



**Delegates Meeting  
February 5<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Redwood Drive CC.  
Waddington.**

1. **Apologies for absence** (Clubs only)
2. Louth

Clubs in attendance: Axholme, Barton, Cleethorpes, Deepings, Grimsby, Horncastle, Lincoln, NELPS, RBCC, Sleaford.

3. **Accept the minutes**

Proposed: Jean Brumby Seconded by Dave Weaver.

4. **Matters arising, not covered in the agenda**

Amendment to Minutes; in item 7 Axholme not Cleethorpes

5. **LPA Day of Photography: John Whaler  
Day of Photography 2014**

John Whaler said there has been a change of speaker, Steve Gosling can't make it due to work commitments, the replacement is Paul Delmar, a professional fleet street photographer.

John added, the tickets are on sale only £10 per person

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 at Nettleham village hall.

- Day of Photography 2015**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

John Whaler said, for the 2015 DoP he is thinking of offering something a bit different; two speakers instead of three, Clive Haynes FRPS and Martin Addison FRPS. These two guys are very creative; please look them up on the internet.

John added the total cost would be around the £1000 mark which would be covered by the sale of 100 tickets, raffle would cover the cost of the hall.

John was a little concerned about committing the LPA to this amount of cost, but was reassured by Jean Brumby and the rest of the floor that, if something should go wrong the LPA could afford one hit on the finances.

2016 was mentioned, John again said he would try for someone different, people that won't be seen at most clubs.

- Foster's colour challenge:**

Ron Abbott said:

Date: Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Closing date: March 20<sup>th</sup>

Judge: David Gibbins

Venue: Horncastle Club Room, Watson's Yard, West Street, Horncastle

6. **Print battles: Helen Whincup**

Finals 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Please make sure your entry is sent to me by end of April, READ THE Rules.

Entry form and rules are on the website.

Suggested Judges Christine Waddall, Ian Pinn

7. **Inter-club PDI Competition: Christian Hogg**

Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 2:30pm start

Judge:

(i) Christian Hogg said in 2013 there were 9 clubs entered, what if 10, 11, 12 or more entered, we would struggle to fit them all in in one afternoon, so Christian suggested giving the organiser the right to reduce the whole entry to 120 images approximately, reducing each clubs entry by one or two as appropriate and taking

them from the bottom of the list, which is submitted in order of preference, thus leaving the tie-breaker the last on the list.

Helen Whincup added, the tie-breaker should remain as the club intended, as it makes sense for a club competition secretary to put one of their best images in as a tie-breaker if they are called upon.

(ii) Christian added, only half the club in the association entered, we should try to encourage as many clubs as possible to enter this and all competitions.

Christian suggested a tiered system with small club members able to enter more images per member than the larger clubs e.g. clubs over 30 members, only 2 images instead of the current 3.

A lengthy discussion was had about the pros and cons of both suggestions:

It would be difficult to have a tiered system.

Always seems the best to keep rules to the minimum.

Two images per member across the board for all member clubs whatever their membership.

The floor agreed that the 2014 Inter-Club PDI competition rules will be changed to:

1. The organiser reserves the right to reduce the entry to 120 images approximately.
2. The tie-breaker image will remain as club intended and the reduction will begin with image 10 on the list.
3. Images per member will reduce to two across all member clubs irrelevant of size.

Proposed by Jarek Grebenik, Seconded by Allan Rowsell and carried unanimously.

#### 8. **Portfolio Secretary: Mike Martindale**

The portfolio is currently doing the rounds.

Please send your result.

Mike asked if new print boxes could be ordered for the portfolio as the old ones are very tatty.

The treasurer and the members agreed that these could be purchased.

#### 9. **Photographer of the year: Steve Haw**

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014

Nettleham Village Hall. 2:30 pm start.

Closing date is October 19<sup>th</sup> 2014; the print battles final.

Judge:

No further news

#### 10. **Digitally projected competition:**

Closing date January 18<sup>th</sup> 2014

Helen Whincup said.

The 2014 comp will be behind closed doors for a one year trial. Then open for discussion next year.

The categories and rules will be much the same as before:

##### a. **Open digital.**

Entries to this category will consist of images with minimal manipulation. The subject matter is entirely open. Images may contain limited additional material produced by the photographer.

