 3449 PDIs submitted by 90 clubs to the two categories. With on-line judging of PDIs now well-established, the GB Cup was judged in this way. 7 Scottish Clubs competed in the GB Cup competitions in 2022 - Paisley Colour PC, St Andrews PS, Dumfries CC, Kirkcaldy PS, Edinburgh PS, Dundee PS, Dingwall CC.

In the GB Cup Open Section one Individual Award went to a Scottish author - Stan Farrow, St Andrews for The Old Pocket Watch - Best Still Life.

INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 held at Warwick Arts Centre in July. Two Scottish Clubs represented the SPF from their pre-qualification in the November SPF PDI Championship 2021. Members of Dumfries CC and Eastwood PS made the trip. This year's Judges were Rogr Hance (EAF), Nick Hilton (LCPU) and Helen Hanafin (IPF). At the end of the qualifying rounds, none of the SPF Clubs qualified for the final. Dumfries was to finish 5th= in the plate with 103 pts, 5 points behind plate winners. Eastwood were to finish with 94 pts.

INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 was held back at Westholme School, Blackburn in late October. The SPF Clubs qualifying from the 2022 SPF Print Championship were invited to represent the SPF. Dumfries CC and Carlisle CC represented the SPF. The Judges were Richard Speirs(NCPF), Gwen Charnock(LCPU) and Des Clinton(IPF). At the end of the Judging the result was to see Dumfries finish top Scottish Club with 143 pts, and Carlisle on 136 pts so neither Club made the final as a score of 148pts was required. Both Clubs contested the Plate, Dumfries were to finish 3rd= on 97 pts, with Carlisle on 94pts.

MASTERS OF PRINT: Two events bridged 2022. The 5th MoP was held in late 2021, and once

PAGB REPORT

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!

The 6th Masters of Print closed for entries on 20th November 2022, a little later than normal, and once again Scottish authors did extremely well. The event was judged in early December and followed by an Exhibition back at Birmingham in St Martin's Church in the Bullring with the opening and awards presentation day being held on Saturday 3rd February 2023 to which many successful authors were able to attend. Sponsors again presented their own prizes to their chosen prints. The Judges were Louise Hill (MCPF), Armando Jongejan (Netherlands) and Leigh Preston (MCPF). As only 60 prints from 60 authors are accepted, it is always a very tightly fought event with 968 prints entered from 231 entrants. In addition to the Individual Entry, there was also a Club competition.

Once again Scottish Photographers did extremely well in the 6th Masters of Print. Of the final 60 works exhibited 10 were from Scottish authors. The Scottish Photographic Federation was the 3rd most successful Federation overall, with 44 photographers from 8 SPF Clubs entering; Eastwood, Bon Accord, Kirkcaldy, Oban, Edinburgh, Dumfries, Ayr and Dundee. Two SPF Clubs finished in the top ten – Ayr and Dumfries. Top Scottish Club was Dumfries CC who entered 59 prints and came 3rd overall; 8th place went to Ayr PS who entered 25 prints, Kirkcaldy PS who entered 27 prints finished a very creditable 13th place, just missing out on the top 10 by 3 points. Congratulations go to the following successful Scottish authors who gained acceptances – Kirsten Bax, Ian Mitchell, Maybeth Jamieson, Gordon Rae, Martin Watt, Rikki O'Neill, David Moyes, Ruth Hayton, Margaret Elliot and Michele Campbell.

David Moyes also won a PAGB Silver Medal for 'The Eye'. One SPF photographer managed to make it 6 Masters of Print out of 6, a great achievement, so well done to Maybeth Jamieson of Dumfries!

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT 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. We are also both on the GB Cup and GB Trophy sub-committee on a temporary basis.

Libby Smith,
SPF's Member on PAGB Executive

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

My report last year indicated that the SPF recorded a small deficit for 2021, due largely to setting a zero membership rate for 2021. For 2022 we set a reduced joint SPF/PAGB subscription rate of £3.50 per member, as the PAGB increased their subscriptions for 2022 to a 50% reduced rate of £16.00 per club, and agreed a rate of £32.00 at it's AGM in April 2022 for 2023.

Additionally of concern was 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. At the end of 2022 we saw our Club numbers drop to 84, and a membership of 2847, up slightly on the previous 2735, however still well down on the 3453 pre-covid number.

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 2023. The cost of replacing medals has also gone up significantly and is being done between 2022 and 2023.

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 and made a small deficit as all three Judges were brought together to Judge it in Dumfries, without an audience.

The Digital Championship 2022 was run late and bridged the end of the financial year so figures are not available within this Annual Report. It did however have a surplus of over £500.00 as it was again held virtually with a reduced Entry Fee.

As the SPF Executive have taken the decision to return to in-person events in 2023, and a number of in-person SPF Executive Meetings to facilitate print collection etc, our costs are going to be greatly impacted.

