

# Lincolnshire Photographic Association

## DELEGATES MEETING

Held on Wednesday 07th February 2018 at 7:45 pm

Village Hall, Nettleham. LN2 2SS

The Meeting was chaired by the President Alan Tyrer commencing at 7:45 pm

In attendance were delegates from 8 Clubs - Cleethorpes: Grantham: Horncastle: Lincoln: Louth: NELPS: RBCC: Sleaford

- 1 **Apologies:** received from Maria Rhoades and in her absence the minutes of the meeting were taken by Marlene Castledine of Cleethorpes Camera Club. Other apologies were received from 5 clubs - Grimsby: Axholme: Deepings: Dunholme: Skegness.
- 2 **Minutes of the November Meeting:** had been circulated. It was proposed by Brian Gromett and seconded by Roy Moran that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
- 3 **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising but a typing error should have stated apologies from 11 clubs not 9.
- 4 **President's Report:** The date of the next Delegates meeting and AGM will be Thursday 24th May. Alan's term as President ends in May and he will be succeeded by Brian Gromett for a two year term in office. Proposals are requested for a new Vice President to fill the vacancy created by Brian.  
Ian Wright was the excellent organizer for the Day of Photography last year and this, but as he has now resigned his membership, a replacement is needed urgently to keep the event going. There have been two competitions, POTY in November and Individual PDI in January, both well attended. Congratulations to the organizers. In January a Judges Seminar was well attended by approx. 45 judges and potential judges and more judges may come from this initiative with approx 60% of attendees being LPA members. In 2019 the Treasurer's term of office ends and it is essential that replacements are put forward for all the vacancies at the next Delegates meeting. The report concluded with a reminder that the Day of Photography in March appears to have nearly sold out. The AV Competition takes place in February, the N&EMPF AV competition in March and the Fosters Colour Challenge takes place in April.
- 5 **Secretary's Report:** In her absence Maria had notified the President that all was well and there was nothing to report.
- 6 **Treasurer's Report:** The total balance stands at about £4000 and the money due from DOP not yet received. Concern was raised that all events organized were running at a loss as ticket and raffle sales did not meet the cost of judges fees, room hire and refreshments and were being supplemented from the subscriptions. It was pointed out that the Monochrome Group was profitable. Suggestions were made that If there were problems in the future, the door fee could be increased, or the club fee could be increased from 50p per club per member.
- 7 **Directory Secretary:** The website is currently up to date. In Sept/Oct a memo was sent out regarding Club Fees. N&EMPF have requested proof that all clubs have Liability Insurance. Judges and fellow clubs need to know the premises are insured and are covered In case of accidents and third party liability. LPA Clubs need to be asked to confirm that they have a policy and have sufficient cover. It was noted that the LPA has insurance to cover it's events and the policies must be kept for 40 (Forty) years.

8 & 10 **Judges & Lecturers Secretary combined with N&EMPF:** The Judges Seminar was a successful event with approximately 60% LPA members. N&EMPF were surprised at the number attending and have asked for feedback. The general consensus was that there was not enough guidance of what a judge should be considering in order to give a score, when looking at an image or AV. The four workshops in the afternoon, proved to be a huge success. The judging issue of PAGB e-news is worth looking up. Jorj will ask Gary Langley to email members who attended to provide feedback.

**Maria will be asked to distribute a "Judges Application Form" for all members.**

Jorj is to attend the N&EMPF meeting on Saturday to collect those prints from the Exhibition submitted by LPA members. Can a member from each club attend the AV competition to collect their prints or arrange for someone to collect for them, especially those in the south.

**Maria will be asked to send a notice to all clubs asking them to confirm that their prints will be collected.**

- 9 **Webmaster Report:** Web is up to date and members need to report any problems. The opinion is that the web needs rebuilding and Alan has not any knowledge of how to do this. A notice asking for a Webmaster needs to be circulated.
- 11 **AV Group:** Attendance is lower but there are enough in the group to make it viable. A programme of challenging and interesting events to June has been distributed.
- 12 **Monochrome Group:** They have an average group of 25 attending. They hold a raffle and the winner receives a free entrance at the next meeting.
- 13 **Individual PDI Competitions:** Ron receives all the entries for these competitions and is finding it increasingly difficult to sort. The two main problems are the size and the titles. The authors need to resize the height to 1080 and let the width be automatic. The software picks up the title and will display the club and the author. Entries not submitted correctly cause a lot of work to the organiser. Problems also with entries from Apple. Advice is to send on Microsoft or zip them. The entry form should be downloaded, filled in and then emailed. 2 entries per person has resulted in 200 entries from 18 clubs. Considering the number of entries the day should start at 10am in future. A long discussion ensued considering separate competitions on different days as future entries may exceed 200. It is important to find a judge who understands Creative work. Dave Hollingsworth, The judge this time, was happy to judge 200 images. It was felt that the submission date of 7th January was too soon after Christmas and should be put forward in the future another week.
- 14 **AV Competition:** There are 23 entries from 12 Authors and 5 Clubs (14 from Cleethorpes). This event will also make a loss. Judges fees £100, Hall £60 and buffet £40 offset by door fees and raffle. The judge is Alastair Taylor LRPS from Shropshire. However, it will provide learning and encouragement. Brian and Ron will set up. Alan will produce the show and put on Brian's laptop. To maintain the competition in the future greater entries and attendances are needed.  
The N&EMPF AV competition is next month and the entry forms are with Alan. Charge is £5 per sequence plus your IAC form. Need to encourage entries for competition in March.
- 15 **Day of Photography:** Need to establish speakers' costs. There are three speakers, Joe Cornish, Christine Widdell and Mik Crithclow with combined costs estimated at £1,000. Jean is selling tickets, sound will be free of charge, hall is available for set up the day before.

- 16 **Fosters Colour Challenge:** All sorted and judge Ray Brammall booked. Fosters normally a sell out. **Confirm date is Wed.25th April 2018.** Closing date 11th April. Incorrect on Agenda. Rule changed at last meeting.
- 17 **Print Battles:** On the website and awaiting entries. Malcolm Sales to judge at finals. Judges booked received from nearly every club. The rules do need rationalising and ideas will be circulated by Paul who will bring forward ideas. Agreed rules should be friendly and flexible without legal jargon.
- 18 **Interclub PDI Trophy:** Comments on entries as per item 13.
- 19 **Photographer of the Year:** Steve Haw organizes this and a judge has still to be chosen.
- 20 **Portfolio:** Doing the rounds now and currently at Louth. No feedback to date.
- 21 **Club and Other Exhibitions:** Scunthorpe have an exhibition at the Baths Hall which will change half way through - details on website. Grimsby Exhibition in April. Lincoln Annual in June and Alan has requested a Word Poster. Horncastle, Saturday April 21st 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. See LPA website for member and club events only.
- 22 **Any Other Business:** No other business reported.
- 23 **Date of Next Delegates Meeting, & AGM:**  
**Thursday May 24th 2018 at Village Hall, Nettleham.**

**The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.**