



## LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 12th 2015, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington

7.45 pm

Allan Rowsell chaired the meeting.

**1. Apologies.** Club apologies: Grimsby, Sleaford. Seven Clubs present: Axholme, Cleethorpes, Horncastle, Lincoln, NELPS, RBCC, Scunthorpe.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting.** (already circulated). The minutes were accepted, Prop. Colin Lusby, Sec. Ron Abbott.

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

**4. President and Secretary's report.** Allan Rowsell said that it had been fairly quiet since the last meeting. He was pleased to represent the Association at the opening of the Grimsby and Cleethorpes joint exhibition. This was a very pleasant evening and a credit to both clubs who are amongst the oldest in the Association.

He was also pleased to represent the Association at the 60th Anniversary of NELPS in July. This was a lovely evening with a chance to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. He was fortunate to meet a gentleman who was at the inaugural meeting of the LPA -Dave Groves.

Allan had circulated a request from Trusthorpe for someone to set up their projector. It would be useful if we had a few of these contacts around the county for clubs to use.

Since the last meeting, the officers and two volunteer members had met to discuss the way forward in organising the Day of Photography and the various competitions. Allan was pleased to say that the Day of Photography will go ahead and all the competitions will take place (subject to enough entries of course!). There would be more details later in the agenda.

**5. Treasurer's report.** Jean Brumby presented her first report as treasurer. She said that she had opened a new LPA account in Grimsby at the Nat West Bank with two signatories required: herself and Alan Tyrer.

There was a bank balance of £4904.92 and cash in hand of £133.77 making a total of £5038.69.

All clubs except Boston had paid their membership fee. The meeting agreed not to pursue Boston for payment in view of them having only four members, the cost of collection is more than the subscription. Jean had enquired about obtaining a bank debit card so that she could obtain cash when needed. She did not want to keep a large amount of cash at home. Judges and lecturers usually wanted their expenses paid in cash. There were concerns expressed about protection for the treasurer in cases where there was only one person carrying out the transaction. It was suggested that the job should be made as easy as possible for the treasurer. It was agreed that a debit card should be obtained. After the full resolution required by the bank had been read out, it was agreed that the treasurer could apply for a debit card in accordance with the bank rules and regulations, and that it would apply until such time as it was revoked in writing. The meeting voted 11 to 4 in favour.

It was also suggested that a third signatory be appointed to ease possible problems when people were away. An SGM would be held in November at the delegates meeting to appoint a third signatory.

Lack of insurance for the Ben Briggs trophy was discussed. Enquiries are continuing to try to find out who Ben Briggs was from founder members before a decision on its future is made.

**6. Directory Secretary.** Ron Abbott said that the system in the past of collecting and collating information for the Directory was very time consuming. He would be sending out a new fillable pdf form to the clubs soon, which they could fill in and return. After checking the forms for errors he would send them to the website. This should be a simpler system.

**7. Judges and Lecturers Secretary.** Colin Lusby reminded members of the judges seminar which he was organising for Saturday March 5th 2016. He proposed using caterers to provide a buffet lunch for the speakers rather than taking them out for lunch. This would allow more interaction with the speakers.

**8. Webmaster Website, [www.lincspa.co.uk](http://www.lincspa.co.uk).** Alan Tyrer said that the website had been stable and had been updated regularly. It had a good steady hit rate. He asked for members to send details of club, regional and national events so that they could be advertised on the website and this would be a useful resource for clubs. More members photos were needed since none had been changed recently. He cautioned that he might not be able to keep the website up to date for about a month from the middle of September whilst he was away.

**9. AV Group.** Ron Abbott said that the group was on a summer recess but that members were working on a music to AV project which would be presented at the first meeting on Saturday September 12th.

**10. Monochrome Group.** Mike Martindale had sent his apologies. Jean Brumby said that there was a good programme up to Christmas. The group had not been well attended recently, probably due to summer holidays.

