



## LPA Special General Meeting Minutes

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The President said that there were two proposed minor amendments to the constitution, both proposed by the President and seconded by the Treasurer

1. It is proposed that under Clause 7 Management, the following clause be added:

7.4. Cheques paid by the Treasurer on behalf of the Association should be signed by any two from the Treasurer, the President and up to three others nominated at a delegates meeting. (The underlined word was added as an amendment). This was carried with no dissent.

2. It is proposed that Clause 12 Quorums, be amended to read as follows:

12. A quorum at Annual or Special General Meetings and Delegates Meetings to be one third of the current member clubs, to the nearest whole number. This was carried with no dissent.

The SGM closed at 7.47pm

## LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes

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7.48 pm

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**2. Minutes of previous meeting.** (already circulated). The minutes were accepted, Prop. Pete Webster, 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 he was delighted to represent the Association at Lincoln Camera Club for their 90th anniversary dinner. It was a very special and enjoyable evening. Congratulations were due to RB who won the Battles final and to judge Marilyn Roberts who judged extremely well. Many thanks to all who helped on the day. RB had also won the Inter club PDI competition. It had also been a good afternoon with high quality images and well judged by Don Byatt. RB were currently setting standards and it was up to clubs to try to match their success. Alan Tyrer recently gained his LRPS in Audio Visual which is probably the first in the county. Allan Rowsell issued another reminder that we need people to run competitions. We cannot continue with the officers running most events. He reminded the meeting that we were still requesting nominations for Vice President. Period of office is two years then two years as President. He concluded by wishing Helen Whincup a speedy recovery after her delayed operation.

**5. Treasurer's report.** Jean Brumby presented her report. We have a healthy balance of £4755.34. This is less than at the previous meeting since Nettleham Village Hall has been paid for until the end of February 2016 and most of the raffle prizes have been bought. The Battles Final made a profit of £36.02 and the Inter Club PDI competition made £14.01. The Monochrome Group are currently not breaking even but are taking steps to rectify this. She pointed out that not all clubs distribute information about Monochrome Group meetings and not everyone visits the LPA website where details are available. The President commented that the LPA exists to promote photography and that we should not worry about short term financial pressures. Janice Lusby was proposed as an LPA cheque signatory and this was carried by the meeting. The President raised the issue of the Ben Briggs Trophy. It is not being used. It is worth £400-500 but would cost £4000-5000 to replace. It is not insured. Jorj Malinowski offered to try to trace the family of the donor in case they wished it to be returned. A decision on it would need to be taken when this had been done.

**6. Directory Secretary.** Ron Abbott said that the new fillable pdf forms had been a good idea but that a lot of clubs had difficulties with them. The directory was being updated regularly on the website.

**7. Judges and Lecturers Secretary.** Colin Lusby reminded members of the judges seminar which he was organising for Saturday March 5th 2016.

**8. Webmaster Website, [www.lincspa.co.uk](http://www.lincspa.co.uk).** Alan Tyrer said that there had been a serious problem in September which meant that the home page had to be rebuilt. The front page gallery had not been replaced since there was little interest in it. All information was being regularly updated. He urged clubs to send simple A4 posters of their events so that they could be included on the site.

**9. AV Group.** Ron Abbott said that there was plenty of participation with a regular 18-20 attending. The AV competition would be in February.

**10. Monochrome Group.** Mike Martindale said that there had been an interesting programme and a new one would be sent out soon.

**11. Individual PDI Competition, Nettleham, Sunday January 24th 2016 1.30pm for 2pm.** Allan Rowsell asked to have an earlier closing date of 10th January to allow more time for assembling the images. The meeting agreed to this. Clubs will be notified. The judge will be Graham Heywood.

**12. AV Competition, Nettleham, Sunday February 28th 2016 9.30am for 10am.** Allan Rowsell said that the judges, Jill Bunting and John Smith, would be providing a workshop on the Saturday morning before the competition at Horncastle. Entry would be by ticket because of space limitations.

**13. Day of Photography, Nettleham, Sunday March 20th 2016 9.30am for 10am.** Allan Rowsell said that the speakers were: Ian Newton (Alaska, The Last Frontier), David Butcher (City light), and Jane and Adrian Lines (Creative Differences). Tickets will be available from the February meeting and can be reserved before then if required. There will be a one hour break for lunch since members did not like too long a break at lunchtime. Speakers will be offered a buffet lunch to make this possible. An organiser for 2017 will be required.

**14. Foster's Colour Challenge, Horncastle, April 20th 2016 7pm for 7.30pm.** Ron Abbott said that the judge would be Janet Davies. He asked for prints to be available 30 minutes before the start.

**15a. Print Battles. Final at Nettleham on Sunday October 18th 2015 1.30pm for 2pm.** Allan Rowsell said that judge, Marilyn Roberts, had commented on the high quality of the prints. It had been a successful event.

**15b. Print Battles Draw for 2016.** Allan Rowsell said that the fixtures were starting to appear on the website, so it was important to check before booking a judge so that they did not judge the same prints twice.

**16. Interclub PDI Trophy, Nettleham, Sunday November 1st 2015 1.30pm for 2pm.** Allan Rowsell said that 11 clubs had taken part with ten images each. The judge, Don Byatt, had commented on the quality of the images. There had been a lot of images to judge and it was suggested that the number of images be reduced next year to nine per club (plus tie breaker). This was agreed. Clubs indicated that the order in which the images appear did not need to be in the order on the entry form. The software had worked well until the final stages when a rogue image (not to specification) had caused problems. It was decided not to disqualify the responsible club since it made little difference to the result. More attention to image size was required.

**17. Photographer of the Year, (POTY), Nettleham, Sunday November 22nd 2015 1.30pm for 2pm.** Bob Tomlinson said that the judge would be Bob Rowe.

**18. Portfolio.** Mike Martindale was collecting entries. He requested that no masking tape should be used on mounts. He would accept prints by arrangement but not between 26th November and 10th December.

**19. Biennial Exhibition 2016.** Allan Rowsell said that the officers had decided to cancel the 2016 Exhibition in view of the large cost of putting on the event and the lack of interest shown by clubs. He thanked Mike Martindale and Jo Humberstone for their many years of organising the event. The LPA would like to support smaller local events involving groups of clubs. It was pointed out that it was increasingly difficult to find suitable venues.

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

**21. Any Other Business.** Pete Webster proposed a vote of thanks to Ken Brumby for providing hot drinks.

**22. Next Meeting:** Waddington (in large hall), Wed. Feb 17th 2016 7.45pm. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Minutes by Alan Tyrer.

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