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## Minutes of Virtual Meeting June 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Present** Gordon Scott (GS) , Sheila Colthart ( SC), Sam Hanlon (SH)  
Jim Reid ( JR ) , Dougie Cockburn ( DC) , Richard Mackay ( RM )

**Apologies** Yvonne Kelly ( YK ) ,Peter Baird ( PB ), Neil Barton ( NB)

### Items for Discussion

**Equaliser** 16 votes so far which is a bit disappointing . Result to be announced on Wed night. SH to try and galvanise members to cast a vote before competition finishes.

**IOY Competition** JR has put together list of qualifying images with the intention of having an on line member vote later in the summer. SC to investigate if survey monkey can take votes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Decided to start online voting when Equaliser comp is finished and to run it to the end of July.

**Web Site** SH gave an update on the website with a screenshot showing the website traffic to the site. The galleries page were the most popular with visitors. SH encourages more members to submit images for their own gallery page. SH reminded other exec members for a photo for the exec page. The new club logo will be incorporated in some way on the website. Some discussion took place regarding the new club logos submitted so far. A decision will be taken soon from all the designs submitted.

SH asked whether we need to have a beginners page on the web site. Some discussion took place regarding what format it should take. Some suggestions were links to you tube videos and also perhaps having a “ How do I do this ? “ page

**Cheque Book**                      Probably lost but Neil will cancel existing book and start new one.

**Next Session**                      GS gave an update on the syllabus prep already done. Discussion took place regarding what format next season would take on account of Covid. It was decided to postpone the start of the season to Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> and try to book some zoom lectures. GS would continue to make preparations and keep exec updated on progress.

**Lastolite Repair**                      Peter Baird to be asked if there was any way he could look at Lastolite background with a view to a possible repair. It was suggested that contacting Lastolite direct to see if there was a solution to getting the bg fixed.

**Equipment Purchase**                      Some discussion took place regarding the purchase of equipment. SH suggested a Skyscanner tripod device for photographing star trails. Some discussion took place regarding extra Godox units and it was agreed that a twin unit of two AD200 together would be better than one more powerful unit. It was also decided to also buy some heavy duty stands to go with the lights. DC to investigate and purchase as necessary.

**Next Meeting**                      Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm via Zoom