



## Lincolnshire Photographic Association

### DELEGATES MEETING

Held on Friday 20th August 2021 at 6:45 pm

Via Zoom

**Ron Abbott chaired the meeting which commenced at 6.45pm**

#### **Clubs Represented**

Seven clubs attended - Cleethorpes: Lincoln: Louth: Pinchbeck: RBCC: Scunthorpe: Sleaford.

#### **Apologies For Absence**

Were received from Dunholme; NELPS; Deepings; Spalding; and three Members of Cleethorpes, Alan Tyrer, Roy Moran and Mike Bennett.

#### **Delegates**

Ron Abbott, Dave Weaver, Dennis Pegram. Derek Smith, Tony Taylor, Paul Bilbrough, Steve Percival, John Marris, Jorj Malinowski, Brian Gromett, Keith Balcombe, Paul Malley, Bob Tomlinson, Steve Haw. Marlene Castledine (Minute Taker)

#### **Minutes of the previous meeting** (had been circulated and was on website.)

It was reported that the attendance of Scunthorpe Camera Club had been omitted.  
Old website has been available but is now retired.

#### **Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising

#### **Presidents Report. (Ron Abbott)**

More correspondence from Officers than ever before. Now have the addition of the Zoom providers: D. Weaver for Delegates Meetings and G. Dunkin for competitions. Grateful to all for ensuring information is still going out for all to share.

#### **Secretaries' Report . (R. Abbott, S. Percival and B. Fish)**

Working together and getting the information out. Meeting , communicating and co-operating.

#### **Treasurer's Report. (S. Haw)**

Paid Stamp Insurance £68.80 and a bill in cash leaving a balance of £481.73. Using cash at moment as only one signatory. Received cheque for £12,447.60 which is now banked. The overall bank balance is £15,064.06. There is an outstanding amount of £54 owed to the Village Hall but the invoice has not yet been received.

#### **Directory Secretary (R. Abbott)**

Covered under Judges & Lecturer's Secretary.

### **Judges and Lecturer's Secretary (J. Malinowski)**

Clubs appear to be getting back to normal. Judged Grimsby in past, judging Sleaford on Thursday and Axholme on 15th Sept. Not had notification of any bookings by other Judges and Lecturers. Lynn Haith has resigned from N&EMPF and the LPA. Need to contact remaining Judges and Lecturers to confirm their continuation. R. Abbott normally does an update of the club directory in January but will contact Judges and Lecturers to confirm current position.

### **Webmaster (A. Tyrer, M. Bennett, P. Bilbrough)**

M. Bennett and P. Bilbrough now the Webmasters. Will have to wait for Google to update before old website disappears. Finally made contact and has received confirmation that it will go offline after the current payment and end the contract but no date given. A copy of the email will be sent to R. Abbott. All information has been stripped from old website and a link put to new site. Checked new web site and appears to be working well.

### **N&EMPF (J. Malinowski)**

The Newsletter is published bi-monthly and a request has been made that any relevant news e.g. exhibitions, be notified for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please ensure the Newsletter is forwarded to Members once it has been sent out to the clubs. Copy on the N&EMPF website.

The expected executive standard of N&EMPF Judges is not of the desired level and an exam for judges has been suggested to bring them to gold standard. Not looked on favourably. There will be no changes to LPA Judges.

The N&EMPF Exhibition of Prints going ahead but Mansfield Exhibition Hall may not be available.

J. Malinowski will collect prints as normal on 18th October 2021 from three locations. There is an increase in charge to £1.25 per image.

### **AV Group (B. Gromett)**

Unfortunately a microphone malfunction prevented the update and this was delivered by R. Abbott. Three training meetings per week on PTE had been held at Cleethorpes Camera Club by B. Gromett over the last few months, now reduced to two per week for any LPA Member.

In addition every third Saturday between 10:00 am - 12:30 pm an AV workshop is held which covers, tutorials, AV shows and practical workshops.

Whether there will be an LPA AV competition next year is currently unknown.

### **Monochrome Group (M. Martindale).**

B. Tomlinson updated in the absence of the Monochrome Member. The group is continuing to work and the next meeting is on 5th September 2021. It will be a "Bring Your Own Work" day. They are now on the main website.

### **Print Battles 2022 (P. Bilbrough).**

Spoke to Phoenix Collective to see if they are competing in the Battles, as they are a PDI Club but have not responded. Will therefore roll over 2021 draw to next year.

### **Fosters Colour Challenge. (R. Abbott).**

Now on PDIs not prints. 14 clubs are willing to take part. 7 have already sent entries. Clubs not yet responded are Ashby, Boston, Deeping, Grantham, Spalding and Trusthorpe. R. Abbott will set up entries on a spreadsheet and send to G. Dunkin the event host, who prepare for projection at the competition on Sunday 12th September via Zoom 1:30 pm for 2:00 pm start. The Judge has been made aware.

### **Photographer of the Year - Three Panel Print. (S.Haw).**

Nettleham Village Hall is currently used by the Church during their refurbishment therefore only available between 10:30 am - 4:00 pm. The time-span given is not long enough. Now looking for a new venue. Dunholme Village Hall a possibility. Timetable is to set up from 8:30 am, Judge to review at 9:30 am. Begin at 2:15 pm to finish 5 - 5:30 pm. If possible Ian Pinn to be the Judge.

Could be problems organizing delivery of the prints to the correct place. Need a minimum of two weeks to get prints sorted and catalogued. Competition to be held on Sunday 28th November 2021. However the LPA delegates meeting will not be in time for the competition so a sub-committee may have to be formed. This depends on obtaining a suitable venue. If nothing suitable found the event will have to be cancelled.

### **Horncastle & District Photographic Society Donation. (R. Abbott)**

Horncastle has closed and the premises were put up for sale at £40k. The Horncastle Heritage Society was to buy using own funds and a Lottery Grant until the Covid 19 Pandemic caused the loss of funds and the Lottery grant. Premises then offered at a peppercorn price but the Society had lost too many Members to make it viable.

Premises put on market at £40K. Two property developers began a bidding war to convert to a holiday let which resulted in a sale of £64+K. Purchase price in 1960 was £180 with Members making a loan of £10 each.

The Trust originally set up stated "was to be for Photography in Lincolnshire". After discussion the money was split between five causes. Two Horncastle schools, a selective and a secondary modern, exclusively for a GCSE Photography Course. Joseph Banks and the Horncastle Heritage Societies, now sharing premises, for their photo archives and the balance of £12,447.60 to the LPA. The Trustees of which have placed a condition, that LPA clubs may bid for funds for the photographic needs of their club.

J. Malinowski has suggested an annual exhibition with all LPA clubs sending entries to be shown to the general public at a venue in Lincoln enabling benefit to all and possible recruitment of new members. There could also be a Zoom "Day of Photography" with renowned speakers. Numbers would not have to be limited to the size of a venue. It was decided to formalise how clubs can apply for funding at the next meeting.

### **Any Other Business. (J. Malinowski)**

With the Print Battles not taking place it is not practical to collect prints for N&EMPF from every club, therefore it is proposed that three pick-up points will be selected, Grimsby or Cleethorpes, Lincoln and somewhere down South.

All present confirmed the meetings to continue on a Friday. The date should be at the beginning of the month because of getting things for the Folio.

**Date of next Delegates Meeting 12th November 2021**

**The meeting closed at 19:34**