



Minutes of the LPA Delegates Meeting.

Held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at Nettleham Village Hall

Meeting opened 7.45 p.m.

1. **Apologies:** were received from Louth, Deepings, Barton, Skegness and Grantham
Personal apologies received from Tony Aldam (RB)
2. Clubs represented. Axholme, Cleethorpes, Dunholme, Grimsby, Lincoln, NELPS, Pinchbeck, RB, SDPS
3. **Minutes of the August meeting:** Circulated. It was proposed by Roy Moran and seconded by Jorj Malinowski that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising
5. **Minutes of EGM 22 August:** had been circulated. It was proposed by Jill Guest and seconded by Steve Percival that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising:** Jean Brumby raised the issue that the names of the two officers should be added. This was agreed
7. **President's report:**

3 months have passed, and we are continuing to make progress slowly. Events are running smoothly, and outwardly the Association appears to be healthy. Unfortunately, the problems that were mentioned at the last Delegates meeting have not been resolved.

The AV and Monochrome groups continue to be well supported and thanks go to Ron Abbott and Mike Martindale for their continued work running them.

The Battles Final went well with 8 Clubs involved, giving Erica Oram the problem of judging 120 images followed by a tie breaker. It was a long session, but it went very well. Thanks go to Paul Bilborough and David Connor for organising the event.

The Interclub PDI Trophy has also taken place with 11 Clubs participating giving Steve Walters another mammoth task judging 99 images. Thanks go to Ron Abbot and Jorj Malinowski for their organisation and running of the event.

Steve Percival and Bob Fish have settled into their roles and are keeping us informed. However, some concerns about general information flow have been expressed and this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mike Bennett in conjunction with Alan Tyrer, have started on the new Web Site and we shall discuss this later.

We still have not addressed the issue of Data Protection and produced our policy statement.

Circulating a list of potential speakers for the Day of Photography, only produced one response although one or two clubs had expressed some preference before the last meeting. A plea for an organiser for the Day of Photography was not fruitful. No offers of help were forthcoming. Again, we shall discuss this later.

We can look forward to the Photographer of the Year at the end of the month, organised by Steve Haw and hopefully, we will have a good response to the Portfolio, which is now being collected, by Organiser Mike Martindale.

I must thank all the Organisers for their continued work, most of which is not seen by members and largely forgotten during the event, but without them the competitions would not run as smoothly as they do.

Events would not go smoothly without the co-operation and support of Steve Haw and Bob Tomlinson and their team at RB. On the day I must thank the small army of volunteers who make the day run smoothly, but it is usually the same volunteers. From sitting on the door collecting money and selling raffle tickets to making tea, coffee and clearing up afterwards. We all feel the benefit of their work and I am sure that many more of us could take their turn.

Steve Haw (RB) has continued as Treasurer, and I know we need to find someone else to take over.

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

We are about to start a new year, let's hope that many of the problems mentioned can be resolved.

8. **Secretary's report:** The Secretary reported that he had finally sorted out current email addresses and confirmed that copies would go under BCC
9. **Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer reported on the current finances. There is £2809.73 in the bank though rent for the hall was still to be accounted for. £192 came in from the 'Battles' with costs of £144.19. £170 came in from the inter-club PDI with costs of £132.36.

Discussion then centred on the cost of entry with a suggestion from Jorj Malinowski that a rise to £5 should be considered. After delegates offered several suggestions it was agreed that this item should be brought to the AGM for further consideration, with a view to looking at increasing member's subs.

10. **Directory Secretary:** Ron Abbott reported no problems and that he could update incoming information almost immediately. said the next update request would be after 12 January 2020. Alan Tyrer reminded clubs that they needed to be forthcoming with changes to officers and club venues.
11. **Judges and Lecturer's Secretary:** Jorj Malinowski reported that there were no changes in the number of judges.
12. **Webmaster:** Alan Tyrer reported that he was still keeping the website up to date. It was pointed out that information needs to be as 'web-ready' as possible as this would make it easier for the webmaster. Mike Bennett then went on to outline the new platform for the website. Delegates watched a demonstration of what the website could be. The website would have minimal graphics, but these could be added to as the site develops. It will be adaptable to iPhone and tablet platforms and be password protected to allow users to reach different levels depending on their access requirements. Brian Grommet thought as much as possible needed to be standardised to accept as many competitions as possible, so clubs became familiar with the format. There were several templates available and from a skeleton format it could be turned into a visually rich platform. Alan Tyrer reinforced the fact that although it was relatively easy to transfer Excel to Word information needs to be in as simple a format as possible. Clubs were reminded that the LPA can use any photographs submitted for DPI competitions are available for publication on the website. The new website has the facility to acknowledge entries by email. Brian Grommet confirmed that the transfer from the old website could be relatively simple. It might require setting up an interim one or providing a link from the old one. Ray Mitchell proposed that Mike be given the go ahead to carry on development in conjunction with officers. Seconded by Roy Moran and passed unanimously
13. **N&EMPF:** Jorj Malinowski reported that selection for N&EMPF prints had taken place and he would be bringing returned prints on 24 November (POTY). The web situation continued to be under the control of David Gibbins, but the organisation was searching for a new webmaster. Jorj highlighted issues with the N&EMPF Handbook – there were several errors that remained uncorrected, such as missing clubs and wrong addresses
Jorj then went on to raise the issue of insurance through N&EMPF. To date public liability insurance was included on the fees each club paid to be members of the federation. This was through Darwin Clayton and gave clubs £5,000,000 cover. As from 31 January this arrangement will cease, and clubs will need to organise their own insurance. They can still use Darwin Clayton and may receive favourable rates

