

# LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 6th 2014, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington

7.45pm

Allan Rowsell chaired the meeting.

**1. Apologies.** No Club apologies. Ten Clubs present: Axholme, Cleethorpes, Deepings, Grimsby, Horncastle, Lincoln, NELPS, RBCC, Skegness, Sleaford.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting.** (already circulated)

**3. Minutes accepted.** Prop. Bob Tomlinson. Sec. Dave Weaver.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes (not covered in the agenda).** None

**5. President's report.** Allan Rowsell said that the standard agenda items had been changed slightly. He had opened the Cleethorpes Exhibition in September where there was a good variety of work on show. There had been good attendances at the Battles Finals and the Interclub PDI competitions and thanks were due to Mike Martindale and Christian Hogg for organising them.

**6. Secretary's report.** Allan Rowsell said that the team were gradually getting their act together. There had been problems with the website so he had adopted a scattergun approach of sending notices to everyone on his list to avoid missing anyone. There had been two enquiries by clubs interested in joining the LPA. John Whaler had spoken to Brookenby and Ron Abbott will visit Market House Photographic Group at Long Sutton should they wish.

**7. Treasurer's report.** Steve Haw said that 19 clubs had paid their annual fees amounting to £326.00. We were generally breaking even on most events and making a little profit on some. Bank Balance was £4646.28 with cash in hand of £365.47.

**8. Individual PDI Competition, Nettleham, Sunday January 25th 2015 2.30pm (closing date January 18th).** Ron Abbott had updated the rules and entry form. David Steel from Cambridge has been booked as judge.

**9. AV Competition, Nettleham, Sunday February 22nd 2015 10am (closing date January 23rd).** Allan Rowsell said that Eddie Spence would be the judge. Entry form and rules are on the website.

**10. Day of Photography, Nettleham, Sunday March 22nd 2015 10am.** John Whaler had sent his apologies. There was nothing to report at present.

**11. Foster's Colour Challenge, Horncastle, April 22nd 2015 7.30pm (closing date April 8th).** Ron Abbott said that he had not appointed a judge yet. He said that there had been 12 clubs taking part for the last few years. If more clubs were to take part he would have to revise the marking sheet, but that would be no bad thing.

**12. Print Battles.** The finals were held on Sunday October 19th 2014. Mike Martindale thanked Helen Whincup and RBCC for helping to organise the day. Congratulations were due to winners Scunthorpe and runners up RBCC. There had been a suggestion that the Print Battles could be held on one full day, as is the case with the PDI interclub competition. The President said that he would email clubs for their views. This would not affect 2015.

**13. Interclub PDI Trophy, Nettleham, Sunday November 2nd 2014 2.30pm.** Christian Hogg said that it had been a very successful competition with 12 clubs taking part (up from 9 last year). There had been 120 images which had possibly put pressure on the judge. If more clubs were to take part it would necessitate a reduction in the number of images from each club unless the event was held over a full day. It was difficult to get an early indication of which clubs would take part since some clubs were closed during the summer. Christian said that he was standing down from organising the event since he had increased personal commitments. The President said that he would email clubs to look for an organiser. Christian offered help to the next organiser. It was intended to include the images on a disc including the AV entries and individual PDI images, but this would not be available until next year. Two clubs had asked for the images as a teaching aid, and it was agreed to provide them with a disc at £5.

**14. Photographer of the Year, Nettleham, Sunday November 16th 2pm.** Steve Haw had booked Dave Gibbins as judge. There were 19 mono and 43 colour entries. The entry fee would be £2 on the door. There was no entry fee mentioned on the entry form so some members had not paid.

**15. Portfolio.** Closing date November 6th. Mike Martindale said that he would accept late entries up to the end of the month by prior arrangement with him.

**16. Biennial Exhibition 2016.** Mike Martindale was organising the next Biennial which had been booked at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life for 2016.

**17. AV Group.** Ron Abbott said that the group was well attended and that members were currently engaged in a small project and the results would be seen at the next meeting on Saturday November 15th at Horncastle at 10am.

**18. Monochrome Group.** Mike Martindale said that there was a good programme arranged up to May next year. The next meeting would feature Ray Bramell on December 7th at Nettleham.

**19. Directory Secretary.** Ron Abbott said that he had tried to contact all clubs to update the directory but didn't always get a response. He joked that the best way to get a response was to make a mistake, then members were quick to reply! The directory was updated regularly as information came in, and was also posted on the website.

**20. Webmaster Website, [www.lincspa.co.uk](http://www.lincspa.co.uk).** Alan Tyrer said that he had offered to help the webmaster, Andy Archer, with the website since Andy had been unavailable recently due to personal commitments. Andy was still enthusiastic and willing to help and they had met on a couple of occasions. Alan said that he had no previous experience with websites so it had been a learning curve! There had been severe problems with the site with items inexplicably disappearing from the site. A software problem had been identified which might explain some of the problems. Passwords had been emailed to all contacts. Things seemed to be settling down although the meeting reported a couple of problems. Alan asked members to report any problems on the site, as soon as possible, so that they could be put right. It was hoped to update the club photo galleries and also to post recent competition presentation photos on the site.

**21. Judges and Lecturers Secretary.** Allan Rowsell had circulated a discussion document about judges and lecturers. Colin Lusby apologised for his absence due to a judging engagement but had sent a reply to Allan.

1. Alan Tyrer had asked if it was possible to update the Judges and lecturers lists to include more information. He wondered if Colin could update the lists so that they could be posted on the website as downloadable PDFs rather than as the current, difficult to edit, web pages. It was agreed to ask Colin to do this.

2. There was only a small increase in the number of LPA judges. There was a possible problem with a judge, judging a Battles round, where those clubs taking part would be competing with the judges own club that year. There was a lot of discussion on this point. There were suggestions that competition secretaries should be aware of the judges club when booking and that judges should decline bookings if they thought there was a conflict of interest. There was no suggestion that any judge had shown any bias. It was possible that there could be a rule change for 2016. Brian Gromett raised the point that images were usually shown in a fixed order rather than a random order and this meant that the judge became aware of which club the print belonged to. It was pointed out that clubs should be made aware that they can randomise the order in which prints are shown.

3. There was supposed to be a five year gap between re-using a judge for an LPA Competition. This was getting difficult due to costs and distances to travel for judges. Colin had suggested this should be reduced to three years. The Treasurer pointed out that there was no shortage of funds. It was difficult to specify a minimum standard for judges since some of the best didn't hold any qualifications. It was also difficult to know if judges had any preferences. A recent judge had announced he didn't like creative images when judging a creative section. The question of how we pool clubs' experiences of judges was raised. Not all clubs and judges were sending in feedback forms. If clubs wanted to know about individual judges, they could contact Colin Lusby for LPA judges and lecturers or David Gibbins for NEMPF judges.

Colin had said that there were LPA judges from only half of the LPA clubs. Janice Lusby said that if more clubs could provide judges, there would not be a problem. It was suggested that the judging seminars organised by Colin had been invaluable and it was hoped that another would be organised. The President said that judges would be willing to visit clubs to critique images and encourage club members rather than just judging competitions. Some newer clubs needed help and support.

**22. Club and other Exhibitions.** None

**23. Any Other Business.** None.

**24. Date of Next Meeting:** Waddington, Wednesday February 4th 2015 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm. Minutes by Alan Tyrer.

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