

Photographic Group: Section Forum Report 30 March 2019

Previous minutes 22 September 2018

- Needs to be a link from PG website to all other Section websites: **ACTION: PG Webmaster**
- Due to GDPR Section websites may no longer have a “members only” area.
- Query on training for new Secretaries – recommended to attend Region training or take training from experienced Section Secretary.
- Encouragement to introduce/liase with and attend Regional Meetings

30 March 2019 Items

NFoL

JH reported lack of support from PG for NFoL

However it is a clear opportunity to promote Sections and to gain new members.

PG should request for volunteer(s) to attend. Any volunteers to be provided with a PG pennant, leaflets and prepared to answer questions on the PG activities

The updated posters and leaflets are specifically for NFoL

Volunteer expected to contribute to rota for manning the Section stand.

PRO would normally deal with all of this.

Suggest when we next respond on poster and leaflet revisions we respond with fully modified text included. **ACTION: Hon Secretary.**

Continuation of free membership at Shows

Discussion elicited confirmation that not only PG had withdrawn from this.

Other Sections seem to have blissfully carried on ignoring that there was very poor correlation between membership numbers and membership fees received.

50 Year Members

Noted the following distribution:

ALC 17; BG 6; BCC 113; Canoe 11; FSDG 40; MCS 22; MAS; 11; PG 2; TT ??

Future of Regions and DAs

Garry Barr outlined the background to the Administration Committee review that has just started viz difficulty getting quorums at some AGMs and volunteers in general. Subsequent work load on VOs in place. Regions/DAs required several EGMs during 2018 in order to remain in existence and some have not survived. Some Regional Officers taking on multiple VO responsibility. Background of increasing Club membership and decline in volunteering across society. All options are under consideration.

Proxy voting changes

PG Constitution updated 23 March 2019. Applies Notices of Motion to AGM only. Preferred that meeting Chairman is awarded the proxy. Wording must be that in Constitution.

New Members Joining Fees.

Since early 2018 illegal to charge a supplement for paying by credit card. Club can therefore no longer charge a premium for annual compared to direct debit membership. From September 2019 any remote (card holder not present) payments by credit/debit card will require a PIN number sent to the payee mobile phone. Obvious problems when there is no signal.

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Two Meets using one location with overlapping dates

Confirmed as breach of Club exemption certificate if two Club units involved.

Out and About entries

Some entries missed.

Exempted database must be monitored to check “approved” – will not be published otherwise.

MAS name change

Objection raised by ALC to use of “cycling” in proposed revision.

Name change will be put to MAS forthcoming AGM. If approved by AGM Administration Committee will consider and any objections must be raised with Admin Committee Chair.

GDPR and distribution of member de tails to Sections.

Garry Barr requested that each Section uses a single email direction and manages who the database is transmitted to. This reduces risk of a distribution error at HQ.

Done for PG with distribution to Hon Secretary, Membership Secretary and Chairman.

John and Vivien Hartill

5 April 2019

Next Forum: 12 Oct 2019 at Blackmore (PG attendees TBD at 2019 AGM Appointments Meeting)