

LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes Thursday 10th November 2016

The meeting started at 7.45pm.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Skegness and Louth. Eight clubs attended: Axholme, Cleethorpes, Grimsby, Horncastle, Lincoln, NELPS, R.B. and Scunthorpe.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Already circulated, acceptance proposed by Bob Tomlinson, seconded by Mike Martindale and accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **President's Report:** Alan thanked Jean for again stepping in to take the minutes. He was sorry he missed the Battles final but Brian Gromett had chaired the event and assured him it went well. He is looking forward to the Photographer of the Year competition and reminded everyone that that will be the closing date for the Portfolio. Details will follow later for the Day of Photography. He reminded the meeting that both the Treasurer (Jean Brumby) and the secretary (Allan Rowsell) will be standing down at the next AGM and these posts together with a Judges and Lecturers secretary must be filled to enable the LPA to continue. The occasional planning meeting has been held to enable events to run smoothly and to help new organisers. He hoped clubs will continue to support the activities and thanked people for their attendance.
5. **Secretary's report:** No written report had been received. At present only items relating to LPA clubs and their members would appear on the Web site.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Jean reported that the LPA finances were still healthy with a total fund of £4678.73, with rents paid up until the end of February, all trophies paid for and some raffle prizes ready for future events. There had been two LPA events since the last delegates meeting and the Battles Final had resulted in a small profit of £19.59 and the Inter-Club PDI competition had managed a profit of £99.19. The Monochrome Group were struggling a bit last year at this time but they increased the entry fee and changed the raffle to a name card and are now about £153 in hand, but the February meeting will be more expensive as the speakers are from Wales and require accommodation for one night.
7. **Directory Secretary:** Ron Abbott reported that the directory is updated annually in August, but this doesn't seem to be a good time as many clubs close for the summer. He sent a reminder in September and got replies from all but one within three days so he suggested leaving the update until September in the future. Any changes throughout the year should be notified to him and the directory will be kept up to date.
8. **Judges and Lecturers secretary:** In the absence of a permanent secretary all forms should go to Allan Rowsell, while Ron Abbott is keeping the lists of both Judges and lecturers up to date and passing information to the Web master. Ron to contact everyone on the lists to ensure their details is correct. Colin Lusby still has the previous forms etc and will look after these until his successor is appointed.
9. **Webmaster's Report:** Clubs were consulted about their ideas for the Web and very few responses were received. Alan has been keeping it up to date with all the LPA information for the clubs and any club events they wish to advertise. He has not tried to advertise or promote the LPA. Paul Bilborough has the skills and ideas to take the website forward but as yet the Officers have not had the opportunity to discuss this. Any changes would involve a commitment to maintain the site and also it would have to be easy to transfer to any subsequent webmasters. Paul stressed that the biggest problem at present was that it was not readily accessible on tablets and phones. Brian Gromett asked if we have any back-up for the web if it crashed or was hacked into, and there was no back-up at present. Mike Martindale said the web was working well and all the necessary information was readily available.
10. **AV Group:** Ron Abbott reported that the group reconvened in September; however the October meeting was cancelled as it was the Battles final weekend, but November and December were all sorted. Attendance continued to be satisfactory.

