

## The Cheshire Area of NAFAS

### Minutes of Area Council Meeting held at Plumley Village Hall.

Monday 14 November 2016

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs Sharon Nolan	Chairman
	Mrs Chris Gibbons	2nd Vice-Chairman
	Mrs Chris Middleton	Treasurer
	Mrs Catherine Bower	Publicity Officer
	Mrs Morag McCord	Secretary

Start of a new year, Area Chairman Mrs Sharon Nolan introduced herself and welcomed everyone here in their new roles.

- New delegates
- New AOHs Shirley and Val.
- New Officers
- Area President, Carol Black, seated in front.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, Chris Gibbons who will organise social events for the Area
- Publicity Officer, Catherine Bower, who will raise profile of Cheshire Area of NAFAS.

And introduced the other Officers, who many of you know but not if you are a new delegate.

- Secretary, Morag McCord who deals with Area-wide administrative matters, and
- Treasurer, Chris Middleton, who deals with all things financial and controls Area spend.

We also have new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, Nicky Wylie, who will chair JDS&E, (Judges, Demonstrators, Speakers and Education), the engine room of the Area. Nicky is on a charity fund-raising trip, cycling the length of Vietnam (Mad!)

It is a great to have a full team of Officers, who have an enormous depth of expertise and experience in both Floral Art and the business world.

And, as I like to deliver good news:

- Congratulations to Dawn Weaver, who is now a National Judge
- And 6 new demonstrators, 5 of whom are members of Cheshire Clubs, who all passed their demonstrators test on 31/10/16. They are:
  - Catherine Baines
  - Debbie Davies
  - Anne Haughton
  - Louise Jones
  - Jacqueline Owen
  - Namiye Sianga

Can we have a round of applause for all seven.

Unfortunately, I do have to deliver sad news and it is with regret that I tell you of two members who passed away at the end of October:

- **Jean Kohn**, of Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme Club, who. She was a member of NAFAS for 44 years and taught Floral Art. She was active at Area, as Show Chairman, and club, and I know that a number of you will have known her.
- Also, **Sue Woods**, secretary to Heswall club, who has also attended Council as delegate.

We offer our condolences to their family and friends. I will not ask you to stand, but please think of them and keep their memory alive within you.

**Change to Agenda:** Please note that the Photography Representative will report at the end of the other NAFAS Sub-committee reports.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nicky Wylie 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Diane Fair, Area AOH and Education rep., Ashton Hayes & Tarvin, Hoylake, Kelsall and Mid-Cheshire Flower Clubs.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May were signed by the Area Chairman as correct and seconded by Fran Hall.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

Amendments to minutes:

Page 6, 5(e) F&GP – Should read Altrincham market on 27 November.

Page 13, AOB (vi) - Should read Val Seed.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you cards/emails from Shirley Robinson and Val seed for their gifts at AGM and on being made AOHs.
- Card from Sue Dix, thanking us for inviting Kevin Gunnell and herself to attend the demonstrators' test and confirming Mercia & North Wales will most certainly run a test next year.

Thank you for the many invitations received to club Christmas events – these have been distributed between the Officers and some already attended.

### **5. REPORTS**

#### **(a) Secretary – Mrs Morag McCord**

##### **Reminders:**

Delegates please sign in under Club name but only one person from each club can vote.

If Club was unable to attend or there was a change of delegate let me know before Council.

Quite a number of pieces of information for different members of committee in packs so make sure they go to the right person as soon as possible.

**Correspondence:** Received several emails, letters etc. re- information from HQ, club requests, people enquiring about Area flower clubs and more.

Email from HQ re Flower Allowance.

Letter from Madeley & District Flower Club announcing the closure of the Club in December.

##### **In packs for Council:**

## Agenda

Letter from Shirley Robinson, past Area President and now Area Associate of Honour.

Letter from Val Seed, past Area Chairman and now Area Associate of Honour.

Letter inviting members to apply to Start a Fashion etc.

List of Area Standard e-mail addresses.

Addendum to Area Lists.

List of successful candidates from Area Demonstrators Test in October.

