



Lincolnshire Photographic Association

Minutes of Delegates Meeting 14th August 2023

Minutes Gail Wrigg LPA Secretary

Clubs attending:- Lincoln, Barton, Cleethorpes, RBCC, Skegness, Grantham, Spalding, Grimsby, NELPS, Louth, Pinchbeck, Sutton & Trusthorpe, Deepings

1. Apologies for absence from Dunholme, Axholme
2. Minutes of meeting 15th May (already circulated). Minutes proposed by Mike Martindale, seconded by Tony Taylor.
3. Matters arising from the previous meeting. Bruce Hayes brought up the subject of the NEMPF minutes. Jorj agreed to raise this at the next NEMPF meeting. Ron Abbott stated that one of the names on his report was incorrect. This has now been rectified.
4. President's Report Jorj Malinowski.
"Most of my report will be covered in tonight's agenda. Since the last meeting in May, a lot has happened. We have had various competitions and the Day of Photography. These will be mentioned in the agenda. The attendance at the competitions was very good, thank you to all who attended. The Day of Photography also worked out very well, so again thanks a lot. A special thanks to RB notably Bob and Steve for helping out as well, without RB we couldn't run any of the events. We still don't have a Vice President, that will be discussed in AOB"
5. Secretary's Report Gail Wrigg
"Can I please ask delegates to give as much notice as possible of events and exhibitions. In some instances, I am only getting a few days' notice, this is not enough to circulate to clubs and for LPA members to fit into their diaries. Can I also ask all delegates to please read the minutes of the meeting when they receive them, then any discrepancies can be

sorted out quickly. It is all too easy to put the minutes to one side to look at later and then forget them until the next delegates meeting”

6. Treasurer’s Report Martyn Wrigg

“As at today’s date, the bank account holds £8095.08, with cash in hand of £614.01, giving a grand total of £8709.09.

All clubs have now paid their membership levy, raising a total of £473, which provides a good cushion against any competition losses.

The annual public liability insurance premium has been paid, and the fees for the hire of Nettleham Village Hall have been paid up to and including the Mono Group meeting in September.

The Day of Photography proved to be a success, generating a small profit of just under £20. 15 of the 17 LPA clubs had members who attended, but overall, the ticket sales were rather disappointing, with fewer than 12.5% of the membership attending, being mainly the loyal and enthusiastic group who attend most events.

It would be nice if we could gather more support from the other 85.5% plus who seem reluctant to participate in events which are organized for their benefit”

7. Judges and Lecturers Report Jorj Malinowski.

The LPA has a new judge, Steve Chapman. He has judged twice so far, at Lincoln and Grimsby. Jorj asked the clubs to try and make use of him, as he obviously needs a lot more experience. The LPA is always on the lookout for new judges. There are no new lecturers, but we do have a healthy number of lecturers on the web site. Please refer to the list on the web site.

Colin Lusby explained he cannot organise the Judges Training Day due to other commitments. Jorj said we should be able to get something sorted out next spring. Colin Lusby said he was happy to help out but could not organise it.

Jorj mentioned that the next meeting of NEMPF executive is on 2nd September. He will look into the minutes being made available. A NEMPF exhibition sub committee meeting was held regarding this coming year’s NEMPF exhibition.

It was agreed that the charge for entry will remain at £1.25, and the collection of entries will be at the Print Battle Final. After the exhibition, Lincolnshire prints will be given priority for another exhibition at Lincoln Library. All the Lincolnshire Prints will be exhibited, and any extra space will be given over to other clubs. Jorj said that this was important as it gets the LPA noticed.

8. Payment for use of equipment was held over from the last meeting. Jorj Malinowski.

Jorj spoke to Steve Haw, and he was in agreement that it could be done on a donation basis. Most competition organisers don't charge for the use of equipment. If needed, a donation request could be made to the Treasurer, who would have the final say over whether a payment is made. This was discussed at length at the last meeting. Jorj asked for a vote by the delegates to agree that it would be a donation rather than a formal agreement. The vote was unanimously approved.

