



Lincolnshire Photographic Association

Minutes of Delegates Meeting Via Zoom Monday 15th May 2023

Minutes:- Gail Wrigg LPA Secretary

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

1. Apologies for absence from Skegness, Mike Bennett, Grahame Dunkin
2. Minutes of meeting 20th February 2023 (already circulated). Minutes proposed by Ron Abbott, seconded by Martyn Wrigg
3. Matters arising from the previous meeting None
4. President's Report Jorj Malinowski
Nothing else to say
5. Secretary's Report Gail Wrigg
Nothing else to say
6. Treasurer's Report Martyn Wrigg

Regarding the £25 payment for use of laptops/projectors. I can find no minute which makes reference to this practice, but I cannot see any justification for its continuation. As soon as we agree to make a payment of any kind for hire of equipment, we are entering into a formal hire contract, which imposes on the LPA an obligation to provide short term insurance for the items in question. Having looked into the requirements each of those would require a new contract of short term insurance, probably for 48 or 72 hours as a minimum, resulting in a premium of about £20, together with an admin charge of £25. For six competitions that would mean additional costs of £270 for one item each time, or £540 if we have to pay for both laptop and projector. This surely is an unreasonable burden to impose on the LPA, and I would recommend that it should cease. If someone brings their own personal laptop, I would expect it to be covered by their domestic insurance and projectors (which are not usually privately owned) would be covered by a club's own equipment cover.

This matter was discussed by the delegates attending.

It was suggested that the payment should be a donation from the LPA to organisers and not a set payment and that organisers could agree or not to accept it. The treasurer confirmed that the LPA does not have any insurance cover for equipment as the LPA doesn't own any.

The President Jorj Malinowski asked Bob Tomlinson to confer with Steve Haw from RB as to use of their equipment for competition events and to come back to the next meeting with their answer.

It was also suggested by Jill Guest that Bob and Steve get into events at Nettleham free of charge as they are setting up the equipment, sometimes they are required to be there all day. This was agreed by the Treasurer Martyn Wrigg.

After further discussion it was agreed that the matter will be discussed again at the next delegates meeting.

7. Directory Report Ron Abbott

It all works very well, whenever you are trying to get in touch with anybody always go to the website. All the details have been downloaded. We have got 16 clubs on there, as clubs who are no longer with us have been taken off. If anybody has any changes please keep me updated. The system seems to be working well.

8. Judges and Lecturers Report Jorj Malinowski

We have a new judge Steve Chapman. He is a brand new judge. If he comes to you please be aware he is new. The new judges do require a little sympathy and encouragement because you can't expect them to be perfect. It takes time and experience. I do have the prospect of a new lecturer which will be put on the website. We are doing quite well with our judges and lecturers. It is better than trying to get people who are 100's of miles away. Hopefully I will be able to recruit new people as we go along.

Colin Lusby asked if we have any further information regarding a Judges seminar. Jorj Malinowski asked Colin Lusby if he would organise one as he is tied up with sorting out the Day of Photography. Colin Lusby agreed and he will liaise with him.

9. N&EMPF update Jorj Malinowski

I have nothing to report, the next meeting will be in September.

Bruce Hayes from Spalding asked about the AGM minutes for N&EMPF, as he had not received them. Jorj stated that they should have been sent out but he will look into it.

10. Day of Photography Jorj Malinowski

We have done quite a lot of work on this, you should have all received a poster. Since the poster was done I have received the titles of the talks so I will have an update poster soon to send out. The three speakers are very good and we have a good deal as Ann and Will will be traveling together so will have only one set of travel expenses for them. Will Cheung has offered to provide a number of high quality raffle prizes for the event. Please look at the websites they have given on the poster. All three speakers will be bringing prints for everyone to look at. We have a very large projector screen on the stage. The hall has their own sound system that we can use. We need to have a full house and sell all the tickets otherwise it may be the last Day of Photography that the LPA will put on. Please buy tickets as they are limited. We will have normal coffee breaks and lunch will be between 12.00 and 1.00. We have to be prompt because we have to start the afternoon session at 1.00pm.

