

LPA AGM Minutes.

Thursday May 23rd May 2019 Nettleham Village Hall

Brian Gromett chaired the meeting which commenced at 7.45pm.

Apologies were received from: Ashby, Spalding, Horncastle, Pinchbeck

Clubs Attending:- Axholme, Cleethorpes, Dunholme, Grantham, Grimsby, Lincoln, Louth, NELPS, RBCC, Scunthorpe, Skegness

Minutes of the 2018 AGM had been circulated.

Minutes accepted as a true record. Proposed by Jorj Malinowski: Seconded by Roy Moran

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

President's report.

Another year has passed, and the LPA continues to be successful. All competitions and events have been and continue to be well organised and attended. He thanked all those concerned, the organisers, Steve Haw and Bob Tomlinson and members of RB Camera Club who ensure the venue is always ready for us, the new members to their team Nick and Neeta who organise sound and buffets, those who sit on the door selling raffle tickets and collecting entrance money, and all those members who have stepped in to fill gaps as and when they have seen them, particularly with serving teas, coffees, clearing and washing up. For most attendees these people go unseen but without them we cannot function.

He mentioned several individuals.

Ron Abbot who maintains the databases of Clubs, Judges and Lecturers as well as being an organiser, along with Jorj Malinowski, of the Individual PDI and the Inter Club PDI Competitions. Ron also runs the Fosters Colour Challenge with Members of Horncastle CC. As well as running the LPA AV Group and fulfilling his role as Vice President.

Alan Tyrer our Past President and Web Master, who has continued to maintain the site as well as assisting Grahame Dunkin to initiate the creation of a new web site, unfortunately this was not fruitful. Since then, Alan has been working with Derek Smith of Louth PS who is currently looking at moving the site to a new home and under a new provider, it will also be compliant with GDPR and will make maintenance of the site available to a small team of LPA Officers. Once this conversion is finished, we will still need a new Web Master as Alan is standing down. Alan also continues to be the Organiser for the LPA AV Competition.

Maria Rhodes, who has been our efficient Secretary for the past 2 years is also standing down. Maria has kept us all informed. He took the opportunity to say a great thank you for all the work she has done to support him and the society during her time as secretary. Unfortunately, nobody has stepped up to fill the post.

Steve Haw our Treasurer is also due to stand down. He has maintained the accounts and kept us aware of the state of our finances, event by event. Again, no one has stepped up to take his place. Over and above his treasurer's function he has also sourced raffle prizes for each event and, as required, organised the provision of buffets. He is also our liaison with the Nettleham Village Hall committee. He had already mentioned his work preparing the venue on the day of an event in coordination with Event Organisers requirements. He and his team also organise the Photographer of the Year Competition.

The Day of Photography with Joe Cornish and David Noton was very successful. Unfortunately, we don't have a Organiser for future events. This year I found myself having to act as Organiser, this is less than desirable, and he said that he was unwilling to do it next year. Things would not have gone so well this year if it hadn't been for people like Jean Brumby noticing that he had not sorted the tickets. She undertook their provision and sale. So, many thanks Jean. Ian Wright who has made the initial contact with speakers is willing to do it for 2020 but requires an indication of the direction we wish to take. The Organisers function is currently more of a coordination and liaison role between Ian, the speakers and the Venue Organiser. We urgently need someone to take on this role if we are to have a Day of Photography in 2020.

After all this, the Association continues to function effectively and outwardly successfully, but we cannot continue to put on the good will of less and less officers. We desperately need delegates to stand up and support the Association.

This was not the kind of report he wanted to deliver after his first year as President, but this is the way it is. So, to all who have been involved, the entrants, the organisers and the attendees and everyone who has been involved on the day of events thank you but if you can please step up and fill some of the vacancies ... Officers or Organiser.

Finally, he thanked all those who had supported him in his first year as president look forward to another successful year.

Secretary's Report: Maria Rhoades Thanked her fellow officers for their hard work and support. She also thanked everyone who has helped at various LPA Events through the year. She explained that we would not be able to hold any events if we didn't have people to organise and help, and also members to take part and turn up to the events.

She said she had enjoyed being the Secretary of the LPA, though the last six months have been very difficult due to personal matters, mainly health related. She explained that she had been able to do so as much as she had wished but always did her utmost to keep everyone informed regarding events and competitions.

She explained that it would be helpful if all groups would consider putting one of their members to take on an officer's post for a period of 2 years. It would not be that demanding if the workload would be more evenly spread.

She apologised for not feeling able to continue for another year, but as mentioned she would not be able to devote sufficient time to support the President and the LPA as she would like.

Treasurer's report: Steve Haw presented the accounts for the year with details of profit or loss made on all of the Association events. Steve Haw noted that most of the LPA events had made money. We had inherited a debt of £904.79 from the day of Photography 2018 which had distorted the accounts in comparison to last years. Our balance is still a healthy £3578.54.

Subscriptions are to remain at 50p per club member.

Brian Gromett commenced the second year as President.

Alan Tyrer continues as past president

Ron Abbott continues as Vice President

Election of Secretary. No one came forward

Election of Treasurer. Since there were no volunteers for the post, Steve Haw agreed to continue as Treasurer for another year.

A.O.B. Discussion.

Date for the next AGM: On a Wednesday in May 2020

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Current Officers:

President: Brian Gromett (Cleethorpes)

Secretary:

Treasurer: Steve Haw (RBCC)

Vice President: Ron Abbott (Horncastle)

Past President: Alan Tyrer (Cleethorpes)