



Minutes of the LPA Delegates Meeting.

Held on Thursday 22nd August 2019 at Nettleham Village Hall

1. **Apologies** were received from Louth, Pinchbeck, Barton, Spalding and Axholme
2. **Minutes of the May meeting** had been circulated. It was proposed by Alan Tyrer and seconded by Gill Guest that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
4. **President's report.** As you will be aware, at the end of the AGM we had not appointed a Secretary. Bob Fish (Axholme) agreed to stand in as Minutes Secretary for Delegates Meetings for the rest of the LPA year. We also agreed to split the Secretarial function and create an Information Secretary. Since our last meeting Steve Percival (Lincoln) has offered and taken up the function. Thanks go to Bob and Steve for stepping up. Fortunately, Bob had the foresight to check the LPA Constitution and call an EGM to enable the change to take place. This has now been sorted out.

We have made some progress on the Web Site. Alan Tyrer has continued to update the existing site and, since our last meeting, Mike Bennett (Cleethorpes/Grimsby) has offered to be the new Web Master. He is also prepared to work with Officers to produce an efficient information system for the association. Hopefully we shall see some progress in the not too distant future.

The Battles have run smoothly, and the results are in. Thanks go to Paul Bilborough (Sleaford) for coordinating the event. We shall be discussing this later. After some encouragement from Paul, 15 clubs have entered the Battles in 2020.

I have had very little response for themes to be covered at the Day of Photography. Ian Wright is still prepared to source speakers for this year, but we must make a decision preferably tonight as to what we want to be covered. We still don't have an Organiser for the event and as I have said before I don't feel able to be the organiser this year. We really do need someone to step up and take it on. It does not have to be a Delegate so if you know anyone in your Club who might be prepared to do the job please let us know.

Steve Haw (RB) has continued as Treasurer, and I know we need to find someone else to take over. Steve is also doing a very good job as Venue Coordinator and I thank him for all his work.

I must also thank Alan Tyrer (Past President) and Ron Abbot (Vice President) for their help over their past few months.

5. **Secretary's report.** The Secretary had nothing to report at present.
6. **Treasurer's report.** The Treasurer reported that all clubs had paid their subscriptions which amounted to £307.50 and he had paid out £68.80 for insurance and £150 for accountancy. This leaves the bank balance at £3196.73, cash on hand £703.51 making a grand total of

£3900.24. He asked if next year all clubs could pay their subscriptions in cash as the bank did not like accepting small cheques, it was queried whether bank transfers could be used and he promised to look into it.

7. **Directory Secretary.** Ron Abbott reported no problems and said the next update request would be in January 2020.
8. **Judges and Lecturer's Secretary.** Jorj Malinowski reported that there were no changes in the number of judges but he had received an application from a new lecturer, Darren Juggins.
9. **Webmaster.** Alan Tyrer reported that he was still keeping the website up to date. He also outlined all the necessary information which it is vital to have available to clubs and individual members. The website is there to serve the membership and not to promote outside interests other than PAGB, N&EMPF and RPS. Mike Bennett has agreed to be the new web master and will help in the development of the new site. It may be possible to have more people able to update their part of the site. Paul Bilborough asked why it was necessary to change the web address and no satisfactory reason seemed forthcoming as a new site can be developed under the same name without it being made live and conflicting with the existing one. There followed quite a thorough discussion ending with a proposal by Roy Moran that the situation should move forward before the next delegates meeting and this was seconded by Jorj Malinowski, and was passed unanimously. Next meeting we could check that we were compliant with the data protection laws.
10. **N&EMPF.** Jorj Malinowski reported that the N&EMPF webmaster had died suddenly and at present David Gibbons was keeping it up to date until a new one could be recruited. The final hand in for the 2020 exhibition will be the Memorial lecture on 18th October 2019 so Jorj requests that all prints be handed in at the LPA Battles final 13th October and he will take them all to the lecture. The next meeting of the executive committee will be in October.
11. **AV Group.** Ron Abbott reported that due to the closure of Horncastle club the AV meetings will now be held at Cleethorpes Camera Club as the majority attending were from Cleethorpes anyway with membership from other clubs diminishing. Meetings would take place on the second Saturday of each month.
12. **Monochrome Group.** Jean Brumby reported that the group continued to thrive with good speakers being booked and the attendance varied from as low as 18 to about 40 but usually about 25 to 32. She explained that over 2 years ago they received £200 working capital from the LPA and this year they had come very close to running out of funds and asked whether the LPA could subsidise the group if the need arose. She explained that the entry fee had been increased from £6 to £8. The mood of the meeting was that they could ask for help if the need arose. Unfortunately speakers and travel costs were increasing all the time.
13. **Individual PDI.** Ron Abbott reported that this coming year it would be an all-day event starting at 10am for 1030am start. Since there would not be a break in the morning coffee/tea would be available at 10am but helpers would be needed for the kitchen. A buffet lunch would be provided for the judge, officers and organisers. The closing date for entries will be 12th January 2020 and entries should preferably be sent to Ron using 'we transfer' rather than disc or memory stick. Jorj Malinowski remains the joint organiser.
14. **AV Competition.** Alan Tyrer reported that the competition would be on Sunday 23rd February 2020 with the closing date 2nd February. This would also be a full day event with the judge, Howard Bagshaw, doing a presentation after the competition finished. There was

