



LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 4th 2015, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington

7.45pm

Allan Rowsell chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies. Club apologies: Grimsby, Skegness & NELPS. Seven Clubs present: Axholme, Cleethorpes, Deepings, Horncastle, Lincoln, RBCC, Sleaford.

2. Minutes of previous meeting. (already circulated)

3. Minutes accepted. Prop. Pete Webster. Sec. Ron Abbott.

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

5. President's report. Allan Rowsell said that it had been a fairly quiet time. Congratulations were due to Steve Haw and RBCC for organising the POTY Competition. Congratulations also to Ron Abbott, Christian Hogg and Janet Davies who had organised the Individual PDI Competition which had lots of entries. The Judge had said that the standard of entries, particularly the creative section, were of a very high standard and some would not be out of place in salon exhibitions. Three LPA members had entered the Great Northern AV Festival where Alan Tyrer (Cleethorpes) had won The New Horizons Competition and Brian Gromett (Cleethorpes) had achieved third place.

6. Secretary's report. Allan Rowsell said that everything was progressing well. The LPA now needed four competition organisers. Communications and feedback were good and improving.

7. Treasurer's report. Steve Haw said POTY had made a profit of £7.86. The Individual PDI had made £42.99. He reminded delegates that we do not try to achieve a large profit on events. Bank Balance was £4976.28 with cash in hand of £579.90. It was pointed out that we intended not to use cheques since Banks did not like small value ones. The new procedure of paying in cash was working and there were no outstanding unpaid amounts. AT suggested making entry to competitions free so that organisers did not have the job of collecting a large number of small amounts in cash. He suggested just a door entry fee of £3 at each event. There was a discussion on the suggestion. John Whaler formally proposed that we make no charge for entering competitions from the new competition year (beginning in the Autumn) and that there would just be an entry fee on the door at the event. The proposal seconded by Brian Gromett was carried.

8. Directory Secretary. Ron Abbott said that there had been no new alterations. He would contact clubs after the LPA AGM each year for renewal of details. Christian Hogg said that clubs all used different AGM dates when their officers might change. He suggested asking clubs when their AGMs were held.

9. Judges and Lecturers Secretary. Allan Rowsell said that Colin Lusby had sent his apologies. He had made a great job of updating the Judges and Lecturers lists, and also application forms, which were all now available on the website. He was planning a Judges training day on Saturday 5th March 2016.

10. Webmaster Website, www.lincspa.co.uk. Allan Rowsell said that the webmaster, Andy Archer had resigned. The meeting agreed that Alan Tyrer would continue to run the website. AT said that he still had a lot to learn. He said that in a typical week there were about 400 hits on the homepage. About half of that number would look at the members gallery. The next most popular pages would only receive about 10% of the total. AT said that he had made changes to the website to reflect how it was being used. He asked organisers for each event to provide: poster, rules, entry form, results and also photos of winners presentations, all of which would appear on the relevant website page. He would post photos of winning entries on the Winners Gallery if they were provided to him. AT asked for clubs to send more photos for use on the homepage and also in the members galleries. He also asked members to let him know if they wished photos to be removed. He asked members to notify him of inaccuracies or broken links. At present, members were using four separate user names and passwords for the member only areas of the website. Some members had found this difficult. AT asked if members preferred one password for all areas. He pointed out that this could be changed occasionally. A discussion followed and it was agreed that a single password would be circulated.

- 11. AV Group.** Ron Abbott said that the group was enjoyable and well attended, probably due to the committee planning meetings which were occasionally held in a Tealby pub. The AV competition was approaching and things were going well.
- 12. Monochrome Group.** Mike Martindale had sent his apologies. John Whaler said that the group was popular with about 25 attending meetings with some members showing their work for the first time.
- 13. Individual PDI Competition, Nettleham, Sunday January 25th 2015.** Ron Abbott said that he had been the contact for receiving images and he had needed to re-title a lot of them. The eligibility of an image was that it had never been in an Individual PDI Competition before. He had used a "Drop Box" to send the images to Christian Hogg. CH had used image titles rather than metadata and had used FFP software to project the images. Janet Davies had booked the judge. There was a discussion on the calibration of the projector colours and also the light levels at the venue. Both issues needed sorting out. On this occasion, the judge had been sent copies of the images before the event although it was pointed out that the image on the screen on the day was the image to be judged. CH said that he would no longer be able to help with this competition. Ron Abbott said that he was happy to work with someone else. (see also Presidents remarks above).
- 14. AV Competition, Nettleham, Sunday February 22nd 2015 9.30am for 10am.** Allan Rowsell said that the entries had been sent to the judge, Eddie Spence. There were 22 entries (one more than last year) from 12 members and 5 clubs.
- 15. Day of Photography, Nettleham, Sunday March 22nd 2015 9.30am for 10am.** John Whaler had booked Clive Haynes and Martin Addison. They would present a widely varied programme through the day showing imaginative and creative work including PDIs and AVs. They would also explore programmes such as Lightroom, Photoshop and Topaz. There were 100 tickets available now at £10. He said that he always had the anxiety of breaking even on such a large event. It was getting more difficult to find new speakers and he was starting to look further afield. Alternative ideas for the event were discussed.
- 16. Foster's Colour Challenge, Horncastle, April 22nd 2015 7pm for 7.30pm (closing date April 8th).** Ron Abbott said that arrangements were in hand and the judge would be Jim Hartje. About 12 clubs usually took part. The club entry fee of £5 would be collected on the night.
- 17. Print Battles.** Mike Martindale had sent his apologies. He had resigned from organising the Battles with immediate effect. AR said that he respected Mike's judgement and thanked him for taking on so many (probably too many) responsibilities in the service of the LPA. We would need a new Battles organiser with immediate effect. AR reported that there had been no positive feedback to a suggestion of holding The Battles as a single day event. He also said that Colin Lusby had said that there were not enough judges to restrict the choice of judges which had been suggested at the previous meeting.
- 18. Interclub PDI Trophy, Nettleham, Sunday November 1st 2015 2pm for 2.30pm.** There was no organiser at present for the 2015 Competition. There had been a large number of images at the last competition. There was a discussion about what to do in the event of too many entries. We could not plan for all eventualities. The current rules allowed the organiser to vary the number of images. Major changes would have to be taken to an AGM.
- 19. Photographer of the Year, (POTY), Nettleham, Sunday November 22nd 2015 2pm for 2.30pm.** Steve Haw said that he had altered the date from Nov 15th. He said that he would receive entries at the Battles Final on Oct. 18th, or at the Interclub PDI comp. on Nov. 1st.
- 20. Portfolio.** AR said that Mike Martindale had said that he would continue to run it for the time being. He had asked that scores and comments were sent in as soon as possible.
- 21. Biennial Exhibition 2016.** Mike Martindale was organising the next Biennial which had been booked at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life for 2016. He had said that this would be the last one that he would organise since he had been organising it for 10 years. Although it lost money he felt it was valuable publicity for the LPA. We would need a new organiser for the 2018 event.
- 22. Club and other Exhibitions.** Leigh Preston would be coming to Louth on Wed. 8th April.
- 23. Any Other Business.** John Whaler said that he had seen the new N.&E.M.P.F. frames which had been purchased from Germany at a cost of about £11 each. The size of all new frames would be 500 by 400 metric. He asked whether the LPA should purchase new frames. The Treasurer was asked to look at the suitability of the frames. We currently have 100 frames. Pete Webster proposed a vote of thanks to Steve Haw for providing the refreshments.
- 24. Next Meeting:** Waddington, Thursday May 21st 2015 7.45pm. The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Minutes by Alan Tyrer.

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