9. Day of Photography Jorj Malinowski

The Day of Photography was considered a success. There were considerable difficulties in organising the event, working out a budget, identifying and arranging speakers, and the number of tickets which should be made available. It was originally thought that we could accommodate 120, but it would have been too crowded and uncomfortable. In reality about 70 people attended the event, and Jorj expressed the view that the maximum should be 80. The treasurer expressed the view that 100 should be the maximum. Ticket sales were lower than anticipated but fortunately, the raffle was the most successful ever, raising over £180. It was agreed that it would be better to hold it in the Spring when people were less busy. At one point Jorj had made tickets available to NEMPF clubs, but met with no response, and is going to raise this at the next NEMPF executive meeting. It is hoped that the next Day of Photography will be in the spring of 2025. The delegates agreed that we should ask clubs what subjects they would like to see, and it was agreed that the Secretary would arrange a survey to send out to clubs for further feedback.

10. Competition Review Gail Wrigg

All the dates for next year's competitions have been approved. Competition Organisers need to inform the Secretary as to which judge they intend to invite. No judges are to be booked without reference to the Secretary, who has a list of recently used judges. The Secretary will not approve judges that have judged for us within the last two years, and this will be strictly adhered to.

The Secretary also proposed a new competition. It will be an Individual Print Competition. The subject is open, and images must not have been in any other LPA competitions in any form. This is to encourage members to submit original work showcasing their talent. It would be on 19th May 2024, and a judge has already been invited to judge it. A discussion was then held with all delegates expressing the feeling that this was indeed an excellent idea. A vote was held on the proposal, it was agreed unanimously. The Secretary then asked Paul Bilbrough if he could alter a date on the website for this years Interclub PDI competition as she has had problems contacting Mike Bennet. Paul altered the date there and then.

11. Print Battles Paul Bilbrough

There have been some excellent quality prints this year, and there will be 4 clubs in the final. Deepings and Grimsby, who got 15 points each, and Pinchbeck and Louth, who got 13 points each. All the final scores are on the website. Paul Bilbrough then asked clubs to let him know if they want to join in with next year's battle. Various delegates put their clubs in. The Secretary to send out an email to ask all clubs requested by Paul. The final will be on 15th October 2023.

12. Categories in Competitions (previously raised by Colin Lusby at the last delegates meeting) Jorj Malinowski.

Jorj expressed the view (which he stated to be his personal view) that he did not think any restrictions should be imposed on categories in interclub competitions. This was discussed at great length at the last delegates meeting. Colin Lusby apologised for naming Axholme saying it was not just his view but the view of the NELPS committee and their club. A further discussion was had as to what restrictions could be imposed. It was decided that a guidance/recommendation note be put on for all clubs participating in interclub competitions to persuade clubs to put in a variety of subjects.

13. A.O.B

Jorj "We still do not have anyone for Vice president. Gail would be happy to take over the Presidents role if someone could take over the Secretary role. Please ask around your clubs if anyone is willing to take over the Secretary's role, and please let Gail or myself know. Hopefully someone will be willing to take on the task of Secretary"

Jorj asked Ron if everything was ok with the Directory. Ron said that he had not had to update it for a while. The only update was for the new judge.

Jorj asked Mike about the Mono group. Mike said that in October they have a very good speaker coming to them. Jorj asked Mike to let Gail know, and she will circulate it to all clubs.

Jorj asked Ron/Alan about the AV group. Ron said that meetings were continuing on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Website – Jorj asked if anyone had any further details about Mike Bennet. He has been ill and he has had family problems. Jorj said he would try and speak with him, but asked the Secretary to liaise with Paul Bilbrough as to what needs changing on the website until Mike is feeling better.

The next delegates meeting will be on Monday 13th November.

