

LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes.

Thursday 19th May 2016, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington.

The meeting started at 8.02 after the AGM.

1. **Apologies.** There were no apologies. Eleven clubs attended: Axholme; Cleethorpes; Grimsby; Horncastle; Lincoln; NELPS; RBCC; Scunthorpe; Skegness; Sleaford; Trusthorpe.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Already circulated proposed Jean Brumby; seconded Ron Abbott that they be accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising.** None.
4. **President's Report.** Allan Rowsell made the report. He said he had enjoyed opening the Grimsby PS exhibition, the oldest club in the Association. He commented on the happy atmosphere at the Day of Photography and on the successful Foster's Colour Challenge. He thanked Horncastle for organising the event.
5. **Secretary's Report.** Allan promised to keep the communications between the Association and clubs as efficient as he could. He also reminded clubs that the LPA DVD was available at £5.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Covered in the AGM report.
7. **Directory.** Ron Abbott reported that there had been numerous changes to club details; all of these were now on the LPA website. He urged clubs to keep him up to date on any changes; there was a form on the website for this. The regular annual update would take place in August.
8. **Judges' and Lecturers' Secretary.** Colin reported on a successful Judges day where there were 34 people attending. There had been very good speakers and the feedback from those attending had been good. The LPA had gained 3 new judges and 1 lecturer as a result of the day.

The idea of mentoring of new judges had been raised and this was discussed. It was agreed that this would be a good idea but the role of mentors should be clearly defined and the issue of mentor's expenses needed resolving.

Colin thanked the Association, the clubs, the lecturers and the judges for their support.

The President proposed a vote of thanks for Colin for his work and expressed the hope that a volunteer would be forthcoming to take over from Colin. Until a replacement was in place forms from clubs should go to the secretary.
9. **Webmaster.** Alan reported that the site had been kept up to date and he asked for clubs to inform him if there were problems or errors. He asked clubs to send the Secretary information on any club events they wanted publicising, preferably as a poster, these would then be circulated to clubs and put on the website.

He reiterated that he had limited skills in running websites and asked if anyone with better skills would be prepared to take over or help him with the site. Paul Bilborough from Sleaford offered to help Alan.
10. **Mounting prints for competitions.** A paper outlining proposals had been circulated. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that:-
 - Mounts must be 500x400mm (20x16inches would be accepted for LPA competitions.)
 - Entrants should be encouraged to back their prints with thick paper or thin card.

- If mounts are not backed then mounting must be secure. If prints are not mounted securely and are likely to damage other prints then THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- Surface mounted prints will be accepted as long as they are securely fixed. It should be noted that such prints have no protection and can be damaged when stacked.
- Prints mounted using Masking tape; Duct tape and Velcro WILL NOT be accepted under any circumstances.

These directions are applicable to all LPA print competitions (Battles; Photographer of the Year; Foster's Colour Challenge; Portfolio) from the 2016/2017 session.

- 11. AV Group.** Ron Abbott reported that the group was meeting on 21st May for the last time before the summer break. Attendances still remained constant around 18.
- 12. Monochrome group.** Mike Martindale reported that the group was going well. Two excellent speakers were booked for the 1st Sunday in June (Peter Clarke) and in December Margaret Salisbury from Fotospeed would be leading a day on printing. Full details of these would be circulated.
- 13. Individual PDI.** Ron Abbott was still prepared to coordinate the entries but someone to prepare the images for projection and to project on the day was needed. Jorj Malinowski offered to take on this task.
- 14. AV Competition.** Allan Rowsell reported on a good weekend with good judges who also ran an excellent workshop which was attended by 25 people.
 Entries were slightly up from last year – 25 from 6 clubs. All but 3 were from members of the AV group.
 The introduction of the buffet lunch thus reducing the lunch break to one hour was well received.
 A number of suggestions for possible changes to the format of the competition were circulated. After discussion it was agreed that:-
 - The competition should remain a competition;
 - An audience vote be introduced (the AV Group to determine how this works);
 - The competition should be split into two sections for 2017 as an experiment – 'AV' and 'Photo Harmony.' (The AV Group to determine how this works and the definitions of the two sections);
 - Short video sequences be allowed in 2017 as an experiment. (The AV Group to determine the maximum % of the total to be video.)
- 15. Day of Photography.** Allan Rowsell reported on a successful day with varied speakers and with 75 in attendance. He suggested that this be the maximum tickets sold to make for a comfortable experience for the audience. This was agreed on a show of hands.
 The buffet lunch and shortened lunch break again was well received by the audience and speakers.
 The President asked for a volunteer to take on the organisation of the 2017 event and Diane Seddon (Cleethorpes) expressed interest. The President agreed to discuss it with her but suggested that the planning group which had worked so well in the last 12 months should continue, to support organisers.
 Christine Whiddall had been provisionally booked for 2017 and the following were suggested as possible speakers:-
 - Mike Lane (Natural History)

- Hugh Milson (Landscapes)

Other suggestions should be sent to the Secretary.

16. **Foster's Colour Challenge.** Ron Abbott reported on a good, thrilling competition. There was a record entry and the result was a tie between Sleaford and Grimsby. Grimsby won on the tie break, used for the first time.

It was proposed by Jean Brumby seconded by Colin Lusby that all LPA competitions should have judges from outside the county. This was agreed unanimously.

17. **Print Battles.** Allan Rowsell reported that the judge for the Battles final will be Howard Tate MA (Phot); ARPS; AFIAP. From Pontefract. A recent addition to the PAGB national list. Allan asked clubs to get the results of rounds in as soon as the round was completed.

The President asked for volunteers to run the competition in 2017. Paul Bilborough and David Connor (Sleaford) offered to be the organisers this was gratefully accepted.

18. **Interclub PDI.** Jorj Malinowski (Lincoln) offered to prepare the images for projection and project at the competition.

19. **Photographer of the Year.** New rules would be issued with the two panels per section rule inserted.

20. **Portfolio.** Mike Martindale urged clubs to get scores to him or Jo Humberston after the club evening where the portfolio had been viewed. Without scores the competition was difficult to run. He also asked for clubs to indicate an interest in taking part in the portfolio in 2017.

21. Club events.

- Cleethorpes and Grimsby exhibition. 6th June to 23rd June.
- Lincoln annual exhibition. From 21st June
- NELPS exhibition last week in July

Clubs were asked to send details of these events, preferably in the form of a poster, to the Secretary for circulation and putting on the website.

22. Any other business.

- Thanks were expressed to Jean Brumby for the provision of refreshments.
- LPA frames – clubs wishing to borrow the frames should contact the Secretary who will contact Steve Haw who stores the frames. Clubs are asked to return the frames complete and in good condition.

23. **Date of next meeting.** 17th August 2016. 7.45pm at Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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