

Present:

Mark Phillips, David Barnes, Dave Thorp, Harry Hall, Andrew Ripley, Valerie Mather, Patricia Hilbert, Chris Martinka

Apologies for absence:

None

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| 1. The Chairman began the meeting by welcoming Chris Martinka from the US. Chris has volunteered to support the promotion of DPotY in the US. | |
| 2. Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes were approved and signed by DB on behalf of MP. Place those minutes on the DG website. | PH |
| 3. Matters arising from the previous Committee meeting Item 3 – HH was invited to develop ideas for zines. | HH |
| 4. Finance AR had provided a statement of the Group's financial position. AR continues to try to get a breakdown of the numbers reported by RPS HQ for subscriptions which appear not to match the increase in the number of new members. | AR |
| 5. DPOTY MP has arranged for a number of publications to announce the opening of DPotY on May 6. Entries will close on August 5. Prizes for winners will include a camera for RPS Members, a day with Simon Roberts for students and free RPS Membership for 1 year for all winners and commended entries – in total 9). MP is trying to arrange a paid commission. MP is considering what the entry fee should be (POST MTG – <i>Open £10, Student £5, Member- Free, with Concessions on request</i>) Costs of the competition are being recorded in Teams. HH has contacted Regions and Groups organisers about mounting exhibitions and has asked to be made aware of possibilities. The level of interest in DPotY as indicated by access to the various announcements will be monitored. | MP HH PH/CM |
| 6. Sub-groups MP reviewed his plan for managing expenses. MP will announce to sub-groups (POST MTG – mail sent) | MP |
| 7. Events – Documentary Workshops and Engagement Talks MP reported that workshops are sold out (new workshop for June added) and that demand for engagement talks has increased. The most recent talk had 120 attendees. There are already more than 100 bookings for future talks. More talks are in plan. | |
| 8. Decisive Moment DT demonstrated DM on <i>issuu</i> and other websites. The statistics that DT has show that front covers and paid-for promotions have a positive influence on the number of pages read. DT plans to produce a single topic DM on DPotY for May. | DT |
| 9. AOB | |

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| It was agreed to hold the next AGM of the Documentary Group in September, one year from the previous AGM. A speaker will be arranged to entice attendance. Suggestions for a speaker to MP. The meeting will need to be publicised by end June. PH offered to create an identity for DPotY in line with RPS standards. (POST MTG – <i>completed</i>) | ALL PH |
| 10. Date of next meeting 8 April 2021 at 17:30 UK time by video conference. | ALL |

Meeting closed at 18:55.