

LPA Delegates Meeting Minutes.

Wednesday 8th February 2017, Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington.

The meeting started at 7.50pm.

1. **Apologies.** There were apologies from Sleaford; Trusthorpe and Grimsby. Eight clubs attended: Axholme; Cleethorpes; Deepings; Grantham ; Horncastle; Lincoln; NELPS; RBCC.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Already circulated proposed Peter Webster; seconded Bob Tomlinson that they be accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising.** None.
4. **President's Report.** Alan Tyrer thanked the delegates for attending stressing that without their support the Association could not function. He reported on two successful competitions since the last meeting and looked forward to the last three events still to come before the AGM in May. The success of these competitions was evidence of the importance of the Association for photographers in the county. He expressed concern that although the events and competitions were receiving excellent support it was proving hard to recruit people to take office within the Association. There had been a shortage of officers and organisers for the past three years and at the forthcoming AGM the Treasurer and the Secretary were stepping down. He thanked those who had taken on extra jobs during this period but feared for the future of the Association if volunteers were not found to fill the vacancies. It was his intention to hold a meeting of current officers and organisers plus people interested in working with them to find a way forward. The Secretary will send out information on the vacant positions and invite interested people to attend the meeting.
5. **Secretary's Report.** Allan thanked Jean Brumby for taking the minutes during his recent absence. He also thanked clubs for responding promptly to requests for information. He expressed regret that only two clubs had apologised for the November meeting and eight attended, this meant that eleven clubs couldn't be bothered. This was very discouraging for those working to organise events and run the Association. He reinforced the President's appeal for volunteers to take on the officer posts.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Jean Brumby had sent a written report. The two competitions held since the last meeting had both made small profits. The Monochrome group was still covering its expenses. There was £4268.29 in the bank and £533.43 in cash making a healthy balance of £4801.72. This does not include money for the sale of the Day of Photography tickets. It was noted that the rent for Redwood community Centre would be increasing by 50p per hour from April 1st.
7. **Directory.** Ron Abbott reported that there was good communication from clubs on changes and all of these were put 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.
8. **Judges' and Lecturers' Secretary.** Jorj Malinowski offered his services as the Judges and Lecturers Secretary and this was gratefully accepted. It was noted that there had been a number of judges and lecturers who had left the list this year. The President thanked Ron Abbott for looking after the lists for the past year.
9. **Webmaster.** There had been no issues reported. The site gets about 500 hits a week and is continues to be updated regularly. It is a large site so errors can creep in. If any are found,

please contact Alan promptly. He requested details of LPA & Club events in poster form (A4 Word Document please).

10. **N&EMPF.** There had been a request for closer cooperation between the LPA and N&EMPF and for a representative to be on the N&EMPF Executive committee. Jorj Malinowski volunteered to represent the LPA and this was unanimously agreed. It was felt this should help to make N&EMPF events more accessible to LPA member clubs. A joint judge's seminar was suggested as one area to explore.
11. **AV Group.** Ron Abbott reported that the group continued to meet and that although numbers were down the meetings were full and informative.
12. **Monochrome group.** There was no report
13. **Individual PDI.** Ron Abbott and Jorj Malinowski reported that the size of entry was a problem (188 images this year) and there was a need to reduce the workload of the judge. After discussion it was agreed that the organisers explore the idea of having the competition over a full day with the creative section in the morning with a judge who understood this style of photography and the open in the afternoon with a separate judge. It was also agreed that the definition of 'creative' be reviewed.
14. **AV Competition.** Allan Rowsell reported that the sequences were now with the judge, Tony Collinson from Leeds.
Entries were slightly down from last year – 21 from 4 clubs. There were 11 entrants, all but 1 were from members of the AV group. There were 11 narrative AV's and 10 Photo Harmony. The screen was to be put on the stage this year and if successful this will be repeated for the Day of Photography.
15. **Day of Photography.** Ian Wright had sent a written report. All speakers were confirmed and all arrangements were in hand except for organising the kitchen. Alan Tyrer said that his wife, Bev, would do this if there were volunteers to help on the day. There were very few tickets left although if the screen was on the stage it would be possible to add ten more seats.
16. **Foster's Colour Challenge.** Ron Abbott reported that all was ready for the competition.
17. **Print Battles.** The organisers were unable to attend the meeting but The Secretary reported that only one club, Ashby, had still to notify the organisers of their home round details. The Secretary would follow this up.
17a. It was proposed by Bob Dolman and seconded by Brian Gromett that for the 2018 Print Battles onward, rule 5 should read 'There is no restriction on the subject categories but not more than three prints will be accepted from one author per club. *This excludes the tie-break print which may be a fourth print from a member.* All authors must be members of the club at the time of submitting entries.' This was unanimously agreed.
18. **Interclub PDI.** It was agreed that the organisers could approach judges from further afield so that top quality judges were appointed. It was noted that this will result in increased costs.
19. **Photographer of the Year.** Nothing to report.
20. **Portfolio.** No report.
21. **Club events.**
 - Horncastle exhibition 8th April 2017. 11am to 5pm
 - Scunthorpe exhibition still on.
22. **Any other business.**
 - Thanks were expressed for the provision of refreshments.

- It was agreed that the goblets unused for the 2016 Biennial should be offered as an extra raffle prize at the next competition as long as it is clearly marked as being engraved.

23. **Date of next meeting.** 25th May 2017. The Annual general Meeting will commence at 7.45pm and will be followed by a delegates meeting. Both will be held at Redwood Drive Community Centre, Waddington.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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