Diary Dates 2017 – Evening Council meeting in May at Northwich Memorial Court.

July meeting earlier in the month. **Red – Area dates.** Black – information.

Flyer for Area Equipment available for hire.

Club Officers Form – Orange

Flower Arranger order and delivery information for 2017.

Several flyers for forthcoming events

Flyer for Festive Flower and Food Show Blackpool November 2017.

Many thanks to Merrylin Haslam and Chris O'Hara, F&GP who very ably helped with registration and issuing club packs.

## **(b)Treasurer – Mrs. Chris Middleton**

### **Balances**

General Account £20,613 however contains £14,951 of NAFAS affiliation fees.

Nationwide £11,419.

Leek Bond £25,000 invested for 1 year. No Change

### **AGM**

Entertainment part of the day was in surplus with 159 tickets paid for. Not all expenses had been submitted for business portion.

### **NAFAS Accounts**

Area available in 3 places: in Annual Report available from London, on NAFAS website and also on Charity Commission Website (still contains last year's figures).

To access the copy on the website – [www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk) – go right to the bottom of the screen where there is a green band containing some logos etc. Click on "Members Area" This brings up Members Area with Navigation list. At bottom is 2015-2016 Annual Report. Click on this and you will be asked for a password which is nafasweb16 (all lower case no spaces). It is 20 pages long – Mrs Middleton has it on 10 pages , if anyone wants a copy email [treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk).

### **Affiliation fees**

Last few cheques promised this week. Unable to provide analysis of membership for Council until February.

### **Inventory**

Handout containing photographs and contact details in club pack. Look on website for more details.

### **Raffle**

Thanks to Jackie Burns (Prestbury) for the raffle and to following for helping with selling going on at meeting – Ann Watson (Cheshire Chat), Pam Orton & Sue Cliff

(Trading sell off), Liz Neely (Christmas goods) and Sale FC for stepping in on Handbooks etc.

## **(c) Publicity – Mrs Catherine Bower.**

### **1 Introduction**

Mrs Bower's first report to Council since her appointment as Area Publicity Officer at AGM. New role, working with Area members, will seek new opportunities to help raise profile of Cheshire Area of NAFAS.

The Publicity Team will provide support and advice in addition to attending events.

### **2 Cheshire Chat**

Thank you to Chris Middleton for editing new edition and Anne Watson for sales. Sales falling so print run reduced to 300. As Chris Middleton outlined at AGM, there will be a review to see if continued production is viable.

### **3 Trading**

NAFAS handbooks and Blue Forms will be available at Area Council and other Area events. Speak to Mrs Bower if interested in taking over Trading role – would not have to store stock at home.

### **4 Standard Area email address list**

To allow contact with Area teams there are a number of Area emails. Using these ensures contact with right person. If role being covered eg holiday, can be forwarded to whoever is standing in. Updated list in Pack.

### **5 Social Media update from Nicky Wylie**

Facebook and Twitter going very well. Thank you to clubs providing information for inclusion. Page regularly reviewed quite often more than 1000 hits and is regularly shared by other people.

**Instagram and Pinterest** now up and running as well. We can be followed on

**Instagram: Cheshire Area of NAFAS**

**Pinterest: Cheshire Area of NAFAS**

If you would like anything putting on twitter, FB or Instagram, please email [social.media@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:social.media@nafascheshire.org.uk)

### **6 Promotional Information**

We have a variety of printed information and social media to help engage with our 2 main audiences - current members and general public who can be future members. Experience of a recent Open Demonstration illustrated how effective a mix can be – club members, friends, flyers to other clubs, posters in locality and Facebook. Although most guests had come via clubs and friends, an encouraging number of “new guests” had seen event on posters and Facebook post.

### **7 Forthcoming events**

In addition to regular shows, Area will be present at Altrincham Festive Market on Sunday 27 November 2016 and looking at opportunities at Macclesfield Garden Festival in May 2017.

Mrs Bower looks forward to meeting members when she visits the clubs.

## **(c)1 Flower Arranger – Mrs Catherine Bower**

### **1. Winter edition**

**a)** Delivered a week later than scheduled due to printing difficulties. Details emailed to clubs of change to club contacts on 14 October. Mrs Bower had asked for any difficulties to be emailed to her as she was on holiday.

