



LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes

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

8.05pm (following AGM)

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). The minutes were accepted, Prop. Roy Moran, Sec. Janice Lusby.

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

4. President and Secretary's report. Allan Rowsell thanked clubs for their support during some recent problems. Since the last meeting, the AV competition judged by Eddie Spence had been held. The DVD containing all the sequences is available for £5. The Fosters Challenge took place in April and thanks are due to Ron Abbott and Horncastle members. Allan had already commented on the Day of Photography at the AGM and simply wanted to repeat his thanks to John Whaler. The officers had been trying to tidy up the various competition rules and these would be discussed under each heading in the agenda. He concluded by saying that there were challenges facing us in continuing to put on events when officers and organisers say they have had enough. It is up to us to make sure that LPA events continue and that the Association flourishes.

5. Treasurer's report. Item had been covered in the AGM

6. Directory Secretary. Ron Abbott sent a report in which he said that the directory was working well at present. Once clubs let him know of amendments, the new details are posted on the website very quickly, so this was the place to look for up to date information. The new directory return would soon ask for when the club holds its AGM so that members would know when to expect changes in personnel.

7. Judges and Lecturers Secretary. Colin Lusby said that we have 21 judges and 24 lecturers. He was planning a judges seminar on Saturday 5th March 2016 when he hoped that all LPA judges and interested club members would attend. He had engaged the best judges in their fields of prints, PDIs and AVs to give presentations. He would also be highlighting the experience of a new judge. The programme had been devised as a response to what he had gathered from feedback from clubs and judges. Colin urged clubs, judges and lecturers to fill in feedback forms which were available on the website. This was a valuable tool to help everyone get the most out of the experience. Colin said that anyone interested in hearing feedback about themselves should contact him. This was a positive tool to help everyone, including experienced judges, to improve their performance whether they be club, judge or lecturer. He said that the lecturers list had increased by 5 to 24. This had been achieved simply by asking at clubs. Allan thanked Colin for his work in supporting judges and putting a good system in place.

8. Webmaster Website, www.lincspa.co.uk. Alan Tyrer said that there had been no recent problems with the website that he was aware of. The new single password for all restricted areas was now in use and would be changed when appropriate. The site is being kept up to date with information including LPA events, club events and LPA battles fixtures and results. He asked clubs and organisers to let him have posters for their events which he could put on the website. He also asked delegates to inform their members that the information was available on the site. He was always pleased to receive photos from members to include in the club galleries. New fillable pdf forms were now being used for judges and lecturers forms, competition entry forms and soon directory returns. He cautioned that they do not always work with all mobile devices. Photos of competition winners (when available) are now being attached to competition results. He finished by asking members to get in touch if any problems were found.

9. AV Group. Ron Abbott had sent a report that the group was enjoyable and well attended at its meetings in Horncastle between September and May. Allan Rowsell said that the members response to projects were always enjoyable.

10. Monochrome Group. Mike Martindale said that a new programme will be available soon on the website. They had a mixture of speakers on traditional and digital techniques. Meetings were well attended.

11. Individual PDI Competition, Nettleham, Sunday January 25th 2015. Ron Abbott had sent a report that he was prepared to organise this event in future if someone would take on the technical role and projection. He queried the naming of the

"open" and "creative" sections. There was a discussion and it was agreed that the categories should be "images with minimal manipulation" and "creative". It was not possible to be more precise. Minor alterations to the rules were accepted.

12. AV Competition, Nettleham, Sunday February 22nd 2015 9.30am for 10am. Allan Rowsell said that Eddie Spence had judged this year and shown a selection of his work. The date next year will be 28th February 2016 with a closing date at the Individual PDI Competition. Proposed judges are Jill Bunting and John Smith who are offering a workshop, probably to be held on the Saturday before. Final arrangements have not been made yet. Comment was made of the sound set up being incorrect at the competition. Minor alterations to the rules were accepted.

13. Day of Photography, Nettleham, Sunday March 22nd 2015 9.30am for 10am. John Whaler was presently on holiday and had sent a report. He said that he was disappointed that there were only 67 attending. Comments on the day had been very positive. He had sent accounts which showed a £255 loss on the day. He felt that he would have like to have stood down after a roaring success which didn't happen. The meeting felt that the day had been a success. Members wanted John to know that the day had always been a success and requested the President to send a letter of thanks for the outstanding work that John has put in over many years in organising this event. A new organiser was required for this event but none was evident at the meeting. A suggestion that we leave it for one year did not go down well with the meeting. There were offers of help in finding speakers but this will have to be followed up.

14. Foster's Colour Challenge, Horncastle, April 22nd 2015 7pm for 7.30pm. Ron Abbott had sent a report. RBCC had won this year with Louth 2nd and Cleethorpes 3rd. It had been an enjoyable competition and everything had gone smoothly. The new writable .pdf format entry forms had been much easier to deal with. Minor alterations to the rules were accepted. Colin Lusby queried the entry fee requirement being different to the new arrangements for other competitions (free to enter, pay on the door). It was felt that the history, venue and format prevented the adoption of this arrangement. No date had been fixed for next year yet.

15. Print Battles. Axholme had temporarily taken over the organisation after Mike Martindale had withdrawn. Barton had withdrawn from the competition late after fixtures had been arranged. The Officers had asked Grimsby to take Barton's place in the first round against RBCC and Lincoln so that they could take part in three full rounds (alternatives were to replace Barton against Sleaford and Deepings in the third round, or take 5 points for a bye). There was some discussion on how appropriate the arrangements were. The meeting was entitled to come to a different decision but declined to do so. After discussion the meeting supported the Officers' decision by 12 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions. Louth had withdrawn 6 images before their first round due to members leaving. The Officers had decided that it was best to allow this in the spirit of the competition. Mention was made of Judges who sometimes move between clubs or the possibility of booking a judge who would later judge at the final. This topic had been discussed before. Judges should be informed of which clubs are taking part in that round. Clubs were reminded that the fixture dates and judges, and the results were appearing on the website as they came in. It was accepted that there could not be a rule to cover for every eventuality. Minor alterations to the rules were accepted.

16. Interclub PDI Trophy, Nettleham, Sunday November 1st 2015 2pm for 2.30pm. There was no organiser at present. Minor alterations to the rules were accepted.

17. Photographer of the Year, (POTY), Nettleham, Sunday November 22nd 2015 2pm for 2.30pm. Steve Haw said that he would receive entries at the Battles Final on Oct. 18th, or at the Interclub PDI comp. on Nov. 1st. He would appoint a judge soon. Minor alterations to the rules were accepted with one exception which was agreed..

18. Portfolio. Mike Martindale asked clubs to send in their results more quickly, some were very slow. He asked clubs to be careful with the prints since some damage had been reported. The closing date for next year would be in November.

19. Biennial Exhibition 2016. Mike Martindale was organising the next Biennial exhibition which had been booked at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life for 2016. He said that he will book the judges soon and let the clubs know the dates of the exhibition. He will be standing down after this exhibition. Minor alterations to the rules were accepted.

20. Club and other Exhibitions. See website

21. Any Other Business. Steve Haw was thanked for providing refreshments. Helen Whincup said that a decision was needed soon on getting the competition goblets engraved. Steve Haw offered to continue to look after the LPA frames. Jean Brumby suggested looking at new frames again.

22. Next Meeting: Waddington, Wed. August 12th 2015 7.45pm. The meeting closed at 9.35pm. Minutes by Alan Tyrer.

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