##### b. **Creative**

Entries to this category will consist of images with **extensive manipulation and creativity applied**. Original images may not be wholly recognizable after manipulation. Images may have originated from one or more sources.

The creative category.

In the past some members have performed very little manipulation; altering a colour etc. this doesn't fit the criteria of the Creative category; here is a chance to let your imagination run away with you but remember all elements of your image should be your own photography.

There will be a small charge of £2 per entrant.

Maximum entry of 2 images, per category per author

All paperwork is on the website

Please send entry to me via email or post and include full payment.

Closing Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014

2015

There needs to be an organiser for this competition for 2015.

Members of Lincoln Camera Club showed an interest in becoming organisers, they will give their answer at the next meeting in May.

#### 11. **Digital AV Comp:**

Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2013 10 am start

Judge Keith Scott FRPS, DPAGB, AV-AFIAP

Closing date January 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the very latest

Allan Rowsell said, the entry consists of 19 entries from 12 individual members.

#### 12. **AV Group**

All information can be found on the website.

#### 13. **LPA Biennial 2014**

April 17<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

The closing date of the acceptance of entries is 21st February 2014, but I will accept entries at the LPA delegates meeting on Wednesday February 5th.

If you cannot get to the delegates meeting any entries you have from your members can be passed on to me by Helen Whincup or John Whaler; or delivered to me.

Please see the attached list to see who your club should take their prints to for delivery.

The Format of the competition will be as follows.

The prints entered will be taken to 2 judges who will select the 100 prints to be hung in the exhibition and from these the winning prints the rules and entry forms for this competition are on

TheLPAWebsite

The judges are Mr Dave Gibbins and Mr Gary Langley.

The venue for the exhibition is Cleethorpes library.

The opening of the exhibition is Thursday 17th April 2014.

Because of the size of the library the prints will be displayed in 2 lots of 50 prints for 3 weeks each.

Any further info required please contact me on [marty4united@msn.com](mailto:marty4united@msn.com)

#### **2016**

Will be in the Lincolnshire Life Museum.

#### 14. **Club and other print exhibitions**

Please make sure you tell the Website team of any exhibitions your club may be holding so posters can be added.

Updates are added to the website continuously.

#### 15. **Monochrome Group:**

All info is on website, the mono group is doing alright, 34 members attended the last meeting.

#### 16. **Web: [www.lincspa.co.uk](http://www.lincspa.co.uk) Andy Archer and Helen Whincup**

#### **Website Update:**

The website is continuing to be a valuable source of information for both clubs and members alike.

***Number of visits as of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014: 3590***

Recent amendments to the site include:

- Competition Postcards – showing all comps for 2014
- Officers Information (*password protected*)
- Competition Organisers (*password protected*)
- List of Judges / Lecturers (*password protected*)
- Club Directory (*password protected*)
- Judges / Lecturers Feedback Forms
- Images for Website - size, dpi, titling etc...
- Minutes of the last Delegates meeting

Recent changes to club names and certain delegate's details have been updated e.g. Email Addresses, Telephone No's. Etc....

**Club Directory** - We have received a few comments in relation to the passwords for a number of pages including Judges & Lecturers, Club Directory and other pages that are password protected.

\*Please note when logging in to these pages you will need to log-out of the one you're in before you can log-in to the next.

Help required with the following:

- **Members Gallery:** We still have THREE clubs that have not submitted any pictures for this gallery (*Axholme, Barton and Lincoln*) Also if any members that haven't sent us a picture can still do so. We will be only too pleased to put them on the site.
- If you would like to submit any photos to the website and require the formatting information, we have now put all the details on the site under: Info > Web Images
- **What's On:** If you have an event, exhibition or if your club has an exhibition or you know of one in your area that you think others may like to attend, then please let us know.
- **Club Events;** again please let us and the rest of the LPA community know what you are doing. If you had a good speaker and would like to invite the other clubs over for the evening, let us know. (These will also appear on the Home page as a NEWS FLASH)

I would just like to say thank you for supporting both Helen and myself in making the website such a success.

***Please keep using it. It's your communication portal for all things LPA.***

Some members said they are having difficulties signing in and out of the websites' password protected' areas. You have to sign out of one area before signing in to another.

Andy will look at changing the log in to one password.

Members suggested Mailchimp. Andy will look in to it.

### **17. Judges & Lecturers Secretary**

Please give my apologies for not being at the meeting this evening, I am judging at Axholme.

