

LPA Delegates Meeting

Wednesday August 6th 2014, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington

7.45pm

Ron Abbott (Past President) presented the chain of office to incoming President Allan Rowsell.

Allan Rowsell chaired the meeting.

Allan Rowsell Formally thanked Helen Whincup, who had resigned as Secretary, for her 13 years of devoted work for the LPA. Her period of office had seen many changes and challenges. He presented Helen with some small tokens of the affection which was felt by the delegates.

- 1. Apologies.** Sleaford and Louth. Seven Clubs present: Axholme, Cleethorpes, Deepings, Grimsby, Horncastle, NELPS, RBCC,
- 2. LPA Secretary.** There had been no nominations or volunteers for the post. Allan Rowsell proposed that he and Alan Tyrer would share the secretary's duties with himself looking after the contacts and information and Alan looking after meetings and minutes. After his two years as President, he would take over the position as LPA Secretary. There was a discussion whether an officer could hold two positions or whether a club officer could hold an LPA position. It would be for the officer to declare any conflict of interest. The President's proposal was accepted. The committee would rely on the goodwill of the clubs during a difficult transition.

The committee had identified several duties, which Helen had handled previously, which could be undertaken by other members. Ron Abbott had agreed to organise the club directory. A list of responsibilities for LPA competition and event organisers had been circulated. These tasks were not necessarily to be done by the organiser but they were responsible to see that they were in hand. Members had been co-operating in redefining responsibilities.

The president said that there would be a new (another) LPA contact email address which would be distributed soon.

3. Minutes accepted. prop. Ron Abbott sec. Pete Webster

4. Matters arising from the minutes (not covered in the agenda). Christian Hogg's proposal for a forum would be considered under AOB.

5. LPA Day of Photography, Nettleham, Sunday March 22nd 2015. John Whaler said that everything was booked apart from the hotels.

6. Foster's Colour Challenge, Horncastle, Wednesday April 22nd 2015. Ron Abbott said that everything was in hand.

7. Print Battles Final, Nettleham, Sunday October 19th 2014. Mike Martindale said that everything was in hand. A judge had not been appointed yet. He would supervise the Battles for one year.

Colin Lusby suggested a new arrangement for the Battles competition since some clubs had got an advantage this year by taking part in some two way rounds where it was not possible to get a third place. There was a lot of discussion about the different formats the competition could take. It was agreed that Colin would bring forward some proposals for consideration for 2016. It was suggested that some of the problems could be minimised by more clubs taking part.

A draw was taken for the Battles competition in 2015 which would continue in the present format. The draw would be circulated. A late application had been received from Trusthorpe. It was agreed that, if they were still interested, they would be included as club number 14.

8. Interclub PDI Trophy, Nettleham, Sunday November 2nd 2014. Christian Hogg said that the entry deadline would be the Print Battles Final on Sunday October 19th. No judge had been appointed yet.

9. Portfolio. Mike Martindale said that this year's entries were available for collection at the meeting. Some dates had been mixed up this year. He would send out the dates for 2015. The closing date will be the LPA delegates meeting on Thursday November 6th (or later by prior arrangement with him).

10. Photographer of the Year, Nettleham, Sunday November 16th. Steve Haw had booked Dave Gibbins as judge. The closing date for entries is the Battles final on Sunday October 19th.

11. Individual PDI Competition, Nettleham, Sunday January 25th 2015. Ron Abbott and Christian Hogg would work on this. No details yet.

12. AV Competition, Nettleham, Sunday February 22nd 2015. Allan Rowsell said that Eddie Spence would be the judge and it was hoped that there would be time for him to present some of his own work. Closing date was Friday January 23rd. Recommended maximum resolution was 1920x 1080 to match the equipment being used. There was a discussion about increasing the entry fee in view of the cost of the judge. It was agreed to leave it at £2 per entrant. Because of the increasing inconvenience of cheques, it was agreed that payment would be made in cash on the day.

13. AV Group. Allan Rowsell said that he and Ron Abbott had announced a new program and the first Autumn meeting would be at Horncastle on Saturday September 6th at 10am.

14. LPA Biennial Exhibition 2016. Mike Martindale was organising the next Biennial which had been booked at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life for 2016. He did not know who would organise it after this date. There had been a big drop in the number of clubs represented with only four represented this year.

15. Club and other Exhibitions. Cleethorpes would be holding their annual exhibition at Cleethorpes Library for two weeks from September 8th 2014.

16. Monochrome Group. Mike Martindale said that the program had been arranged until next May and was being distributed.

17. Website, www.lincspa.co.uk. Andy Archer was not present. Allan Rowsell would be contacting Andy about issues with the site not always working properly and finding a way forward. Because of the current difficulties, Allan would be emailing clubs directly with information. It was queried whether we needed a web assistant to direct information from clubs to the webmaster.

18. Judges and Lecturers Secretary. Colin Lusby was considering holding another judges taster day and was making enquiries.

19. LPA Insurance. Allan Rowsell explained that it was necessary for the LPA to hold insurance for its events covering public and employers liability. He and Steve Haw had obtained quotes and the best was from Stamp Insurance who were quoting £61.65. This was assuming a maximum of 10 volunteers and 100 members attending each event. (We may need to carry out a simple risk assessment). This was accepted by the meeting, prop. Geoff Trinder, sec. George Fiddler.

20. Any Other Business. Christian Hogg outlined his ideas for a web forum. this would be a separate site, with a link from the main website, where members would have limited or unlimited access to different parts of the forum, to post discussion, comments, critiques, competition results etc. It would evolve to meet the needs of clubs and members, and would not involve direct intervention of the webmaster every time. This is a popular format for the younger generation who we need to engage with. The main website would remain the "shop window" for the LPA. This idea would be investigated further once the website was working correctly.

There was a vote of thanks to Jean and Ken Brumby for providing the refreshments.

Steve Haw said that some clubs had not paid their annual subs.

Steve Haw presented some frames which needed to be purchased to replace the old frames which were in poor condition. A design at £4.50 was accepted although no final decision was made. He appealed to clubs to take more care of the frames, particularly the perspex covers.

The President thanked the meeting for its support and patience.

Next Meeting: Waddington, Thursday November 6th 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm

Minutes by Alan Tyrer

Signed and dated by the LPA President.....