11 AV Group Ron Abbott

I am always the spokesperson for this, but I have a very minor role in the AV Group. Dave Johnson takes over the running of it, and he mostly manages who's doing what and when. Brian Grommet is still working very hard behind the scenes giving us new technology and every update to go with it. Alan organises the competitions, and we still meet on the third Saturday of every month.

12. Monochrome Group Mike Martindale

We have had two speakers and a members' day last time and that was quite well attended. We haven't got a meeting in July because of the Day of Photography event, but we have got a meeting in August which is going to be a Zoom meeting with Lee Preston. It will be a Zoom meeting in the hall, so we will still be having a normal day.

13. Print Battle Paul Bilborough

Nothing to report as yet, we are waiting for the competitions to start. All entries are in.

Future Competitions and Organisers and Dates

All dates are to be confirmed with Nettleham Village Hall.

Individual PDI

Jorj agreed to run it again. It had a massive entry. It was discussed among the delegates how to reduce the entries to a more manageable number. It was suggested by Ron Abbott that it could be 2 images per member which can be 2 creative 2 open or 1 of each. It was agreed by all that this would work much better. Jorj is going to alter the rules on the website.

Competition date 21st January 2024

AV Competition

Alan Tyrer agreed to run it. It needs to be promoted more as it doesn't have a good attendance. It is usually a successful event. Gail will liaise with organiser about promoting the event. She suggested that we might advertise similar to the Cannes Film Festival, after all it is a competition for short films. It could be Lincolnshire's Film festival. Further discussion re promoting this competition will be done nearer the date.

Competition date 25th February 2024

Portfolio - Jo Humberstone reported that there was no interest from clubs and it was on hold for the moment.

Foster's Colour Challenge

This will be run again by Ron Abbott. It was very successful this year. We had a good strong scoring system thanks to Dennis Pegram.

Competition date 14th April 2024

Interclub PDI

This will be run again by Jorj Malinowski

Competition date 24th November 2024

Print Battle Final will be on 13th October 2024

POTY

Steve happy to run it again.

Competition date 10th November 2024

All dates to be confirmed with Steve Haw to see if the hall is free. Dates will be confirmed at the next delegates meeting.

It was commented by some of the delegates that we had the same judge for 2 competitions close together this year.

It was decided that the same judge would not be booked more than once every three years. The LPA Secretary Gail Wrigg will keep a list of all judges and make sure this is adhered to. Competition organisers to tell Gail as soon as they are thinking about booking a judge so she can check the list.

AOB

As discussed earlier RB set-up people will get a free entry to all events and the Day of Photography.

Colin Lusby wanted to raise a concern

It's not meant as a criticism to anybody it is just a few thoughts and it's regarding the interclub competitions, be it the PDI, Battles and the Foster's. What I am concerned about is that these are interclub competitions and they should reflect the type of work that is going on within the clubs. I am finding that unfortunately because of family commitments I can't always get at weekends, that's one of the reasons I haven't volunteered for competitions this evening. One of the things I have noticed is there is a large number of Natural History. There are very good Natural History entries in the interclub competitions. In fact if I remember rightly the winners of this year's Foster's, they were all exceptional prints but they were all Natural History and I think the Battles were all Natural History as well. I don't think we are doing a service to photographers by allowing this to sort of perpetuate and I am thinking it is time to change. N&EMPF have certainly said that in their interclub competitions there is a minimum of 5 mono images, 5 colour images and a maximum of either 3 or 4 Natural History images. The same goes for the PAGB and I think it's about time that in the Inter club competitions that we ought to consider having something similar within the LPA inter club competitions because it is a reflection of club photography.

Jorj said that he did not want to put any restrictions on member entries.

An in depth discussion was held by the delegates and views were taken from everyone.

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next delegates meeting for further discussion.

No other business.

Next delegates meeting 14th August.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm

