



Lincolnshire Photographic Association

Minutes of Delegates' Meeting. Friday 12 November 2021

Meeting opened 6.45 p.m.

Clubs represented:

Axholme Cleethorpes Deepings Lincoln Louth Pinchbeck RBCC Sleaford Boston NELPS
Grimsby Spalding

Apologies for absence – Club:

Scunthorpe Phoenix

Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted

Matters arising from minutes

None raised

President's report:

R.A reported that things were keeping going well with clubs continuing to offer their Zoom meetings to others across the L.P.A. His main point was to establish how clubs were functioning in terms of numbers and style of meetings.

Clubs reporting back

Axholme – face-to-face meetings since September with some group Zoom meetings

Lincoln – online only but experiencing poor response.

R.B.C.C. – meeting at village hall 21 members with an average attendance of 10

Deepings – doing well. Meeting at hall and via Zoom 43 members with an average of 24

Spalding – Been meeting since 1 Sept (11 meetings to date). Struggling a little (averaging eight and determined to carry on).

Cleethorpes – using hybrid meetings. 80 -90 members.

Boston – rotating meetings through members' houses.

Grimsby – face-to-face (averaging 15-20) most weeks, but using Zoom when other organisations heavily use the building.

Sleaford – returning to face-to-face meetings in January

N.E.L.P.S - re-opened for face-to-face meetings on 1 September. Membership of 30, and since re-opening averaging around 15 members. Some new members. Kept competitions going throughout lockdown - 2 competitions since re-opening. Initial concern about our future; however, position now is very secure and for the foreseeable future.

Pinchbeck – membership split 50-50 between watching Zoom presentations at the venue and at home. Membership 32; average attendance 16.

Secretary's report:

R.A. continues to fill in the role of secretary.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer reported that there had been no change since the previous meeting.

Cash in hand was the same as last time — bank account in the black to the tune of £14,582.33.

S.H. informed delegates that the cost of hiring Nettleham Village Hall is now £10 per hour.

It was noted that the LPA could function a further year without requesting fees from clubs.

Directory Secretary:

R.A. reported that the website was up to date and progressing well.

The main issue was over tracking down judges and lecturers as to who is available through Zoom or in person. His request for information had met with a poor response, with only about a third confirming.

Judges & Lecturers' Secretary:

J.M. reported on little change, the good thing being that we appear to have 'lost' no one.

He reported briefly on the efforts being made by N&EMPF to introduce a judges' seminar – quite possibly at Mansfield. Delegates noted the difficulty of attending an event so far away from many LPA clubs.

There was a suggestion that N&EMPF produce a video to stimulate clubs and club members interest in judging. There was a need to explain more about what N&EMPF does.

Webmaster:

M.B. reported that the website continued to run well and was being updated when necessary. The passwords remain as before.

J.M. observed that though the website lacked a little dynamism, it was extremely functional. Delegates agreed that it does what is required.

N&EMPF:

J.M. reported on a proposed supplementary list of judges with judges having to 'pass' before being placed on the full list. For exhibitions, David Gibbons wanted every club to have at least one print on display. Each club could put in its own speciality in non-competitive exhibitions. In the last competition it seemed the judges did not favour landscapes and for sports images, there seemed to be a need for a ball!

N&EMPF are in desperate need of new blood and are happy to co-opt short term or use non-committee personnel to increase expertise. They want to improve attendance at the A.G.M by providing delegates with early paperwork, so they arrive conversant with what is to be discussed. The onus would be on chairs of sub-committees to get this information out.

With exhibitions/competitions at Patchings and/or Mansfield, these favour clubs to the west and south-west of the federation, which leave L.P.A. clubs at a disadvantage.

J.M. asked the federation to survey clubs and seemed to have volunteered himself to organise the questionnaire to see how the federation could be more accessible to all. N&EMPF argues that sites for talks/exhibitions etc. relate to demographics which outweigh geographics – that is where there is the greatest concentration of clubs!

J.M. floated the idea (already debated by delegates) that the L.P.A. has the option to look to form its own federation and all that might entail!

AV Group:

B.G. reported that the group was functioning well and had been holding meetings since March. They had taken on something of a social gathering and were always happy to welcome new members.

Monochrome Group:

Fifteen meetings held so far, with two more to complete this year's programme. Next year's programme is fixed, and the group will start again in February 2022. M.M. advised delegates to check website for updates etc.

LPA Competitions 2022

Discussion centred on a winter PDI competition at Nettleham – suggested Sunday 30 January with entries in on 16th.

R.A. agreed, with help, to produce a list of all forthcoming competitions.

Horncastle & District Photographic Society donation.

Clubs to be informed that the fund exists to advance their development. Discussion centred on the best way to present this, and it was agreed that for clubs who were financially well off, this might be something that they would stand back from initially to allow clubs in a weaker situation to take priority. Some clubs might welcome the funding to help them continue for another year or two rather than provide equipment etc. A variety of ideas were discussed. J.M. proposed that the LPA might consider purchasing 60-80 frames for holding exhibitions. These would be better in metric rather than imperial measurements.

R.A. agreed that there should be a proforma laying out the procedure to allow clubs to bid.

Averaged out the amount that could be allocated to all clubs would be in the region of £600.

Any other business at the discretion of the President:

A brief discussion ensued about a suitable venue for an exhibition. One venue suggested was the North Sea Observatory at Chapel Point, Chapel St. Leonards – a good place for a summer exhibition?

Date for next meeting:

Friday 11 Feb 6.30 for 6.45 p.m. start. Likely to be via Zoom.

Meeting closed:

7.50 p.m.

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