



LPA AGM Minutes

Thursday May 21st 2015, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington

7.45pm

Allan Rowsell chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies. Club apologies: Horncastle. Ten Clubs present: Axholme, Cleethorpes, Grimsby, Lincoln, Louth, NELPS, RBCC, Scunthorpe, Skegness, Sleaford.

2. Minutes of previous meeting. (already circulated)

3. Minutes accepted. Prop. Jean Brumby. Sec. Pete Webster.

4. Matters arising from the minutes (not covered in the agenda). We had heard nothing more from Brookenby.

5. President and Secretary's report. Allan Rowsell said that there had been a major upheaval this year in the Association with no-one willing to take on the role of Secretary. He had taken on the job with the support of Ron Abbott and Alan Tyrer who he thanked. He thanked Steve Haw for his efforts as treasurer and also for his work and that of RBCC at Nettleham in organising events.

The Association has 20 affiliated clubs with a membership of 651, a drop of about 30 on last year. Enquiries had been received from three new clubs who might join us in the future.

He thanked the organisers of the events and competitions this year. The competitions had a good number of entries, and judges had been complimentary about the work.

The Day of Photography had a different format this year with two speakers giving a terrific quality and variety of presentations. It was a pity that all tickets were not sold. John Whaler has decided that he is unable to continue organising the Day of Photography. Allan thanked John for his efforts (and those of RBCC) over many years in organising the event. He will be sorely missed.

Allan was particularly pleased that the LPA Monochrome and AV groups continued to be popular. Allan suggested that we should be creating more of these types of opportunities for members with common interests to come together.

Allan said that he had opened exhibitions at Cleethorpes and Horncastle and is gradually getting around the clubs.

Ron Abbott has been responsible for getting the Club Directory up to date and Alan Tyrer for the website. Thanks are due to Colin Lusby, who has revamped the Judges and Lecturers lists and is organising a judges seminar next year.

Allan said that Steve Haw was standing down as Treasurer. Steve took over in 2012 when Phil Smith was unable to continue. Steve was thanked for his work as treasurer and also for his organising of Nettleham events.

A review of competition rules and entry forms had been undertaken by Allan Rowsell, Ron Abbott and Alan Tyrer in order to get consistency across the events. The delegates meeting following the AGM would be asked to consider these changes.

We only have organisers for 5 of the Association's 9 events. We have no organisers for:

Print Battles in 2016. Allan had taken this on for one year only, when Mike stood down, and this was only possible with the help of a member of Axholme who had done all the co-ordinating work.

Interclub PDI Competition. Christian had been unable to continue.

Individual PDI Competition. We need someone to take on the technical side to work with Ron Abbott as organiser.

Day Of Photography. John Whaler is standing down.

Biennial Exhibition. This will run in Lincoln in 2016 but Mike Martindale has indicated that he wants to stand down after this.

Allan said that he wanted to put on record our thanks to Mike, for all the hard work he and his colleagues at Grimsby have put into the Exhibition over the years. It is a good advert for the Association.

The AV, POTY, Fosters and Portfolio will continue with the current organisers.

Allan concluded by saying that we have a challenge for the next year, can we find people willing to run the Association's activities? It was a daunting challenge since, like so many organisations, our membership is ageing and it is difficult to interest people in the planning and organisation necessary to keep the clubs and the Association operating successfully. He thanked everyone for attending and encouraged all clubs to be represented at delegates meetings.

6. Treasurer's report. Steve Haw presented the accounts. He thanked Jean Brumby for auditing them. He outlined the main items of receipt and expenditure. There were only minor differences year on year. The Day of Photography had returned a loss this year of £255 against a profit last year of £220. The AV competition had lost £127 against a profit last year of £21. Insurance of £61 was a new item this year. Subscriptions would remain at their present level of 50p per person. Bob Dowlman would be asked if he would audit the books next year. There were no questions. The accounts were accepted Prop. Janice Lusby, Sec. Bob Tomlinson.

7. Election of President. Allan Rowsell entered the 2nd year of his two year term.

8. Election of Secretary. Since there were no further nominations, Allan Rowsell agreed to continue as Secretary, Prop. Pete Webster, Sec. Colin Lusby.

9. Election of Treasurer. Jean Brumby was elected. Prop. Colin Lusby, Sec. Roy Moran. Jean would meet with Steve Haw to arrange transfer of accounts and responsibilities. She would need to change the banking arrangements and needed a Cleethorpes based bank signatory who would be Alan Tyrer.

10. Next AGM Date: Waddington, Thursday May 19th 2016 7.45pm. The meeting closed at 8.05pm. Minutes by Alan Tyrer.

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