**b)** Ann France's "Box of Delights" from last year's NAFAS Festive Flower & Food Show features in "You be the Judge".

**c)** There are a host of "Step by Steps" and competitions and a discount voucher for Country Baskets. Please support magazine by entering the competitions.

**d)** Last edition edited by Judith Blacklock after 13 years and is being replaced by Rachel Bull. Rachel will edit both NAFAS News and The Flower Arranger, her contact details are on the back cover of NAFAS News.

### **2. 2017 orders**

**a)** Orders for 2017 subscriptions to Mrs Bower by Monday 5 December – order forms were in club pack at July Council.

Try to encourage members and new members to purchase a subscription as it is a valuable source of income. Your Club Flower Arranger Officer (CFAO) can increase orders throughout the year.

**b)** Bright slip in in club packs. Please pass to CFAO. It provides details of order and delivery dates and contact details for Mrs Bower.

Note change to Autumn edition delivery date – now 11 July, rather than usual August delivery.

### **3. Flower Arranger Awards 2016**

**a)** 16 clubs increased orders from 2015 while 13 maintained subscriptions.

**b)** As done at HQ, Mrs Bower used percentage increase in orders to determine awards.

**1. Padgate**

**2. Widnes**

**3. Kelsall**

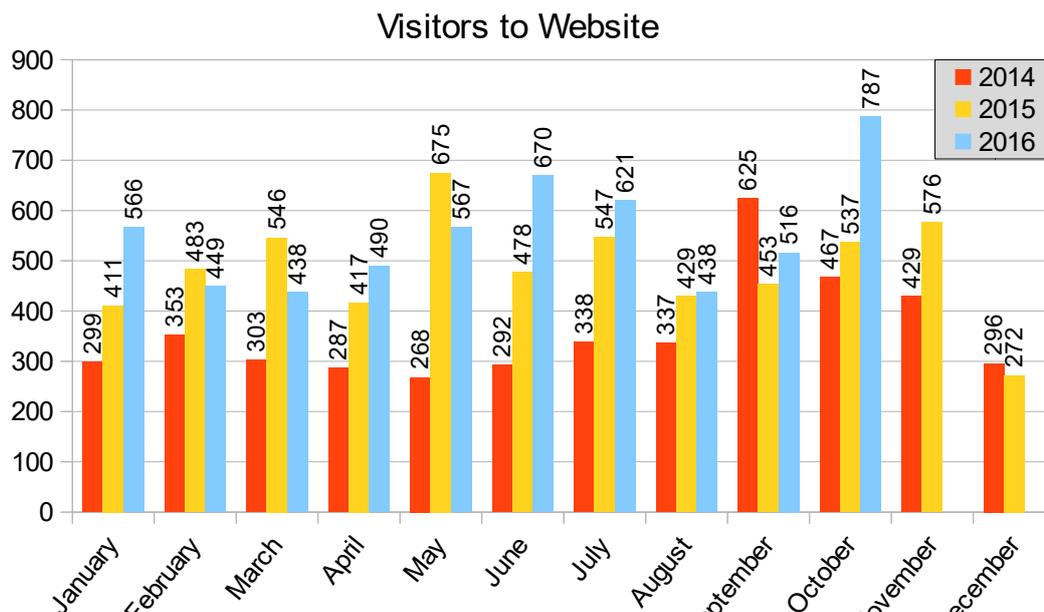
Awards will be presented at May Celebration at Chester Racecourse.

## **(c)2 Website – Mr Tony Middleton**

Very little change has taken place since the last meeting, mainly just routine maintenance – e.g. club diary updates and event photographs.

The July Council minutes are available via the website.

An Autumn "How-to" by Pam Fleming-Williams has been added.



To contact the website officer, use the contact form on the website or email:

[website@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:website@nafascheshire.org.uk).

**(d) NAFAS – Mrs Sharon Nolan.**

This covers points from NAC (National Advisory Committee) and the National AGM held in London on 11&12/10/16.

