



Lincolnshire Photographic Association

Minutes of Delegates Meeting via Zoom Friday 18th November 2022

Minutes: Gail Wrigg, LPA Secretary

Meeting opened at 6.45pm

Clubs attending

Sleaford, Axholme, Deepings, Dunholme, Pinchbeck, Barton, Grantham, Lincoln, Grimsby, Cleethorpes, NELPS, RBCC, Louth, Scunthorpe.

1. Apologises for absence. Skegness, Spalding (Late notification)
2. Minutes of 12th August 2022 (already circulated)
Proposed - Martyn Wrigg
Seconded - Colin Lusby
3. Matters arising from previous meeting not covered in Agenda
None.

4. **President's Report Jorj Malinowski**

We still do not have a Vice President, it is still more than a year before I pass on the role. We really do need somebody to step in. Please ask around. If anyone is prepared to take it on please let me know. We do have a Treasurer and a Secretary, thank you very much. But we do have to know who is coming up in the future. If we don't have anyone to take over, the LPA will fold. Sleaford no longer exists as there was nobody to take over which is very sad. Sleaford has quite a good membership.

We have had two very good competitions, with strong entries, and attendance was very good. Thanks to everyone who turned up. Support is very good for competitions. It is also nice for people to meet up again after such a long time.

5. **Treasurer's Report Martyn Wrigg**

Martyn Wrigg reported that he and Jorj M are now both signatories to the LPA bank account, which improves convenience no end.

The funds currently available are:-

In Bank	8327.01
Cash in hand	<u>495.49</u>
Total	8822.50

The last two competitions were both successful events, and we more or less broke even on each.

6. **Secretary's Report Gail Wrigg**

The contacts database should now be up to date. Can everyone please check their club directory to make sure the contact information is correct. If it needs amending, let me know and I will amend my records and pass it on to Ron Abbott to alter on the website.

7. Directory Secretary Ron Abbott

I have the same problem, if people do not let me know of changes I cannot update the website. In Jan I will do a whole update of club directories, and in Feb I will do an update for Judges and Lecturers.

8. Judges and Lecturers Jorj Malinowski

We have Gail as a judge, up to now she has had only one booking. I know that some clubs plan their programmes well in advance. Please give her a try if you have a spare space. Also we have Martyn, who also is a novice judge.

In total we have 17 Lecturers with a total of 50 lectures, please utilise them. Any new lectures please let me know and I will get them on the list.

Colin Lusby stated that as from the end of the year the PAGB book will be online only. All the PAGB N&EMPF judges and lecturers will be accessed online with an account. N&EMPF are to bring out a new system of judges categories with mentoring and assessments. Information on this will be passed on.

9. NELPS Grant Application

Colin Lusby stated that members have left after covid. Programme commitments for 2022 had to be met. Increase in fuel costs meant more money was needed for Judges and going forward there would probably be an increase in room hire rental. Help was need for next years expenses. Membership fees and weekly fees are to be increased.

Martyn W stated he had no objection to this request and urged all delegates to vote in favour.

Jorj M also approved the grant.

Unanimous vote for £600 grant to be made . Cheque to be given to Colin Lusby on 27th November at Nettleham.

Paul Bilbrough/Sleaford

Sleaford has now closed. Nobody was willing to stand on the committee. Our chairman who is 82 has had to stand down due to ill health. We have had vacancies for the past year. We have given back the £600 grant we received back to the LPA Treasurer. We had 24 members.

Jorj M said if there are any members who want to join other clubs they will be very welcome. He also said that it is a sad situation and it is also sad for the LPA as it brings our members clubs down to 19 from 20.

10. Webmaster Mike Bennett/Paul Bilbrough

Mike Bennett sends his apologies for not attending. Paul B is keeping the Print Battles area updated. No messages re website from Mike Bennett.

11. N&EMPF Jorj Malinowski

Nothing to report . The next meeting is on 3rd December. Any new information will be passed on.