a possibility that he may stay over and visit the Monday group at Cleethorpes the following day, obviously they would cover their share of the costs.

15. **Day of Photography.** Jean Brumby explained that the financial situation has remained the same for many years, using a maximum budget of £1000 and a ticket price of £10. Rent had already gone up and the costs of good speakers and any necessary accommodation also were increasing so she suggested that perhaps a ticket price increase to £15. The hall could only take 120 in total due to fire regulations, and tickets sales varied from 80 to about 110. Delegates approved the increase in principle provided the speakers were very good. Ian Wright had offered to book the speakers and requested subjects to be covered and the following were put forward: - Monochrome, Natural history or Wild life, Creative, Street photography and the history of Photography. Brian would contact Ian so he could go ahead with enquiries. He also asked if clubs could ask among their members if anyone would be prepared to be overall organiser to ensure the correct equipment was available, buffet ordered, tickets printed and sold, not necessarily to do all jobs but to ensure someone was doing them and everything would come together smoothly on the day.
16. **Foster's Colour Challenge.** Ron Abbott stated that this competition could no longer be held at Horncastle and would be at Nettleham Village Hall and he was prepared to still run it. After discussion it was agreed to move it to the third Sunday in April 1.30 for 2pm. Previously each club paid £5 entry fee but as rent would need to be covered as well as the judge it was decided to charge the normal entry fee per person and no entry fee for the club. Audience numbers would not be restricted now the room would be larger. Steve Haw to check availability for that date.
17. **Print Battles.** Paul Bilborough reported that the quality seemed to get better each year and that since 1 club gained 15 points, 3 gained 13 points and 4 were on 11, it would be best if 8 clubs were in the final on 13th October with it becoming an all-day event. The doors open at 10.30am for coffee/tea for a start of 11am and an hour break for lunch. The draw took place for 2020 with 15 clubs taking part so each round would have 3 clubs participating and no club would need to have 2 home rounds.
18. **Interclub PDI.** Ron reported that this competition would take place in the afternoon of Sunday 3rd November 2019 with a closing date for entries 13th October. The judge still to be finalised.
19. **Photographer of the Year.** Steve reported that this competition would take place 24th November 2019 with all entries in by 3rd November. The judge will be Ray Brammhall.
20. **Portfolio.** It was assumed that the final hand in date would be 24th November 2019.
21. **Club and other print exhibitions.** Pinchbeck has an exhibition starting 4th September to 28th September, details will be circulated. Cleethorpes have an exhibition at the Library starting 9th September for 3 weeks with an official opening on Tuesday 10th September at 7pm. Dunholme have an exhibition at Uncle Henry's running 6th to 15th September.
22. **Any Other Business.** Ron said that due to the winding up of Horncastle Camera Club there was quite a lot of equipment to be disposed of and he would send details to the secretary for circulation amongst the clubs.
23. **Date of the next delegates meeting:** Wednesday 13th November 2019

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.