- 11. Monochrome Group:** Mike Martindale reported that Margaret Salisbury and John Herlinger who were to come in December had deferred their talk to February and as yet no alternative speaker has been arranged for December. There will be no meeting on 1st January 2017. Attendance has stayed satisfactory throughout the year with good and varied speakers each month.
- 12. Individual PDI competition:** This will take place Sunday 22nd January 2017 and all entries should be with Ron Abbott by 8th January when they will be passed to Jorj Malinowski to put into the system. People were reminded that no copyright or other writing is permitted on the images. A new entry form and poster was still to be prepared. The judge to be Gary Langley.
- 13. AV Competition:** The draft new rules were discussed and the only alteration to be that the projected image size go on the entry form rather than in the rules to save having to amend the rules for any future changes. The amended rules were accepted with one vote against and three abstentions. This competition will take place Sunday 26th February 2017 and entries to be to Ron Abbott by 22nd January, the judge will be Tony Collinson of Leeds.
- 14. Day of Photography:** This will take place Sunday 19th March 2017 and is being organised by Ian Wright. He has booked Sheila Haycox ARPS, MPAGB/AV, EFIAP and John Perriam DPAGB for the first session, there will be something for everyone in their presentation and Sheila will show her AV which gained her MPAGB. They will stay with Ian for a few days so the LPA does not have to provide the accommodation. John Bulmer will present the second session; he has had a varied career mostly in Journalism and also documentary film making. The final session will be Peter Gennard MFIAP, EFIAP/p, and these distinctions being the highest FIAP awards possible. He is a member of Smethwick Photographic Society and a lively and interesting speaker. The numbers will again be limited to approximately 70 and the cost will remain at £10 per ticket. In addition Sheila and John will do 3 different presentations to any camera club interested while they are staying in the area, please contact Ian Wright for further details (iangwright@hotmail.com). Ian is well on the way to having the programme sorted for 2018 so he should be congratulated for his speed and efficiency since he only took on the position very recently.
- 15. Foster Colour Challenge:** This will take place at Horncastle Wednesday 26th April 2017, all details of entries to Ron Abbott by 12th April. The judge will be Trina Fitzallen Howard from Nottingham and the format will remain as in previous years.
- 16. No item 16 on agenda:**
- 17. Print Battles 2017:** There are still seven clubs to contact Paul Bilborough with details of their home round dates and judges. The draw took place at the August delegates meeting and is on the Website.
- 18. Inter-club PDI competition:** This took place on Sunday 6th November and went very well, Malcom Sales was the judge and he was consistent and concise and got through the 99 entries very well, he had received a disc previously so had seen the entries prior to actually making the final decisions on the day. Deepings Camera Club was the winning club, and Diane Seddon won the trophy for the best image.
- 19. Photographer of the Year:** There appeared to be a large entry after the handing in deadline on 6th November. The judge Malcolm Sales will arrive at Nettleham about 10am for the morning preview and judging. The competition starts at 2pm with the doors open at 1.30pm. It will be no good arriving too early as the organisers and President will be taking the judge out for lunch. Steve Haw and Bob Tomlinson are the main organisers for this event.
- 20. Portfolio 2017:** Mike Martindale was collecting any entries at this delegates meeting, anymore can be handed in at the P.O.T.Y. or at the Monochrome meeting 4th December. If any clubs still have a problem then they have to contact Mike or Jo to make other arrangements.
- 21. Club and other Exhibitions:** Scunthorpe Camera Club are holding an exhibition from late November to 21st December in the Scunthorpe Museum, details of times etc and a poster to follow to the LPA Secretary. Lincoln Camera Club is also holding their winter exhibition before Christmas, poster and details to follow to the LPA Secretary.
- 22. Any other Business 1:** Jean Brumby brought up the fact that a check list existed for organisers of events to make sure that all necessary jobs are covered, not by the organisers themselves but just

for them to know who is responsible for what. It seemed that not all organisers were aware of the check list and almost all thought it would be a great help. Brian Gromett said he would certainly have felt happier to have had something to follow when he chaired the Battles Final earlier this year. Jobs do not miraculously get done without some form of delegation and at times Jean and Bob have found it difficult to recruit willing helpers and this makes for a stressful situation when everyone attending events should be able to enjoy the occasion. The Webmaster didn't think it appropriate for the check list to go on the Website but it could certainly be distributed to all event organisers.

- 22. Any other business 2:** Brian Gromett had previously suggested that in the absence of a Bi-ennial Exhibition the LPA could have an on-line 'exhibition' which could be judged either externally or internally. This would be discussed at a future planning meeting. Peter Webster expressed the thanks of the meeting for the refreshments.
- 23. Date of the next delegates meeting:** Wednesday 15th February 2017, 7.45pm at Redwood Community Centre, Waddington.

Signed: President