Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Friday 3rd January, 2025

Present

Joyce Bell, Alan Burkwood, Tom Coulson, Sue Cross, Michael Hinks (Treasurer), Michael Joseph, Paul Lancaster, Alastair Macdonald, Robert Markham, Kerry Muscott, Gordon Oaks, Pat Oaks, Alan Pinder, Keverne Pointon, Peter Sedgwick, Russ Smith, Elizabeth Tilstone, Kevin Ward, Peter Yeo.

Apologies

Apologies were received from John Turner (Leader), Dik and Joy Allison, Barry Inman, Des Lloyd and Jenny Smith.

Appointment of Leader and Treasurer

John Turner was appointed Leader and Michael Hinks Treasurer, for the next twelve months.

Minutes of AGM held on 5th January, 2024

These were approved as an accurate record.

Accounts for 2024

A summary of the accounts had been circulated with the AGM papers. Snappers started 2024 with £702.66 plus photo stock of £90.00 (Total £792.66). It carried forward to 2025 £729.77 plus photo stock of £477.00 (Total £1206.77)

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Mr Adrian Turner had inspected the 2024 Accounts and confirmed these fully and accurately reflected the financial position of the club in December 2024 (his certificate had been forwarded to members). It was agreed for the Treasurer to purchase a bottle of wine for his work. It was agreed to keep the subs at £3 per person per meeting.

Visits for 2025

Michael Hinks read out some information from Joy Allison regarding the visit to the The Walks of Life Museum and the Museum of the Horse in Tuxford on Friday 11th April starting at 10.30 am. The Museums are about 200 metres apart and free parking is available at both. The Group would split between the two Museums and lunch can be pre-ordered at Chilli Petals. Eighteen people (members and some partners) indicated interest and 17 would like lunch at Chilli Petals (numbers to be confirmed later).

Members were asked for ideas for other visits in 2025. Peter Yeo suggested Snarford Church near Lincoln and Lincoln Bomber Command Memorial. (Note: since the AGM further suggestions have been Barbara Hepworth Gallery at Wakefield; Yorkshire Sculpture Park;

Wentworth Woodhouse; Padley Gorge; Doddington Hall including annual sculpture exhibition; St Botolph's Church at Skidbrook (haunted?) and the Cascade Gardens near Matlock - to be discussed further).

Meetings in 2025

The February meeting is the Annual Competition and it had been agreed previously that members would like Paul to do a further talk on Lighting Fungi and the Adamski Technique. It was agreed for members to think about further items and discuss at the next meeting. (Note: it was apparent later in the meeting during Paul's Lightroom teach-in that a number of members would welcome further Lightroom teach-ins),

Annual Competition

John Whaler is the judge. Members were reminded that the competition rules were on the website (including recent changes/clarification) and the Leader had circulated numbers to be used (which were available also at the meeting).

5th January 2025