- NAFAS is working with the WI on a 'green heart' initiative, aimed at 14/2/17, and Lonely Bouquet on 5/5/17.
- The subject of Gift Aid/Charitable Status cropped up at our AGM in October. I raised this with Paul Bonter, Company Secretary. He advises to follow the advice given on the Charity Commission web-site and contact him if your club needs further help.
- Please buy stuff through Trading, profit from Trading helps keep down our affiliation fee.
- The schedule has been posted on-line for the 2017 photography competition – all you keen photographers out there!
- The name 'NAFAS' is to be added to the tomb-stone in Westminster Abbey under which a freeze-dried arrangement has sat since around 1957
- You may already know about the 10% discount to NAFAS members from Country Baskets, and I believe it is in Flower Arranger this month. If you have any problems getting your discount from, contact Country Baskets help-line, they will refund the discount. (I found them very helpful.)
- The NAFAS logo should be used in conjunction with the statement of affiliation and charity number. (But HQ seems to be increasingly not following its own advice.)
- Finally, the Festive Food and Flower Show, in Blackpool in November 2017 was launched at the AGM. A leaflet is in all your packs and schedules for competitions, including Designer of the Year, can be found online through [www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk).

**(e) F&GP report – Mrs Sharon Nolan**

**Altrincham Market:** Thank you to Anne Watson for organising the Altrincham Market initiative. Anne tells me that the two workshops to make goods, on 24&25/11/16 are now full and has asked me to thank the club members for their support. Thank you also to Val Seed and Chris O'Hara who are instructing at the

workshops. The market will take place in Altrincham on Sunday 26/11/16, from 1000 to 1600, if you want to pop along and say hello to Anne and her helpers.

**Designer of the Year:** It was agreed that we will organise an elimination competition for Designer of the Year 2017, to be held at the Social Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017, in Northwich. Because the Royal Cheshire Show clashes with WAFA in Barbados it is not appropriate to hold the eliminator there as some of our good competitors will be in Barbados. Also, the hall in Northwich is much larger than Frodsham, so we can hopefully increase the audience size and have more competitors taking part in the eliminator. Information will be issued at February council, but can also be found on the HQ web-site. The eliminator will be organised by JDSE and Social committee chairmen.

**Job Vacancies:** There are still several vacancies:

- Archivist: maintaining an Area Archive and bringing it along to Area events as appropriate
- Secretary to F&GP: Minute taker – and a good opportunity to find out what goes on behind the scenes
- Minutes Secretary: Assist Area secretary by taking minutes at Council and the Area AGM

If anyone would like to volunteer, or knows of someone suitable in their club, please let me, or any of the other Officers know.

## **(f) Judges, Demonstrators, Speakers and Education Report – Mrs Nicky Wylie**

### **1 JUDGES**

**1.1 Judges Refresher Day, 15/10/16:** Certificated training day held jointly with the North West Area at Plumley..

**1.2 National Judges Training:** Congratulations to Dawn Weaver on successfully passing the test.

**1.3 Designer of the Year 2017:** Launched at National AGM. Area will hold own competition to select our representative at Area Social Day, Thursday 6 July in Northwich. Final test will be held in Blackpool at Festive Flower & Food Show, 9-11 November 2017. Full details on how to apply will be given at February Council 2017. (Alison Cooper from Cheshire won in 2015. Keep dates in July and November free to come and support our local talented entrants)

### **2 DEMONSTRATORS**

**2.1 Area Test:** held on 31 October. 6 successful candidates.

Catherine Baines (North West)

Debbie Davies (Cheshire & North West)

Anne Houghton (Cheshire)

Louise Jones (Cheshire & North West)

Jacqueline Owen (Cheshire)

Namiye Sianga (Cheshire & North West)

Full contact details in Club packs – make sure given to Club programme secretary.

**2.2 Demonstrator Training 2017:** Mercia & North Wales will almost certainly run demonstrator training in 2017 and have asked for names. If know of anyone interested let Pat Murphy or Nicky Wylie have their name.

