

LPA Extraordinary General Meeting minutes
Wednesday 17th August 2016 7.45pm

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Alan Tyrer explained that the meeting had been called to elect a new Vice President as John Whaler who had been elected at the AGM in May has had to resign for personal reasons.

There was only one nomination : Brian Gromett – proposed by Roy Moran and seconded by Peter Webster. Brian did agree to be put forward. All the delegates were in favour, so Brian Gromett was duly elected as LPA Vice President.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes
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The meeting started at 7.50 after the Extraordinary General Meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Scunthorpe. 11 clubs attended: Axholme, Cleethorpes, Deepings, Grimsby, Horncastle, Lincoln, Louth, NELPS, R.B.C.C., Skegness, Sleaford.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting.** Already circulated proposed by Paul Bilborough, seconded by Ron Abbott that they be accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising.** None
4. **President's Report.** Alan Tyrer started by thanking Jean Brumby for taking the minutes in the absence of Allan Rowsell. Allan needed surgery and is progressing well but is likely to be unavailable for some time. The meeting sends best wishes for a speedy recovery. Alan thanked Paul Bilborough and David Connor (Sleaford), Diane Seddon (Cleethorpes) and Jorj Malinowski (Lincoln) for stepping forward at AGM as organisers. A Judges and Lecturers secretary was still needed. A constructive working meeting of some organisers was held 11th June to help plan events for the coming year. Alan is looking forward to full programme of events, and he hoped clubs would continue to support the LPA. He was pleased to open the Grimsby and Cleethorpes joint exhibition at Cleethorpes Library in June, it is a good venue and was well attended. Family commitments in Australia will prevent him from being at the Print Battles final.
5. **Secretary's report.** Allan sent his report to the meeting. There have been a number of contacts via the website either advertising events or competitions and he tries to get as much information as possible before circulating them, hopefully clubs will pass the information to their members. Can you please let him have information about events and competitions at least 2 weeks prior to event, preferably longer, so they can be sent round in time for member club nights when they can be announced? Obviously he can't always do this on the day of receipt; your help will be appreciated.
6. **Treasurer's report.** All clubs have now paid their subscriptions. There have been no LPA events since the last report at the AGM in May. Some raffle prizes have already

been bought in readiness for future events. The bank balance stands at £4713.51 plus cash on hand of £433.03 making a grand total of £5146.54

- 7. Directory secretary.** Ron Abbott reported that there are still 19 clubs in the LPA. All clubs are requested to update him on an ongoing basis of any changes to their club contacts etc, Grantham were still not replying to any e-mails. This month all clubs should report membership numbers as well as any other changes, as the numbers form the basis of next year's subscriptions.
- 8. Judges' and Lecturers' secretary.** With no secretary in place all feedback forms should go to Allan Rowsell. The proposal for a mentoring system is on hold at present.
- 9. Webmaster.** Alan Tyrer thanked Paul Bilborough for his analysis of the website and he would like this to be discussed at an officers' planning meeting prior to bringing it before a future delegates meeting. Clubs could contribute by telling the officers of what they like or dislike on the current website. The site continues to be up to date and a good source of reference for clubs and their members on a vast array of topics, so at present it is fulfilling the brief.
- 10. A.V. Group.** This group is on its summer break but at the first meeting back in September it will discuss the new rules for the LPA AV competition and will report back to the next delegates meeting.
- 11. Monochrome Group.** This group is continuing throughout the year and has a steady attendance, and at the moment is making a slight profit but it depends on speakers costs and attendances. It meets on the first Sunday of each month 10am at Nettleham Village Hall.
- 12. Individual PDI competition.** Ron and Jorj continue to prepare forms and details for entries. Gary Langley has been asked to judge but they are awaiting a reply. Dicentra is the operating system that will be used.
- 13. A V Competition.** Ron Abbott reported that the rules were still to be finalised.
- 14. Day of Photography.** Diane Seddon sent her proposal for Joan Blease plus a model to do portraiture all morning, with a volunteer to shoot some images. Then there would be just one other speaker for the afternoon. Joan wanted 2 nights' accommodation for herself and possibly one night for the model. There was a full discussion with the outcome being a consensus for 3 speakers on different genre and certainly no workshop. It would not be practical to have a workshop style event with 70 members in the audience. We limit the numbers attending to 70 so everyone can see clearly and at £10 per ticket the income is £700, so with any excess of expenditure on this figure the LPA would incur a loss. Alan Tyrer to report back to Diane.
- 15. Foster Colour Challenge.** Ron Abbott will organise this nearer the time.
- 16. Print Battles 2016.** There will be 3 clubs in the final Deepings with 15 points, Grimsby with 15 points (both having won all 3 rounds) and Cleethorpes with 13 points (having won 2 rounds and come second in the other). Howard Tate will be the judge. Vice President Brian Gromett will be chairman for the event, Peter Webster will keep the scores on the computer and Jorj Malinowski will help with the putting up etc of the prints. Jean Brumby to book lunch for the judge etc. It was stressed that the titles on the back of the prints should be identical to those on the entry forms. Photos to be taken for the web of the winners and also those of the portfolio.
- 17. 2017 Print Battles Draw.** There are 15 clubs taking part so all rounds will consist of 3 clubs. The draw will be on the website and also circulated to all the clubs. Roger

Taylor of Louth Camera Club proposed that the number of print allowed per author be increased from 3 to 5 as smaller clubs would be helped considerably. There have always been 3 per author from the time when only 9 prints were used and also 9 slides to be judged on the same evening, now there are 15 prints per club plus a tie-break print. It was suggested that possibly the tie-break print could be from an author with already 3 prints entered. There was much discussion on this and it could only apply to 2018 as all clubs wishing to enter this year had done so with the existing rules in place. Alan Tyrer proposed that all clubs are circulated with the proposed changes and then a decision to be made at the November delegates meeting. Brian Gromett seconded and all present were in favour.

- 18. Inter-club PDI competition.** Ron Abbott and Jorj Malinowski to complete forms etc. Malcolm Sales has been booked to judge at a cost of £40. Steve Haw said he had also booked the same judge for the Photographer of the Year at least 2 months ago. There was a discussion about booking judges and trying not to repeat the same judge too frequently. Delegates were asked whether to keep the same judge twice in one month, almost all were in favour, no-one against but 3 abstentions. The LPA will have to install a system where organisers can be notified of all judge bookings as soon as possible to avoid this problem in the future.
- 19. Photographer of the Year.** Steve Haw and RB to continue organising this competition. This year the entries to be restricted to 2 per person per section. Malcolm Sales will be the judge.
- 20. Portfolio 2016.** The results are on the website, winners will be presented with their goblets at the Battles Final. Closing date for entries for 2017 will be the November delegates meeting.
- 21. Club and other print exhibitions.** Cleethorpes Camera Club to hold their exhibition in Cleethorpes Library starting 5th September for 3 weeks. There will be an opening evening on 6th September.
- 22. Any other business at the discretion of the President. (a)** Brian Gromett proposed that since the Bi-ennial print exhibition and competition had been abandoned perhaps it could be replaced with a PDI competition to be judged and circulated as a disc to the member clubs. Paul Bilborough said that if the LPA had a new website the PDI competition could be put on the website for all to view. This would be discussed at a future planning meeting and brought back to the delegates. **(b)** Steve Haw reminded clubs that he has the LPA frames and anyone requiring them should contact the secretary. It would seem that the only clubs using them are Louth, Lincoln and Grimsby.
- 23. Date for next delegates meeting. Thursday 10th November 2016 7.45pm Redwood Community Centre**
There was a vote of thanks for the refreshments.
The meeting closed at 9.20pm