

**Lincolnshire Photographic Association**  
**Minutes of the Delegates Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The meeting started at 7.56pm. Jean Brumby standing in for the secretary.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Spalding, Deepings, Grantham, Scunthorpe and Sleaford
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes had been previously circulated and were proposed as a true record by Roy Moran and seconded by Bob Tomlinson with all in agreement.
3. **Matters Arising:** The President reported that a cheque had been sent to Ian and Kitty Wright and they had sent a card to say thank you and that although it was not necessary, it was very much appreciated.  
The possibility of running an RPS Celebration of Awards day was investigated. The RPS charges £12.50 per attendee plus venue costs plus expenses which Stewart Wall (East Midlands RPS organiser) and I felt was exorbitant. Stewart then offered to run a similar day at a cost to us of finding a venue and some expenses. It was agreed that Steve Haw would investigate possible dates for April or May next year.
4. **President's Report:** We have had 2 events since our last meeting both of which competitions were well organised but unfortunately not so well attended. The problems I noticed were more to do with housekeeping, we always say RB set up the room but in reality this is Bob Tomlinson and Steve Haw and on 1 occasion just Bob alone. Members do help by stacking the chairs near the stage but these then have to be lifted onto the stage and moved to the side. Other housekeeping problems have been:-
  - (a) To book a meal for judges/speakers where appropriate; more detailed information needs including in the notes. I know buffets have been arranged for full day events but organisers from outside Lincoln will need not only organise the food but also the serving/arranging on the day. This will need members to put on tables and clear up afterwards.
  - (b) Make sure that arrangements for the raffle (if required) are in hand, and this must include someone to take admission and sell the raffle tickets.
  - (c) Ensure the Trophies and/or certificates are available for presentation. Currently Maria Rhodes has organised the trophies for the year and previously I think it was Jean Brumby. Who will do it when Maria

resigns? I have been preparing the certificates over the last couple of years but the lack of a calligrapher has caused some problems.

(d) Ensure that tea, coffee and biscuits are available for refreshments and that someone is asked to take charge of them. Again we need members to organise, make drinks and then clear up afterwards. These members should not need to be volunteers on the day, we have members who will dig in and help in a crisis, but we need to avoid a crisis.

The instructions for organisers do not mention collecting admission and selling raffle tickets or ensuring that images are available for the website. I hope we can improve on these arrangements for future meetings.

We only have one more delegates meeting before the AGM when Maria Rhodes, our secretary and Steve Haw, our treasurer are due to retire and we have no members stepping up to take over the roles.

We are still looking for an organiser for the Day of Photography.

So I am asking for help to fill these posts.

5. **Secretary's Report:** Maria continued to run that side smoothly with a steady throughput of information as necessary.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve Haw reported that there was £2960.04 in the Bank account and he held £400.38 in cash making a grand total of £3360.42. He also reported that the LPA is not charged for them coming in on the Saturday evening to set the room up ready for the Sunday meeting.
7. **Directory Secretary's Report:** Ron Abbott said there would be no early autumn update. He said it takes about 4-6 weeks to complete and get all the information in and he would do this in March/April in plenty of time for the correct figures to be used for the LPA subscription payments which are due at the AGM.
8. **Judges and Lecturers' Report:** Jorj Malinowski reported that the lists were now completely up to date. He asked if the Secretary could remind all clubs that visiting judges and lecturers should be contacted at least 1 week prior to the engagement to avoid any confusion and misunderstanding.
9. **Webmaster's Report:** Alan Tyrer was continuing to keep the site up to date. Graham Dunkin had sent out a sample website which had only partial information on at present for discussion at Club level. He said the Home page should only be about the LPA and any emergency announcements. The site would cost the LPA £11.50 per month or £138 per annum. Clubs wishing to have their own page would pay £5 and any alterations to these pages would have to be done by Graham rather than