### **3 SPEAKERS**

**3.1 Speakers Course** Proposed for 2017, subject to enough names. Provisional dates 25/3/17, 20/5/17, 8/7/17, 2/9/17 (Mock), 28/10/17 (Final). Extra days may be added if required. If you have anyone in your club who is interested, let Carol Black have their name – even if do not want to go on to be NAFAS Speaker, course great for improving ability to speak in public.

### **4 EDUCATION**

**4.1 Christmas Workshops 19 & 20/11/16, Pauline Foster (National Teacher)** Full with wait-list.

**4.2 Start A Fashion, Plumley – 3 days 25/2/17, 11/3/17, 22/4/17 Val Seed, Chris O’Hara:** 3 days only at £20 per day. Application form in Club pack – complete and send applications to Diane Fair. Response to all members’ events been very good so be prompt to avoid disappointment.

**4.3 Members Day 2017:** Early notification – Richard Haslam from Southern Ireland on 7&8/10/17 – full details in due course.

**4.4 Education Day 2017:** Early notification – Kate Kerr 21/10/17 – ensure anyone in your club on Education List made aware of this. Full details in due course.

### **(g) Social – Mrs Chris Gibbons**

Mrs Gibbons pleased to report new member on the team, Jackie Burns from Prestbury Flower Club, which brings team up to full strength.

Date for next Social event is Monday 15 May 2017 at Chester Racecourse. A finger buffet which will be served at tables. Further details available at February Council. Social Day, Thursday, 6 July 2017 will be at Northwich Memorial Court which has been rebuilt and offers space for elimination round to find Area candidate for Designer of the Year 2017 competition with final at Festive Flower & Food Show in Blackpool in November.

Demonstrator for Social Day will be Annette Urquhart, National demonstrator from Berkshire.

AGM due to take place on 5 October will not be at Frodsham as hall not available and will advise of new venue when confirmed.

### **(h) RHS – Mrs Pat Bannister**

We now have a team together for RHS Show in July. It will be led by Pat Murphy and members will be Sylvia Bower, Alison Cooper and Jackie Owen.

Title will be “Bugs and Beasties” so team have their thinking caps on and are making plans.

**(i) Royal Cheshire County Show Team – Mrs Lynda Braddock**

Not much to report at moment as in early stages of preparing for Show which will be held on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 June 2017.

Schedule entitled “What A Wonderful World” and a draft copy is ready to present to JDS&E for approval. Once again there will be 10 categories along with exhibits from tutors and their students.

Sarah Wood has agreed to be the judge for the competition and we look forward to welcoming her.

Royal Cheshire Show committee meet again on Monday 21 November when it will be discussing the next stage of preparation.

**(j) NAFAS Sub- Committee Reports:**

**i) Judges – Mrs Pam Fleming-Williams**

*Extracts from Minutes Judging Committee held 29 September 2016*

**Feedback from Area Representatives’ Day:** all comments were positive regarding content and information. A training form to be drawn up and circulated to make things easier for Reps to fill in.

**Correspondence** received and dealt with regarding period modules, show work for beginners, modern exhibits, foliage only exhibits and plant material in all forms.

**Training:**

Refresher days will be held in SAFAS and Northumberland & Durham.

Modules planned for Devon & Cornwall, North West, Kent, London & Overseas, South Midlands, Surrey and Sussex.

Trainee Adjudicators and Instructors progressing with training in the above areas.

Discussions were held regarding possibility of training programme of the five modules for Judges’ test being held over two days. Instigated by Areas, questioning the amount of money needed to progress the training. Final opinion was that a full programme would be better suited to being taught over two weekends with two tutors. A two-day timetable would be drafted and offered.

Training in identifying and disseminating overall knowledge of NAFAS “Periods” was identified and should be discussed with Education committee.

**National Judges’ Test:**

After second successful training day for National Candidates for Judges’ Test, 13 candidates took the final test at Solihull on 29 October. 5 candidates passed the examination. Chairman of National Photographic Committee was invited to attend and took photos of the two classes of 7 exhibits and some general shots for use for training purposes.

**Festive Flower & Food Show 2017:**

Schedule reviewed and advice passed back to Show Manager. Judges paired and advice given to Competitions Officer.

