

Lincolnshire Photographic Association

Minutes of the AGM meeting held at Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington.

On May 22nd 2014

1. Apologies for absence, Clubs only

Cleethorpes

Clubs in attendance: Axholme, Deepings, Grimsby, Horncastle, Lincoln, NELPS & RBCC. (7)

Minutes of Previous meeting (already circulated)

Amendment to minutes:

2. Accept the minutes, Proposed & seconded

Proposed Jean Brumby, Seconded by Mike Martindale

3. Matters arising, not covered in the agenda

There were no matters arising.

4. President's address

Ron said that his two years in office seemed to have passed very quickly. He admitted that he hadn't been as proactive as Jean was over her two years. She aimed to visit all the clubs in the association, either as a visitor or as a speaker. Over his two years Ron turned down only one request to attend a function (on holiday) and needed to depend on Jean and Allan to cover for him if I couldn't get to an LPA event. He was embarrassed when he turned up too late to open an event at Nettleham but Jean was there to step in. He put on his regalia and poppy and took over at half-time.

Ron continued to enjoy the opportunity to take lunch with LPA judges and speakers and to see the workings of the LPA itself. He also deputised, when required, for his club's delegate and so got to debate and vote on some issues as well as chair meetings.

Ron said his job was made much easier by Helen's efficient work as secretary and the huge upgrade to the website she and Andy produced. Jean was always on hand with advice, and the job made him a little more at ease dealing with visitors, speakers and judges. The loyal band of clubs who send representatives to the delegates meetings keep the association ticking over with all the benefits that brings to the membership by way of competitions, events, exhibitions, CDs to entertain on club nights etc.

Ron accepted that he hadn't sought to innovate as President. He didn't arrive with an agenda, merely a voice that could be heard in the hall at Nettleham. But overall he had enjoyed his two years, and as Past President would be able to support Allan (once he was back from the USA) when he takes over, and would continue to attend and assist with the events run by the LPA.

5. Treasurers report, subscriptions & appoint auditor

Steve Haw said, the bank balance is healthy but inevitably the general running of the LPA is increasing, Judges costs and hire of hall at Nettleham which will increase from September by 50 pence per hour, something to keep in mind for the 2015 AGM.

Auditors report

Due to Bob Dowlman being un-available to do the book audits for 2014, Jean Brumby kindly stepped in.

Jean said that the books were all correct and very well presented.

Steve Haw thanked Jean Brumby for standing in at late notice.

Subs for 2015

The Treasurer suggested keeping the subs at 50 pence per person for the 2015 renewal

Proposed Steve Haw, Seconded Helen Whincup and carried unanimously.

Appoint an Auditor for 2015

Bob Dowlman was appointed as auditor for 2015, proposed Peter Webster, seconded by Colin Lusby everyone in favour.

6. Secretary's address

Most of the reports have been delivered by their officer i.e. financial, presidential etc. and I am sure you do not need to hear them again from me.

This leaves me to add

Firstly, I would like to thank Ron Abbott for his reign as LPA president although it's not quite over yet as Allan Rowsell is away on holiday.

Ron's enthusiasm for the LPA and all its events is very commendable. Thanks Ron.

Thanks to all the members who help with the setting up of the Nettleham Village hall for events, making refreshments at the breaks and of course the washing up...every ones favourite.

With special thanks to Bob Tomlinson, Steve Haw and John Whaler who often meet at the hall the evening before events to set up the chairs, tables etc. Thanks guys

The audio-visual group and the Monochrome group are gaining momentum and are both well attended.

These meetings are warm and friendly and everyone is welcome.

Further information, meeting dates, etc. can be found on the website.

The total membership is 680 a drop of 4 on last years' figure.

These figures are very encouraging, I hope a few more members will attend some of the events organised by the LPA throughout the year like the Day Of Photography.

Remember to use the Web it is a hive of information for you also.

7. Installation of new President

Mr. Allan Rowsell from the Axholme club was appointed LPA president for the next 2 years. Allan is away on holiday at the moment so Ron Abbot will continue to chair this meeting.

Mr. Alan Tyrer has been nominated president of the LPA, proposed Michael Whincup (RBCC), seconded by Ms. Janet Davies (Deepings Club).

An engraved tankard was presentation to Ron Abbott for all his work and commitment to the LPA over the past years by Jean Brumby.

8. Election of officers

Secretary	Helen Whincup resigns as Secretary for the LPA
Treasurer	Steve Haw said he will stand for one more year as treasurer for the LPA Proposed Christian Hogg, Seconded by Ron Abbott and carried unanimously.
Past President	Ron Abbott (position fill automatically)

May 20th 2014

Dear Mr. President

R.E. LPA Secretary's Resignation

It is with regret to inform you of my resignation from all my positions with in the LPA.

I have been considering my position for the past few years. I know it is short notice but I feel it is time to do this.

I will continue until July 31st 2014, after which my LPA Secretary account on my computers will be deleted and members will no longer be able to contact me. I will pass on the paperwork to the new secretary before or bring it to the meeting in August, which I will only visit.

I am finding running this organisation ever more time consuming, even with the website; several members have contacted me for other members' contact details when it is in the directory on the website.

Then there are all the problems I have had with a few individual members. They are all ready to put me right and pick me up and very few are ready to help.

I am also struggling to remember things, a sign of my age maybe, but if I don't write messages, phone calls down I forget them.

Yours Faithfully

Helen Whincup

Jean Brumby added, Sincere thanks Helen for all you have done over the past thirteen years; you have helped everyone with all things LPA.

9. Membership Request from Brookenby Youth Camera Club

Dr. Michael Edwards applied to the LPA to join Brookenby Youth Camera Club.

The club was set up with a grant from Community Lincs (Community Chest) to fund a teaching facility for 16s and under. As a qualified teacher I will be teaching photojournalism and basic camera and photographically skills for young people who are planning to take a college course in photography or one of the art subjects.

With the grant money and a donation from myself I have purchased a computer, monitor and Photoshop Elements as a teaching aid. The Brookenby adult Camera club has experienced photographers on which we can call for support and I am a professional photographer and author. I taught English as well as photography up to A level so I will be leading the teaching side of the project.

We meet in the camera club room of the Brookenby village community centre (an old WW11 RAF base. The Memphis Belle flew from here and the film by that name was made here) which has been specially decorated and equipped for this purpose.

I have made enquiries and believe that the Brookenby Youth Camera Club is the first in the UK and we hope to encourage others to follow our lead.

We have our first proper meeting on Saturday 29th March at 11am.

I hope that this is of some help. I will be happy to keep you updated should you wish.

Regards

Dr Michael A V Edwards

Swinhope

Lincolnshire Wolds.

Delegates said it is a source of youth in the LPA which is always welcome.

Jean Brumby added, who will be responsible for these young people?

Because they will be under sixteen years of age the youth group will require supervision by a group leader at all times whilst attending any LPA event or meeting, as the LPA can't be held responsible for under aged children because of CRB law.

Christian Hogg added, they should be encouraged to join as an entire entity.

All delegates were in favour of accepting the Brookenby Youth Camera Club to the LPA

Group leader Dr. Edwards will be invited to a LPA meeting for further discussions.

10. Set date for next AGM May 21st May 2015

This meeting closed at 8:27 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
President