

OffShoot Photography Society – Minutes of 2023 AGM

held at St Bridget's NS – 11th December 2023

1. Attendees

Attendance was 31 members at that start of the meeting so a quorum was present.

2. Introduction

The Chair (Emily Gallagher) opened the meeting by welcoming all those who were present.

3. Committee Reports

Reports on 2023 activities were presented as follows:

- Chair – Emily Gallagher
- Secretary – Andy Quinlan
- Treasurer – Trevor Stafford
- Competitions – Jean Clarke
- Outings – Liam Slattery
- Shoot with Me – Pat Divilly
- IPF – Emily Gallagher
- Membership & Communications – Ian Gemmell
- Member Achievements – Emily Gallagher

4. Members Questions and Answers

John Wiles (in absentia) raised the communication of membership of the Committee and Sub Committees on the Offshoot website and elsewhere. It was agreed that this would be actioned.

There was general support for continuing the club exhibition book.

Steve Crozier suggested that the 2024 exhibition might have a broad theme.

Liam Slattery suggested that we should improve the introduction of new members into the club.

5. Motions and Resolutions

Motion proposed by Trevor Stafford that the subscription rate for 2024 should remain at the current level of €90 per annum.

This motion was passed unanimously.

6. Election of New Committee for 2024

The constitution requires the members at the AGM to approve those proposed for four mandatory roles:

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Competitions Secretary

The following were duly proposed, seconded and approved unanimously for the mandatory roles:

Chair – **Emily Gallagher** (Proposer: Tony Jopling, Seconder: Trevor Stafford)

Secretary – **Andy Quinlan** (Proposer: Emily Gallagher, Seconder: Nigel Leyland)

Treasurer – **Nigel Leyland** (Proposer: Trevor Stafford, Seconder: Emily Gallagher)

Competitions Secretary – **Jean Clarke** (Proposer: Emily Gallagher, Seconder: Gerry Donovan)

7. Any Other Business

The following matters were raised under AOB:

- Emily Gallagher noted that the committee needs an additional member to manage IPF matters
- Steve Crozier proposed that the mandatory position of Vice Chair should be reinstated in the Constitution and filled from 2025. This was seconded by Andy Quinlan and unanimously agreed by the members present.

The meeting thanked Emily Gallagher for her leadership and hard work during the year.

There being no other business, the meeting ended.