**Judges’ Conference 2017:**

Various venues considered and budgets compared. Further investigation needed by individual committee members due to not having an official NAFAS appointee for conferences.

There was a feeling to open whole conference to every judge in UK and to make it a different interactive, event appropriate to the needs of today’s judge.

**Future Publication:**

Booklet "Putting On a Show" progressing but slowly, with suitable photographs to illustrate the booklet difficult to obtain. National Photographic committee was cooperating in provision of copy for publication.

**Any Other Business:**

Future Committee members have been recommended to the Board and will be approached if approved. Other Areas distribute a list of judges names and contact details to interested parties, eg horticultural societies and this could be trialled for all Areas.

Discussion re - Demonstrators who were not trained judges being asked to judge club competitions. A scheme was suggested to advise clubs to use local judges for a set fee to judge a club competition and then give a short talk to the club regarding what was sought by the judges. To be actioned.

**Date of Next meeting: 9 February 2017****Area:**

Very pleased to announce that at National Judges' test held at 29 October, Dawn Weaver was successful and is now a National judge.

An extremely successful day was held at Plumley on 15 October being a joint Refresher/Training with North West Area on Practical side of judging. A format of day in which could benefit each Area by sharing resources and amalgamating number of candidates.

**(ii) Demonstrators – Mrs Pat Murphy**

*Notes taken from meeting of National Demonstrators Committee held on 18 August 2016.*

**Present:** Michael Bowyer, chairman, Elizabeth Graham, Beryl Cotton, Jacqui Arnold and Diane Fair.

**Training and Testing:**

Kate Kerr has passed her final instructors and qualified.

A Practical Training Day has been arranged and there are 8 out of 10 candidates attending the training day.

**National Test 2016:** Test took place in Northallerton on 2 & 3 October. Successful candidates were Mellissa Sheldrake, Emily Broomhead, Christine Hughes and Christopher White.

**2018 Symposium:**

Possible dates are 14-17 June 2018.

**Any Other Business:**

Michael Bowyer thanked Beryl Cotton for all her hard work and dedication to the Committee as it was her last meeting. A new committee member has been approached and Committee waiting for a reply.

Website to be updated - profiles of Committee be added to Demonstrators' page.

**Date of Next Meeting of National Demonstrators Committee is Wednesday 19 October 2016.**

*Notes taken from Demonstrator Representatives' Meeting on 18 October 2016.*

Mrs Murphy attended this meeting at Headquarters in London and it was a very full and informative day. The main topics covered were:-

**National Demonstrator Tests** – all four candidates passed.

The five pre-national candidates have now received full reports on their performance and have been invited to take the National Demonstrator Test next time.

Discussion took place on candidates with special needs.

**Materials or Flower Allowance** – the recommendation is that for bookings in 2017 this is to be increased to £110 and will be further reviewed in 2018. Information regarding this I have passed on to all demonstrators on our Cheshire Area List and I believe the information has also been sent out or included in your Flower Club packs today.

**Complaints** procedures were looked at and discussed. If a Club has a complaint against a National Demonstrator they must write to the Chairman of the National Demonstrators Committee. If the complaint is against an Area Demonstrator, the Club must write to the Area Demonstrators Representative. But it is hoped that if any misunderstandings occur, they are best dealt with by open and frank discussion between the two parties. Cheshire Area complaints procedure is printed to the rear of the Area List.

**Music in demonstrations** – it is the venue not the demonstrator, which is required to hold a Performing Rights Licence. If the venue has one, the demonstrator is covered. If using music the demonstrator should ascertain if the venue has a Performing Rights Licence. If not the demonstrator must apply retrospectively to the Performing Rights Society who will charge £10 for an audience of 100 persons, plus £2.35 for every 25 persons thereafter – plus VAT. If live music is used in an unlicensed venue the retrospective charge is 3% of box office takings.

The Chairman of the National Judges, Pam Fleming- Williams has suggested to the National Demonstrators Committee that perhaps demonstrator training should include something on judging a club competition. This is an important suggestion as many Clubs ask the Demonstrator to judge their Club Competitions before they start their demonstration. Being a demonstrator does not necessarily mean that the demonstrator is a trained judge. The National Demonstrators Committee will be discussing this at their next meeting.