the clubs themselves. The AV and Monochrome groups would be treated as any other LPA event and not charged extra. If clubs wanted to show galleries they could use dropbox for transfer of images, the club to vet the suitability of their images. Graham had set up an access code to be used to get into the information for all competitions as well as directory, and judges etc listings, this would have entailed all 600 to 700 LPA members having access to sensitive personal data; the general feeling was that all competition information should be easily available to anyone to encourage entrants rather than put obstacles in their way. Graham assured the meeting that he could update the site very quickly via his mobile if necessary. It was felt that all advertising should be links only with no pop-ups and restricted to photography related businesses with a charge of £25 per entry payable to the LPA. If advertising was not allowed on the site there was only a 50:50 chance that Graham would still want to operate the website for the LPA. Alan Tyrer would help with the handover and 31.1.19 was thought a suitable time. The proposal that the LPA go ahead was proposed by Alan Tyrer and seconded by Ron Abbott and agreed almost unanimously.

- 10. N&EMPF:** Jorj Malinowski reported that selection for the annual exhibition had taken place last weekend and e-mails had just gone out notifying of acceptances. He would pick up any unsuccessful prints this coming Saturday and these would be available at the LPA POTY meeting. NELPS, Grimsby and Cleethorpes would be delivered to NELPS next Wednesday when he would be at the club. He also reported that one of the Notts clubs was dying of old age and they had contacted schools to get younger members and had asked for guidance from N&EMPF. The advice was that it was not advisable to have under 18s, but if they were allowed they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, but all club members would then require CRB checking, so it was best to stick to only over 18 years of age.
- 11. AV Group:** Ron reported that numbers were down with only 2 clubs being represented recently but they were continuing to run the group with a programme in place.
- 12. Monochrome Group:** Mike Martindale reported that they had now increased the entry fee to £8 to meet increasing costs. The programme was almost complete for next year and the attendance recently had been up with several very good speakers drawing the members.
- 13. Individual PDI competition:** Ron Abbott reported that the closing date for entries was 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and requested that no entries were

sent to him more than 1 week prior to that date. The judge was to be Vin Scothern of Loughborough who is on the N&EMPF list.

**14. AV Competition:** Alan Tyrer reported that the closing date was 3.2.19 and the judge was to be Brian Stubbs of Leeds. They were discussing whether the 5minute time limit should be increased.

**15. Day of Photography:** The President reported that the speakers were already booked but an overall organiser to co-ordinate the preparations, tickets etc was urgently required and anyone interested to contact him a.s.a.p.

**16. Foster Colour Challenge:** Ron Abbott reported that it would go ahead as normal with Dave Hollingsworth as the judge.

**17. Print Battles 2018:** Paul Bilborough was unable to attend due to illness and had sent a report saying the day went well and thanked everyone involved, particularly Bob who had had to do several jobs in the absence of any volunteers.

**17a. Battles 2019:** Paul reported that information about the rounds was steadily coming in. Unfortunately he was going to have more commitments up to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. He would continue to look at any further tidying up of the rules. A check list would also help for the organisation of the day of the finals.

**18. Inter-club PDI competition:** Ron and Jorj reported that fewer clubs had entered this year but on the plus side there were fewer entries sent in incorrectly. The afternoon went well and Ian Pinn had been a good judge. They stated it was very difficult to get volunteers to help with the housekeeping.

**19. Photographer of the Year:** Steve Haw reported that so far there had been 24 colour sets and 8 monochrome panels. Any final entries were being accepted at this delegates meeting. The judge was to be Colin Trow-Poole. Steve had organised the necessary helpers for the day.

**20. Portfolio:** Mike Martindale was collecting prints at this meeting, or they could be brought to the December Monochrome meeting; alternatively they could be delivered to Mike's home by prior arrangement.

**21. Club and other print exhibitions:** Lincoln Camera Club have an exhibition in Lincoln Central Library from 17<sup>th</sup> December for 3 weeks with obvious closures over the festive period. Dunholme have an exhibition at Uncle Henry's from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**22. Any other business:** There was none.

**23. Date of the Next Meeting:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7.45pm at Nettleham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

