

LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 10th 2016, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington

7.55 pm

The meeting started late due to a traffic problem. Allan Rowsell chaired the meeting.

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting. (already circulated). The minutes were accepted, Prop. Pete Webster, Sec. Roy Moran.

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

4. President and Secretary's report. Allan Rowsell said that as secretary he was grateful for all the timely support in responding to requests which had made life easier for him. He had also tried to respond to requests quickly and he thought that communications were working well at present.

As President, he was delighted to open Scunthorpe's exhibition in the Bath's Hall which was a good venue and many visitors could be expected. He thanked Alan Tyrer for deputising for him at the POTY competition which he understood had attracted a record entry, expertly judged by Bob Rowe. Thanks were due to Steve and RB for organising another good competition. The Individual PDI competition had attracted a very large entry which would be discussed later. Graham Heywood had been an entertaining judge and it was an enjoyable afternoon. A question had been raised about "minimal manipulation" and this would be discussed later.

Allan was grateful for the support of the other officers and two volunteers who had helped in the organisation and planning of competitions and events. This could not continue, and if there are no clubs willing to run competitions and events, then we must consider whether we can continue to run them. It would be a shame to lose events as we are getting good support for them all, but the work cannot continue to fall on the shoulders of the same few. It is up to you.

At present we have had no nominations for Vice President. No Vice President means one fewer officer to run the Association and no President in two years time. No President means no Association.

5. Treasurer's report. Jean Brumby said that we continue to have a healthy balance of £5089.71, made up of the bank balance £4738.00 and cash on hand £351.71. In addition she also has £140 from the sale of Day of Photography tickets, and she also knows of at least another £400 sales still to be paid for. We are paid up to the end of February for Nettleham Village Hall and will soon be getting a further bill for the coming months. Since our last delegates meeting we have held the following events:- Photographer of the Year which made a profit of £49.52 and Individual PDI Competition which made £17.70.

Jean gave an update on the Monochrome group finances. We have increased the entry fee from £5 to £6 and now have a name card with a prize of free entry to a future monochrome meeting. We have also trialled a "free entry for the first time" and this brought in 8 new people last meeting which will greatly improve our finances if they continue to come. In any event we are at present breaking even again.

6. Directory Secretary. Ron Abbott said that clubs were informing him of changes and the directory was being updated regularly on the website.

7. Judges and Lecturers Secretary. Colin Lusby was organising a Judges Seminar for Saturday March 5th 2016. There had been a poor take up and, because of the large expense involved in bringing four speakers, he asked whether the event was viable. A decision was needed at this meeting. After discussion it was agreed to continue with the event. An email would be sent to clubs to encourage members to attend this free event. Colin concluded by saying that he intended standing down as Judges and Lecturers Secretary. He said that he would be willing to help the next person appointed. The President thanked Colin for all the excellent work that he had done.

8. Webmaster Website, www.lincspa.co.uk. Alan Tyrer said that 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. The fillable pdf forms continued to cause problems for some users but they could be filled in manually and returned by post if that was the case. Alan asked whether there needed to be a new password for the protected areas of the website. After discussion, it was agreed to continue using the present password for now.

9. AV Group. Ron Abbott said that there was plenty of participation. There would be a workshop with Jill Bunting and John Smith on Saturday 27th March 10pm to 12.30pm. Twenty one places had been booked so far. The Easter Saturday date would need changing but there was a programme organised.

10. Monochrome Group. Jean Brumby said that the finances were steady as in the treasurer's report and the group was well attended. There had been good speakers. It was always held on the first Sunday of the month. Meetings started with tea and biscuits at 10am and then the speaker at 10.30am. Member's work was shown in the afternoon. A new programme would be issued shortly.

11. Individual PDI Competition, Nettleham, Sunday January 24th 2016 1.30pm for 2pm. Allan Rowsell said that there had been approx. 130 images with members allowed two in each category. It had been a lot for the judge, Graham Heywood to do in the time although he had had the images in advance. It was suggested that an earlier start time could help. There had been a problem with the blackout curtains not closing. Because of this it was intended to place the screen on the stage for the AV competition and the Day of Photography. There had been a query about 'open' and 'creative' sections. This was a recurrent question. Open meant open subject with minimum manipulation. It is difficult to be more prescriptive and it was up to the judge to apply the rules given to him. Images should not have been in an individual competition before, so since this was the only individual (single print) competition, that meant, it should not have been in this competition before. LPA competitions are open to all members of LPA clubs

12. AV Competition, Nettleham, Sunday February 28th 2016 9.30am for 10am. Allan Rowsell said that there were 25 entries from 6 clubs. The judges have the entries in advance. The judges, Jill Bunting and John Smith will show some of their work at the end of the day. There would be a lunch break of only one hour with the judges being provided a buffet lunch. As noted earlier, the screen would be mounted on the stage because of blackout problems. They would be providing a workshop at Horncastle on the Saturday morning before the competition at Nettleham on the Sunday.

13. Day of Photography, Nettleham, Sunday March 20th 2016 9.30am for 10am. Allan Rowsell said that about 50 tickets at £10 had been sold so far. The total cost would be about £700. A buffet for the speakers would be provided so that the lunch break could be kept down to one hour. The screen would be mounted on the stage as mentioned earlier. David Stewart had agreed to set up a camera and projector to aid viewing of the prints. Clubs were urged to promote the event. An organiser for 2017 will be required.

14. Foster's Colour Challenge, Horncastle, April 20th 2016 7pm for 7.30pm. Closing date April 6th. Ron Abbott said that the judge would be Janet Davies. He asked for prints to be available by 7pm.

15. Print Battles 2016. Allan Rowsell said that nearly all the fixtures had been agreed. Pete Webster had been doing all the organisation and details were appearing on the website. Clubs were reminded that lists of images were needed by the end of April. No Judge has yet been appointed for the final. Final would be on Sunday October 16th.

16. Interclub PDI Trophy, Nettleham, Sunday November 6th 2016 1.30pm for 2pm. Allan Rowsell said that it had been agreed at the last meeting to restrict the number of images to 9 plus a tie breaker.

17. Photographer of the Year, (POTY), Nettleham, Sunday November 22nd 2015 1.30pm for 2pm. There had been too many panels in the competition. Jean Brumby had analysed the entries and it was agreed by the meeting to change the rules and restrict members to two panels in each section. Because of problems on the day, it was decided to insist on a mount size of 500mmx400mm or 20inx16in. There had also been problems with masking tape and labelling. Jean Brumby offered to write a guide for clubs which would then apply to all print competitions including the Portfolio.

18. Portfolio. The Portfolio was making its way around the clubs.

19. Club and other Exhibitions. Horncastle would be holding their exhibition on Saturday 9th April.

20. Any Other Business. Allan Rowsell said that he would soon be returning the Ben Briggs Trophy to the family.

21. Next Meeting: Waddington, Thursday May 19th 2016 7.45pm. The meeting closed at 9.11pm.

Minutes by Alan Tyrer.

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