### **(iii) Speakers – Mrs Carol Black**

The National Speakers Committee met on 26 September at Osborne House.

Elizabeth Rea – Chairman –NIGFAS

Sue Shaw – Kent

Susan Horne – East of England

Philida Irving – Northumberland & Durham

Carolynne Sorrell – SAFAS

Sheila Smith – Mercia & North Wales

David Rylands – Umbrella

National course for speakers was held in July at Cardiff University Campus. 33 members from throughout NAFAS attended. Sessions on various aspects of speaking were presented by Committee members, NAFAS Instructors and an external professional voice coach. All sessions were interesting and extremely useful for the training of speakers.

An Area Representatives day was held at Osborne House in September when the changes to the guidelines were explained and reports of speaking activities from around the Areas were read out and discussed. Mrs Black was unable to attend this

meeting.

National Speakers held a joint test with Demonstrators at Northallerton in Yorkshire during October. 5 candidates out of 6 were successful.

Alan Beatty – NIGFAS – The Power of Colour

Anne Bridge – East of England – Lost and Found – The Story of the Cheapside Hoard.

James Burnside – NIGFAS – The Legacy of Art Nouveau

Hazel McGregor – Surrey – Faith, Charity and a Lifetime of Hope

Kathy Stangold – London & Overseas – The Sound of Bow Bells

Significant changes made to Speakers Guidelines following past two National Tests.

Last meeting for Elizabeth Rea who was to step down as Chairman at the AGM to be replaced by Sue Shaw.

Next meeting will be 27 February 2017 followed by an Adjudicators and Instructors Day on the 28 February.

#### **(iv) Education – Mrs Diane Fair**

No report

#### **(v) Photography – Pam Mosedale**

Chairman was delighted to introduce our new Photography Representative, Pam Mosedale. Before Pam invited to give her report, Mrs Nolan thanked Pat Murphy for her many years of hard work in the role and presented her with a small gift as a token of Areas appreciation.

Notes taken from National Photography Committee meeting held 6 September 2016 at Osborne House.

**Chair:** Vice Chairman, Chrissie Harten chaired meeting in Philip Gray's absence.

#### **National Photography Competition 2016**

- There had been a fantastic response to the national photography competition, with the highest number of entries for some years. (349 entries from 56 entrants, with at least one entry from each of the 21 Areas) It was thought it was due to entries being digital. Only 3 entries received, from one entrant, in Junior competition.
- Results would be announced at National AGM in October 2016. Post-meeting note:
- Winning photographs will be staged at AGM in October and "Colourburst" Weekend in November.

#### **Video/Photography Equipment for HQ:**

Committee continuing to purchase and upgrade equipment to improve that available at Osborne House.

#### **Photography Show Publication Guide**

- Guide to be updated to include the protocol for uploading photos to Social Media. No photos should be uploaded until judging had taken place. Show schedules should include clear guidelines about photographing exhibits.

- The use of Media Consent Form was clarified. It applies especially to demonstrators, as some do not want photos uploaded to Social media.

**Festive Flower and Food Show, Blackpool 2017:**

The Committee will be required for duration of the show. Discussions are underway with organiser, Mig Kimpton, about the time at which photographs of winning exhibits can be taken. Committee will also source production and sale of DVD of show results.

**National Photography Competition 2017:**

- Entries will again be digital. Schedule will be launched at end of September to coincide with website for Blackpool 2017 “going live”

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Area delegates to attend on Monday 20 March 2017 at 2.00pm.

**Any Other Business**

- (i) **Concern regarding emails** – As you have all been issued with list of Standard Area email addresses, do **not** open any not on the list as not genuine for Cheshire NAFAS and should be deleted.

Area President, Carol Black thanked the committee for a wonderful meeting and hoped everyone had enjoyed it. She wished them well over the Festive period and a safe journey home.

**DATE of NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017**

**10am Coffee / Tea**

**Meeting 10.30am**

**Plumley Village Hall**

Signed .....

Date .....