Taking all of this into account the SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes to increase the subscriptions rate for 2024 up to the 2019 level of £4.00 per member payable by 31st December 2023. although we don't envisage this will be enough to cover all of our costs, and we don't yet know what size of audiences we may yet have for our events. We think this is the best way forward to maintain as many member Clubs as possible.

Although we do not propose a late payment levy for 2024, 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 is given overleaf.

TREASURER'S COMMENTS CONT'D

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	+£937.73	surplus*
Print Championship (Interim)	-£102.47	deficit*
Digital Championship (Interim)		N/A*

Note on events* -

SPF Annual Portfolios - virtual event

SPF Print Championship - Non-audience in-person event

SPF Digital Championship virtual event which didn't complete until 2023. Entry Fees are all in 2023 £552.78, with minimal expenses.

Expenses re supply of Medals and Engraving costs are carried forward from previous years. Medal purchasing in 2022 for 100 medals £1,320.00. The same will be shown in 2023.

Total Funds available to the
Federation and Salon at 31st December 2022

£50,958.91

Libby Smith, Treasurer
Scottish Photographic Federation
30th September 2023

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Surplus (Deficit)

SPF Income 2022	£11,532.84		
SPF Expenses 2022	£8,869.96	<u>surplus / (deficit)</u>	<u>£2,662.88</u>

Account Transfers

Treasurer's a/c 2021	£20,170.75		
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	£3,410.67	<u>Treasurer's account</u>	<u>£23,581.42</u>

Salon /PayPal Bank Account 2021	£3,181.28		
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	(£747.79)	<u>Salon/Paypal Account</u>	<u>£2,433.49</u>
Made up of		PayPal	£779.10
		Salon PayPal A/C	£1,654.39

General Fund a/c 2021	£24,931.22		
Interest from General Fund	£12.78	<u>General Account</u>	<u>£24,944.00</u>

NET WORTH OF FEDERATION FUNDS = £50,958.91

ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

Brought forward from 2021

Carried forward to 2023

Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	3,181.28	Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	2,433.49
Treasurer's a/c SPF	20,170.75	Treasurer's a/c SPF	23,581.42
General Fund a/c	24,931.22	General Fund a/c	24,944.00
Income from SPF 2022	11,532.84	Expenditure from SPF 2022	8,869.96
Income from General A/C	12.78	Transfer from General A/C	0.00
<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£59,828.87</u>	<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£59,828.87</u>

Libby Smith, SPF Treasurer

Signed*Libby Smith*.....

SPF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT...

SPF INCOME

Competitions	Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	1,070.05
	Digital Championship (Interim)	29.96
	Print Championship	453.74
Custodians Income	Sale of Medals & Viewing Fees	277.00
FIAP	Distinctions	1,388.74
Subscriptions	Joint SPF/PAGB Membership Fees	8,184.05
Control	Returned Cheque	130.00

Total Income £11,532.84

SPF EXPENDITURE

Administration	Executive Meetings - Zoom	259.02
	Stationary and Software Updates	1,134.48
	Custodian	1,787.50
	e-flash and e-mailing	342.76
	SPF PAGB Awards Workshop	00.00
	Storage Unit	924.00
Competition	Club Annual Portfolios (Interim)	132.32
	Digital Championship	96.00
	Print Championship	556.21
Fees	FIAP Membership Fees & Distinctions	1,529.18
	PAGB Membership Fees	1,392.00
	Public Liability, All Risks and MLI Insurance	586.49
Control	Returned Cheque	130.00

Total Expenditure	<u>£8,869.96</u>
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SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2021	2022
General fund account	24,931.22	24,944.00
Treasurer's cheque account SPF	20,170.75	23,581.42
Treasurer's cheque account SPF Salon/PayPal	3,181.28	2,433.49

REPRESENTED BY

Premier account SPF (****721)	24,931.22	24,944.00
Treasurer's account SPF (****644)	20,170.75	23,581.42
Treasurer's account Salon/PayPal (*****977)	3,183.57	1,654.39
PayPal Account on Year	(2.29)	779.10

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 2022

Name

Address

Signed

Dated

AGM PROPOSALS 2023

SUBSCRIPTIONS PROPOSAL FOR 2024

The continued effect to our SPF events and Member Clubs over this last year, together with news that the PAGB had revised their Subscription Proposal for 2024 to be at the rate of £38.00 per Club, has led the SPF to this proposed Annual Subscription rate for 2024.

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 Covid, particularly with reduced memberships. We are also aware that costs are going up, and now that we are back holding physical events, we are affected by the same increases as our Clubs so we are proposing a return to our previous (2019) per member rate of £4.00 per member for 2024.

The SPF Executive Committee propose that the subscriptions rate for 2024 be £4.00 per member payable by 31st December 2023.