under the N&EMPF umbrella. The issue raised a significant amount of discussion. Clubs can seek further advice through the PAGB. Jean Brumby raised the point that some clubs joined N&EMPF just for the insurance it provides and do not take part in N&EMPF activities and this could lead to them letting their membership lapse. The advice to clubs would be to review what insurance they have in place at present and what they might require in the future.

14. **AV Group:** Ron Abbott reported that the meetings at Cleethorpes on the second Saturday of each month were more regular and longer since the move to Cleethorpes. The new programme runs to July 2020.
15. **Monochrome Group:** The programme for next year is confirmed and will be put on the website. The group meets on the first Sunday of the month and continues to draw a good attendance. – the cost remaining at £8
16. **Individual PDI:** Sunday 26 January 10 a.m. for 10.30 a.m. start. The closing date for entries is 12 January 2020 and entries should preferably be sent to Ron using 'we transfer' rather than disc or memory stick. A high number of entries will see the event taking a full day.
17. **AV Competition:** Sunday 23 February 2020 (closing date 2 February). This would also be a full day event with the judge, Howard Bagshaw, doing a presentation after the competition finished. On the following day, he will give a presentation of his work at Cleethorpes who will cover their share of the costs.
18. **Day of Photography:** As no offers have come forward to run the event Brian reluctantly informed delegates that this year's event would be cancelled.
19. **Foster's Colour Challenge:** Ron reminded delegates that this event will be at Nettleham Village Hall on 19 April 2020 April 1.30 for 2pm. with a closing date for entries of 5 April. Attendance would no longer be restricted to four members per club as the hall at Nettleham could accommodate greater numbers than was the case at Horncastle. Entry fee is £3, and the judge will Ian Pinn.
20. **Print Battles:** Paul Bilborough reported that this year's full day event was successful and wanted to place on record his thanks for the help given, especially on the day. 15 clubs are taking part next year so each round will have 3 clubs participating. The ideal would be to have 6 clubs in the final round though delegates noted that this could extend to 8. Entry £3 on the day and a call went out for organisers to arrange for someone to cover the door for spectators attending.
Final Sunday 11 October 1.30 p.m. for a 2 p.m. start, closing date for entries 1 August 2020
In response to a request from Deepings to consider splitting the competition into a north/south divide to cut down on travelling delegates noted that this had been tried before on other occasions. It was resolved unanimously to continue as before – proposed by Mike Martindale, seconded by Paul Bilborough.
21. **Interclub PDI:** This was seen as a successful event with the final scores reflecting a very close contest. Next year's final is on Sunday 1 November 2020 1.30 p.m. for 2

p.m. start. The closing date for entries set for 11 October (the day of the Battles' Final)

22. **Photographer of the Year:** 12 mono and 29 colour entries received this year. The judge was Ray Brammall. Next competition Sunday 29 November 2020 1.30 p.m. for 2 p.m. start.
23. **Portfolio:** Delegates noted the issue raised by Deepings concerning clubs including prints from their own members while others exclude them. This has been resolved in the adjusted conditions for entry under the statement – *'Clubs are not to vote on their own clubs' prints. Entries from that club should not be presented for voting but may be viewed separately.'*
Closing date for 2020 entries – 24 November 2019
Closing date for 2021 entries – 29 November 2020.
24. **Club and other print exhibitions:** Grimsby C.C. have an ongoing exhibition to the end of the year at the National Fishing Heritage Centre.
25. **Any Other Business:** Inter club PDI date not yet confirmed but could be 1/8 November 2020
26. **Date of the next delegates meeting:** Thursday 13 February 2020

Further meetings: Wednesday 20 May

Wednesday 19 August

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.

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