**11. Individual PDI Competition, Nettleham, Sunday January 24th 2016 1.30pm for 2pm.** Ron Abbott had agreed to organise, receive and collate entries to the competition. Allan Rowsell said that we would be using a new piece of free software, Pictures 2.5. This had a number of advantages. It was free so that anyone could download and practice using it. Labelling of images was very simple and a competition could be set up on a computer, transferred to a usb stick and then loaded onto a different computer.

**12. AV Competition, Nettleham, Sunday February 28th 2016 9.30am for 10am.** Allan Rowsell said that Jill Bunting and John Smith had agreed to judge the competition. They would be providing a workshop on the Saturday before the competition at Horncastle.

**13. Day of Photography, Nettleham, Sunday March 20th 2016 9.30am for 10am.** Allan Rowsell said that a planning group had been set up to ensure the survival of The Day of Photography. This would continue the tradition of the event which John Whaler had worked so hard for over the years. Speakers had been booked. These were Ian Newton (Nature and Travel), Dr David Butcher ("City Lights" print talk) and Jane and Adrian Lines (Afternoon session - Creative Digital). These speakers were all well qualified and recommended. Ticket price would be £10 as before. A buffet lunch would be provided for the speakers.

**14. Foster's Colour Challenge, Horncastle, April 20th 2016 7pm for 7.30pm.** Ron Abbott said that no judge had been appointed yet. There would be the usual arrangement that clubs would pay £5 on the night for their entry.

**15a. Print Battles. Final at Nettleham on Sunday October 18th 2015 1.30pm for 2pm.** Allan Rowsell thanked all clubs for their early notification of results. This had enabled them to be posted on the website very quickly. Congratulations were due to the four clubs reaching the final; Grimsby (15 points), Deepings (13 points), Scunthorpe (13 points) and RBCC (13 Points). The judge will be Marilyn Roberts and the clubs are advised that prints are needed by 1.30pm on the day.

**15b. Print Battles Draw for 2016.** The draw took place for the 14 clubs taking part in the 2016 Battles. Details will be circulated soon. Allan Rowsell thanked Pete Webster for all the work he had done in the background organising and collating the results this year. This had ensured that all the information was easily available on the website. Allan asked clubs taking part next year to report the dates and judges for their home rounds as soon as possible so that it could go on the website and help prevent double booking of judges.

**16. Interclub PDI Trophy, Nettleham, Sunday November 1st 2015 1.30pm for 2pm.** Allan Rowsell said that 11 clubs had indicated they would take part. There would be 10 images plus a tie breaker for each club. We were awaiting confirmation from the judge, Gary Langley. We will be using the same free software (Pictures 2.5) as mentioned for the Individual PDI competition. An entry form will be available soon giving naming and sizing requirements.

**17. Photographer of the Year, (POTY), Nettleham, Sunday November 22nd 2015 1.30pm for 2pm.** Steve Haw said that he had not booked a judge yet. He would receive entries at the Battles Final on Oct. 18th, or at the Interclub PDI comp. on Nov. 1st.

**18. Portfolio.** Mike Martindale had sent apologies. There were no results available.

**19. Biennial Exhibition 2016.** Allan Rowsell said that Mike Martindale was organising the next Biennial exhibition which had been booked at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life for 2016. We were waiting for the dates from Mike. Allan said that Mike had put in a lot of work over the years in keeping the Biennial going. He had disappointing support recently. He suggested discontinuing the event in view of the difficulties with support and finding a large enough venue. In that case we would not need new frames. It was suggested that there could be smaller local events involving groups of clubs.

**20. Club and other Exhibitions.** See website.

**21. Any Other Business.** Steve Haw said that the cost of hiring the hall at Nettleham was to increase by 50p per hour. Allan Rowsell said that there would be a short SGM at the next delegates meeting to authorise a third bank signatory and to alter the quorum for delegates meetings. Steve Haw was thanked for providing refreshments.

**22. Next Meeting:** Waddington, Thur. November 12th 2015 7.45pm. The meeting closed at 8.35pm. Minutes by Alan Tyrer. Signed and dated by the LPA President.....