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 following pages for additional details

CONSTITUTION PROPOSAL CHANGE FOR 2024

As we have all seen challenging times over the past three years, it has helped the SPF Executive immensely to be significantly through the financial year, before setting our Annual Subscriptions for the following year, allowing us to support our member clubs better, given nothing about the past three years have been normal. This has only been possible by holding an AGM in late October, much later than is allowed constitutionally. As we don't yet know if the significant reduction of Clubs and Members has stopped, or how many may attend our audience events over the next 18 months, we are not yet through the impact of Covid financially. We are therefore proposing an amendment to the Constitution Item 2.1 which currently reads -

"The AGM of the Federation shall be held before 15th June of each year and each Affiliated Society is entitled to be represented by two members as delegates. All members of Affiliated Societies may attend the AGM but only two delegates may vote."

We propose that the date restriction of the AGM Constitution Item 2.1 is changed to legalise us holding our later AGM with the following wording - "The AGM of the Federation shall be held by 1st week in November each year and each Affiliated Society is entitled to be represented by two members as delegates. All members of Affiliated Societies may attend the AGM but only two delegates may vote."

We don't propose altering anything else, we are doing this solely to help us keep any losses as low as possible, as well as our subscriptions, until we all begin to see a more settled financial situation. Our financial year would continue to run 1st Jan to 31st Dec. You can see our entire Constitution by following the weblink on the following pages.

FIAP LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

FIAP Distinction Awards - The following applications for FIAP Distinctions were successful in 2022. Our congratulations go to :

	Name	Club	Distinction
1	Vlastimil Blaha	Kirkintilloch CC	AFIAP
2	William George	Dundee PS	AFIAP
3	David Greer	Edinburgh PS	AFIAP
4	Kenny McLean	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth PS	AFIAP
5	Marion McMurdo	Auchterarder CC	AFIAP
6	Charlie Moore	Eastwood PS	AFIAP
7	Derek Noble	Edinburgh PS	AFIAP
8	David Spinks	Strathaven CC	AFIAP
9	David Haliburton	Kirkintilloch CC	EFIAP
10	Bruce Harley	Livingston CC	EFIAP
11	Brian Cathie	Queen's Park CC	EFIAP/b
12	Norma McDowall	Paisley Colour PC	EFIAP/b
13	Alexandra McOrist	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/b
14	Keith Thorburn	Oban PC	EFIAP/b
15	David Sadler	Dundee PS	EFIAP/g
16	Eion Johnston	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/d3
17	Terry Railley	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/d3
18	John McNairn	Dundee PS	EFIAP/d3

Proposed Changes to FIAP Distinctions for 2023 - In late 2022 we were notified of FIAP's intention to instigate proposed changes made pre-covid to be applied from 1st Jan 2023. This was going to affect greatly the applications we would be making for 2023, with little or no warning, given that many applicants had already made their submissions to us. We therefore met with our colleagues from the PAGB, Welsh and Irish Federations to discuss the proposed changes and make a delegation to FIAP at their Congress held in Dec 2022 to petition against any changes on 1st Jan. And, as some relaxations to rules had been made re print requirements etc during the covid period that re-instatement of pre-covid rules not to be re-introduced until 1st Jan 2024. in some instances permanently, and other to be delayed by 1 year. Our position and proxy vote was taken by the PAGB's FIAP Liaison Officer, Howard Tate. The FIAP proposals were overturned, and the pre-covid conditions come in to effect for 2024.

FIAP Patronage - 1 successful application for FIAP Patronage for the return of the 158th Edinburgh International Exhibition 2022 for prints.

SPF FIAP Liaison Officer - Anne Sproul stood down from this role in 2023, we thank her for taking on this role and for her help on the SPF Executive. I took on the role in order to process the 2023 FIAP Distinctions Applications which had been delayed significantly from our normal closing date. This has resulted in a permanent change to our annual closing date for applications to the SPF, to maintain FIAP certificate date requirements. All future applications will require to be submitted to the SPF between 1st March and 15th May. Please wait for paperwork dated 2024 before applying.

Until a permanent volunteer can be found, anyone interested in applying who has any questions should see the dedicated FIAP Distinctions page on the SPF webpage for details or email me on SPFflo1@gmail.com

Libby Smith

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

'VIRTUAL' CLUB MEETINGS AND OUR SPF MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION FORM 2023-4

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 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 above article, who are currently only able to hold 'Virtual' meetings, relevant to this SPF Membership Declaration statement for 2024-5 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.

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).

This information is also available from the SPF Website - 'SPF' area 'SERVICES'
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PAGB'S 'NEW' INSURANCE BROKERS

STB INSURANCE BROKERS IN ASSOCIATION WITH HIVE INSURANCE SERVICES



The PAGB required to look for an alternative Insurer/Broker for 2023 renewal time.

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

Renewals for 2023 went very smoothly with our new broker Hive.

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 2024. 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/>

Please Note although Hive were very competitive for PLI and MLI they were less so for All Risks, and they have promised to look at this in time for 2024 renewals. We will keep you updated.

SPF ROLL OF HONOUR

All holders are entitled to use the letters HonSPF to indicate this service award

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