Since the introduction of the feedback scheme at the last AGM I have received 48 forms from clubs, lecturers and judges.

The club feedback form from judges and lecturers totalled 28, most commented on the friendliness and welcome they receive from clubs. Responses ranged from adequate to excellent.

Some concern was expressed about the appropriateness of the initial communication or correspondence especially when this is done via e-mail rather than a telephone call. Eg the initial e-mail would include date, venue and time but little else about the nature of the competition or the organisation of the evening. On several occasions there appeared to be no follow-up communication or reminder sent closer to the event.

There were a couple of instances where the Competition Secretary was absent and nobody at the club appeared to appreciate what was required. There was also an instance when the Treasurer did not arrive and no arrangements had been made to pay the judge their expenses.

It is true to say that most of the responses came from those judges who had been on the LPA list for a shorter period of time.

Most of the comments on judges and judging from the clubs were also positive, again it has to be said that most comments were about the newer judges to the LPA list. In total 18 have been received.

The main issue seems to be over timing especially with larger entries and the use of anecdotes. Timing, I think, can certainly go on some future judges seminar agenda although I think that it is something that comes with experience, whilst the use of appropriate anecdotes can be used to pan out an evening when the entry is not large. The skill is in finding the right balance.

I have only had two returns about lecturers, so I think it would be inappropriate to comment further at the moment. It is true to say that the Lecturer's Feedback Form has only been on the LPA website since Christmas so clubs may not be aware of its existence.

In general, I think it fair to say that the scheme is operating successfully; clubs have appointed a designated person to fill in the forms and return them to me. Obviously, judges are seeking information, particularly the

less experienced, if the number of returns they have sent in is anything to go by. However, I have not received any returns from approximately half the clubs in the LPA and the same applies to a similar number of judges.

Colin Lusby

Please remind the delegates about sending in the judges and lecturers forms.

**18. Any other business at the discretion of the President  
AGM in May**

Ron will be standing down in May and Allan will be taking over as President so there is a vacancy for Vice President.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming

Vice President please download the form that will be on the website 'News Flash' on home page shortly.

**Brigg Camera Club RE Insurance**

Thank you so much for the information you have forwarded to me.

Can I ask a couple of questions?

Firstly with us only been a small group of people we do not have anyone that specializes in guest lecturing. Do we need to have insurance as a group or can we just pay our membership fees to you and that's enough to be members?

We are quite a laid back club only meeting every fortnight but now have a little structure and want to do a little more and learn more as a group.

Would we still be able to apply for membership?

Many Thanks

Melissa Windley

Hi Melissa

Thank you for the email.

You don't have to have insurance to be a member of the lpa, that is federations that are governed by the PAGB (Photographic Alliance of Great Britain), i.e. N&EMPF, but you should be covered if something happens, many of the judges and lecturers on our list are PAGB members.

It could be you're covered by the insurance of the venue where you meet, you need to discuss it with them.

If you have no insurance, inform the judge or lecturer when you make contact, then the decision is up to them.

I will add this point to the agenda for the next meeting, I know some of our clubs are not members of the PAGB so will make enquiries about what they do.

Dear All

Email to clubs sent 10/02/14

At the meeting last week I raised a question about club public liability insurance.

There was a lengthy discussion, the delegates decided that everyone should carry public liability insurance, at the end of the day it is in your own interest to cover yourselves and if an accident occurs the committee could be liable.

The delegates added'

If you don't have any insurance at the moment please inform any LPA judges or lecturers you invite to your club of this, then it is their decision whether they attend or not.

If your club is in N&EMPF then you will carry insurance, but if you're not then you should consider covering yourselves.

Would you please answer the question below and return to me ASAP.

<http://www.stampinsurance.co.uk/page5.html>

The Delegates said clubs should have insurance, this is to be added to the directory returns form and application for new members.

### **Day Of Photography**

John asked if members would mind using plastic cups to cut down on washing up to save time and reduce noise from the kitchen.

It was agreed to use plastic cups.

Also a sound system

If you have a sound system the LPA could borrow would you please contact John Whaler.

**Peter Webster** Proposed a vote of thanks to Steve Haw for the refreshments before the meeting. Everyone agreed!

There being no further business the President closed this meeting at 9:10 pm

19. Date for next meeting **May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014, Redwood Drive, Waddington**

Signed

Date

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President