



Lincolnshire Photographic Association

Minutes of the Delegates' Meeting

Via Zoom. Friday 20th May 2022.

Permission was obtained from those present to be recorded.

Minutes: Trina Fitzalan-Howard, Lincoln Camera Club

Clubs attending:

Lincoln, Pinchbeck, Grimsby, Spalding, Axholme, NELPS, Dunholme, Barton, Sleaford, RB, Cleethorpes, Louth

1. Apologies for absence,

Skegness, Deepings

2. Minutes of 11th February 2022 meeting (already circulated).

The Minutes of the AGM held on 11th February 2022 were circulated.

Acceptance of the minutes.

Proposed: Mike Martindale

Seconded: Colin Lusby

3. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered in the agenda.

None

4. President's report. Ron Abbott

Delivered as part of the LPA AGM held before the Delegates' Meeting

5. Secretaries' reports.

Ron Abbott, Steve Percival, Bob Fish (delivered as part of the LPA AGM held before the Delegates' Meeting).

6. Treasurer's report

Steve Haw gave the following report:

LPA account at the start of the (2021) year	£2134.73
Donations (Horncastle)	£12,447.60
Cash In Hand	£550.55
Mono Group Cash In Hand	£572.51
No income recorded	-
Expense: Public Liability Insurance	£68.80
Expense: Stamps	£12.08
Expense: Horncastle distributions	£6255.32
In the LPA bank account	£8,327.01
Cash In Hand	£469.65
Mono Group Cash In Hand	£542.04
Expense: Mono club event losses	£30.47
LPA and Mono Group Assets (2022)	£9,338.70
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A discussion followed regarding the necessity to engage an auditor.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT an auditor should be engaged.

(As part of item 16) Subscriptions

The current Treasurer, Martyn Wrigg, was asked to make suggestions on the subscriptions made on club membership to the LPA. This will be advised at the next meeting.

7. Directory Secretary. Ron Abbott

Delivered as part of AGM

8. Judges & Lecturers Secretary. Jorj Malinowski

It was confirmed that there were 15 judges and 19 lecturers within the LPA. It was noted that the LPA is always looking to expand these numbers.

9. Webmaster Mike Bennett, Paul Bilborough

Paul Bilborough advised that Mike Bennett sent his apologies. There was discussion about the transfer of direct access to enable quicker updates. This is to be resolved between officers.

10. N&EMPF Jorj Malinowski

Day of Photography – it was noted the venue had technical issues on the day and the catering was not up to standard expected. The event itself was successful and it was noted that there was a large attendance from Lincolnshire clubs. The event organiser has noted the problems encountered and the same venue is unlikely to be used in the future.

N&EMPF – the LPA is not recognised by N&EMPF. Clubs wishing to benefit from N&EMPF facilities must join individually. In such a case, clubs that are members of both LPA and N&EMPF they pay subscriptions to both. It has been proposed that the LPA should move to becoming an autonomous association within the PAGB. If this was to happen clubs would pay only one set of subscriptions and still have access to N&EMPF judges and lecturers etc along with PAGB accreditation. Before formal application is made to the PAGB the LPA must show it is a strong organisation with a good structure. Under the present circumstances where it is difficult to find a secretary, for example, it would be unwise to make this move at this time. The LPA must strengthen its position and show that it is capable of standing alone as an association within the PAGB. It was agreed that this issue may be addressed in the future but it was felt that, given the last two years (Covid) a state of normality should be established first.

11. AV Group. Brian Gromett

Meet ups held every month and overall is a strong and positive experience.

12. Monochrome Group. Mike Martindale

Meetings held in person and with excellent speakers. The issue of coordinating speakers remain.

13. Print Battles 2022. Paul Bilborough

Ongoing rounds continue as planned. The Website is not firmed up yet (see item 9). At time of meeting the venue (final) had yet to be booked. Paul Bilborough to action.

14. Future competitions and events.

Ron Abbott is stepping down as organiser of PDI comps and passing over role to Jorj Malinowski. Jorj Malinowski would welcome any assistance if offered.

There followed discussion around the Portfolio circuit.

If it is to go ahead, the Day of Photography 2023 needs a named organiser and someone to find and manage speakers. Jorj Malinowski said it would be a good idea to hold the event and was willing to participate in finding suitable venues, as well as running the event however he would need assistance in finding speakers. Mike Martindale offered to assist. To be reviewed in the next meeting.

The possibility of an LPA exhibition was discussed.

16. Horncastle & District Photographic Society donation future distribution.

Information had been passed to Martyn Wrigg. £600 donations had been used for equipment, lights, mini studio, print boxes, Zoom camera and set aside as contingency. All clubs present receiving funds expressed their thanks.

Discussion followed about a further distribution of funds. An LPA exhibition was popular. Clubs were asked to consider where an exhibition could be held. For further consideration.

LPA frames: Lincoln has undertaken to refurbish the LPA frames to more common sizes as part of its charity outreach. These frames are available for hire via the LPA who store them. A grant from Horncastle was not required.

Further distributions of Horncastle donations to be considered on a merit basis.

Denis Pegram suggested some funds be ringfenced and reserved as financial assistance to clubs in need. No sum was discussed. To be updated in the next meeting.

17. Any other business at the discretion of the President.

Discussions around subscriptions made by clubs to the LPA were passed to the Treasurer to consider.

Ron Abbott was warmly thanked for his service and his continuing roles in the LPA.

18. Date of next meeting:

12th August 2022 via Zoom 6.30pm for 6.45pm start