12. AV Group Ron Abbott

Meetings are still going ahead on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We are keeping it ticking over, but could do with more members. We are confident we will deliver a good competition next year.

13. Monochrome Group Mike Martindale

We have been hit by attendance figures . There will be no more physical meetings until February. I am working on the programme and I will let everyone know when it is finalised.

14. Print Battles/Paul Bilbrough

Paul B has agreed to continue running the Print Battles and thanked Gail and Martyn for helping with the final. The closure of Sleaford means that there are 14 clubs in next years print Battles. This means that Louth and Deepings will be required to host twice. Following a discussion , it was suggested that the cost of a second hosting should be shared between the two clubs. The two clubs present agreed to this. The final to be held on 15th October and will be confirmed with Nettleham Village Hall.

Jorj M thanked Paul for all his work in organising the Print battles.

15. **POTY Steve Haw /Tony Houlden**

The final is on 27th November. Tony H to send update to Gail to circulate. There are 21 colour and 12 mono entries. Mary and Bob Fish volunteered to sort out the refreshments on the day. Gail and Martyn W to do the door and the raffle.

16. **Individual PDI Jorj Malinowski**

It is usually quite popular with a large amount of entries. The final will be on 29th January. To confirm with Steve H that the hall is available for that day. A discussion was held to the use and purchase of a microphone for competitions, this will be looked into.

17. **AV Competition Alan Tyrer**

The date for the competition is 26th February and closing date for entries is 4th February. A judge has been booked and this particular judge is very supportive of beginners. We would like every club to enter if possible. The day will be good and entertaining.

18. **Fosters Colour Challenge Ron Abbott**

The rules have been rewritten. Print and mount sizes are no larger than 20 x 16 inches and no smaller than 50 x 40 cm. We are to scrap the two year rule for images. Competition is free. The trophy which was returned to Ron Abbott will have Axholme's win engraved along with this years winner.

19. **Day of Photography Jorj Malinowski**

It will be held on 4th June 2023. We need to look at available lecturers . Gail and Tracy have volunteered to help look at this and find out the costs and availability. The maximum number of people we can accommodate at Nettleham is 120. Ticket prices will be £15.00. The treasurer to confirm the budget. Alan T said he could get a good AV Speaker. Jorj M said we really need speakers on Nature and perhaps Photojournalism. Lunch will be provided for Speakers. Attendees will bring their own lunch but will be provided with tea/coffee. We need ideally speakers to give 1 ½ hour talks . To discuss further at the next meeting.

20. **LPA Print Exhibition Jorj Malinowski**

Can we have a certain number of prints from each club. That would promote clubs and bring in new membership. Martyn W Do we need to have a travelling exhibition to cover the whole area. Jorj M There is the Usher Gallery in Lincoln doing exhibitions again. I will ask them about fees. There then followed a discussion as to the feasibility of it. Jorj M If we made it a travelling exhibition we would have to look at venues and capacity. If we go to the gallery in Sleaford the capacity is approx 60 images. It could be tailored to the local area. Galleries at Chapel St Leonards and Louth may be available. No decision to be made at this stage, any further ideas put them forward.

Jo H Asked if frames have be redone. Jorj M said frames were now 50@ 50x40 cm and 50@ 20x16 inches.

21. **Portfolio Jo Humberstone**

We have 7 clubs willing to enter, really we need 12 clubs. Entries to be 3 colour and 3 mono per club member. It is hoped we will start collecting prints at the end of 2023 to run it in 2024.

Any other business

Colin Lusby asked a query under Item 8 of the last minutes. He asked about the Judges and Lecturers Seminar which was discussed previously. Jorj M We could have one in the spring, possibly April. Jorj M Already does a talk "competitions why bother" as does Colin Lusby. Jorj M and Colin L to organise this. Jorj M We do need judges from our area rather than getting them from further afield.

Date of Next Meeting 24th February 2023