



The minutes of Swavesey Camera Club Annual General Meeting 21st May 2026 Held at Swavesey Village College and on Zoom at 7pm

Twenty five members were present in the room and two were on Zoom.

1. Apologies

David Davies	Paul Saunders
Maureen Hadfield	Clare Dudley
Denise Hunt	Rebecca Roberts
Nev and Sue Tate	Julian Johnson

2. Minutes of the 2025 AGM

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising

No matter were arising.

4. Correspondence

Any received had been forwarded to the club or committee.

5. Reports

a) Treasurer

As report.

The club's finances are in a good position with reserves same as last year.

The accounts were finalised in April in order to present the AGM with proper accounts. It was proposed to continue the practice in future years. Proposed by Ian Johnson and seconded by Simon Shore and approved unanimously.

The accounts are reviewed rather than audited. In order to ensure they are checked before future AGMs, it might be necessary to have others who can perform the task. Andrew Powell volunteered his services.

Membership fees will be held at the same value as for the 2025/26 season.

The accounts were passed unanimously in the room with one abstention on Zoom.

b) Programme

As report.

Ian Johnson expressed thanks for this year's programme. In response to a question, the club does not have a set of images from the EAF so far. When we do receive them, they will be held back for in case we have a no-show from a speaker or judge.



In response to a question about the meaning of the set subject 'wabi sabi', Penny Reeves will circulate a definition with the minutes of the AGM and will add it to the web site.

c) Internal competitions

As report.

In addition, it is Andy Dearn's last year next year – the club needs someone to take over and shadow him. Andrew Prentice will shadow and others will be sought to provide additional cover for this role.

Photo entry makes life very easy except when culling surplus images, which disappear from the system. To ensure the pool of images for external competitions is as large as possible, Andy Dearn will download images before the cull, forward them to the external competitions secretary and keep them on the club laptop.

d) External competitions

As report.

e) Exhibition

As report.

The hall is already booked for 27th March 2027. It was decided to provide more things to do for children – spot the difference was excellent.

Thanks were expressed to Roger and all those who helped.

f) Outings

Emma Hall was welcomed to the committee and presented the results of her survey as well as outings already planned. It should be noted that monies paid for outings should be paid to the club account and the treasurer should be informed that a payment has been made. In addition, monies paid are non-refundable.

The Watatunga outing will provide opportunities that aren't available to the public, it will be longer and members will be allowed out of the vehicle to photograph the wildlife.

g) President's report

As report.

The members gave a vote of thanks to the President for an excellent year.

6. Election of new committee

The existing committee have agreed to stay on. There are three roles that have to be re-voted each year, President, Treasurer and Secretary.



President – Penny Reeves, proposed by Simon Shore, seconded by Simon Jelly.
Passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Andrew Prentice, proposed Penny Reeves, seconded Anthony Clarke.
Passed unanimously

Secretary – Gordon Fuller, Proposed Patty Watkins, seconded Dona McCullagh. Passed unanimously.

7. Proposal(s) for club consideration

Adding wording to the club's rules about AI – Proposed by Penny Reeves and circulated by email before the meeting. The discussion focused on whether a rule change was necessary rather than adding wording/links to the RPS and PAGB websites. The subject is so large and advice/rules are changing so rapidly that it is difficult to stay in step with other organisations. The proposal was rejected (one vote for and all others against) on the basis that the committee continue to examine the situation and look for a 'more nuanced' approach that can be put to an EGM or the next AGM.

Reducing set subjects from three to one. After discussion, the proposal was rejected – twenty three to two.

8. Trophy presentations

PDI, Jon Watkins

Monochrome – Paul Saunders

Jo Sipos – Dona McCullagh

Print panel – Penny Reeves

Bamber - Bryan Russel

Set subject – Paul Saunders

Photographer of the year - Simon Shore

Image of the year – PR

Jane Greatorrex exhibition favourite – Ema Hall

President's trophy – Bridget Langridge and Maggie O'Moore

9. Date of BBQ

22nd August at Simon Shore's

10. AOB

There was a vote of thanks to the committee from the club members.