



Lincolnshire Photographic Association

Minutes of Delegates Meeting 13th November 2023

Minutes Gail Wrigg LPA Secretary

Clubs attending:- Lincoln, Barton, Pinchbeck, NELPS, Grimsby, Dunholme, Deepings, Cleethorpes, Spalding, RB foto, Skegness, Axholme

1. Apologies for absence from Sutton and Trusthorpe, and Grantham
2. Minutes of meeting 14th August (already circulated). Minutes proposed by Tony Houlden, seconded by Bruce Hayes
3. Matters arising from the previous meeting. None
4. President's Report Jorj Malinowski
We have had two competitions recently, the Print Battle Final which was poorly attended, and then the Interclub PDI competition which was very well attended with 11 clubs. Clubs seem to only turn up if they have entered a competition, which is a shame. Hopefully we will get better attendance with the POTY competition.
5. Secretary's Report Gail Wrigg
Nothing much to report, everything has been running smoothly. Just a reminder to competition organisers to book their judges for next year.
6. Treasurer's Report Martyn Wrigg
We currently have a balance of £7986.08 in the bank and £720.43 in cash which gives a total of £8706.51. The LPA funds are continuing to look very healthy. The Print Battle final had only 26 attending and we made a

loss of £70. The Interclub PDI had 58 attendees and we made a profit of just under £90. Hopefully we shall do well in the POTY Competition.

7. Judges and Lecturers Report Jorj Malinowski

Our stock of judges in the LPA is depleting. I am hoping we will get new judges. We have not got any new lecturers, but we have increased the repertoire. Gail and Martyn are to organise a seminar next year with the help of Jorj and Colin Lusby in a bid to increase the number of judges.

8. Election of Vice President Jorj Malinowski

It was a worrying concern that we didn't have a Vice President to take over the presidency in May. As of tonight, we have a Vice president, Gail Wrigg, and I am pleased that Tracy Burr has kindly offered to take on the role of Secretary with help from Gail. When you go back to your clubs please try and get your members more interested in the LPA; it is there for everyone.

9. N&EMPF update Jorj Malinowski

It was asked at the last N&EMPF meeting in September why the minutes were not being published. It was agreed that the minutes will be published or sent out to clubs. The exhibition entries have gone in, the prints that have not made the exhibition will be ready for clubs to pick up at the POTY competition. The prints that have been accepted after the N&EMP exhibition will then be put in an exhibition in Lincoln for approximately 3 weeks. The next executive meeting will be on the 9th December and I will report back in February at the next delegates meeting.

10. AV Group Ron Abbott

In reply to the request for an AV Competition and organisers. We received 4 to say would take part and 2 to say they wouldn't, nobody volunteered to help run it. We increased the number of entries to 3 per person, on the current entries this would mean 15 sequences and we set a target of 20 plus. With the lower attendance of the Saturday meetings there is not enough interest to pay for the hall and a judge and in all honesty, it would

not make a good day out. We have decided to cancel the competition in February, but will still meet and hope to bring it back in the future.

11. Monochrome Group Mike Martindale

We had Andrew Sanderson to give us a talk in October. He is a well-known dark room worker and he was very good. In December we are just going to have a members day. From January onwards we are booking speakers in person and on zoom. The entry is still £8.00 if we put the entry fee up we may discourage people from attending.

12. Print Battle Paul Bilbrough

Thanks to anyone who helped on the day of the final. We only had four clubs in the final and I believe that is why the attendance was low. It was discussed by the delegates that we need to have more than four clubs if at all possible in the final. Paul said that this year the scores were such that he would have had to put eight clubs in the final and that was too many. The format of the Print Battle was discussed at length with a suggestion that it be changed to include pdi's as well as prints. It was agreed to keep it as it is for next years competition and look again at a future time.

13. Website Jorj Malinowski

We have a problem at the moment keeping the website up to date. Mike Bennett did say he was going to attend this delegates meeting, but unfortunately he hasn't been able to. Paul is doing his best to keep it updated and is working to get rid of anything that doesn't need to be on there. Gail has offered to liaise with Paul as to what amendments need to be put on. Jorj asked delegates to please inform all members that the website is there for everyone.

14. AOB

Gail and Jorj mentioned that Scunthorpe had won the Interclub competition and failed out of 30 members to send anyone to the event. It was embarrassing and disrespectful to the judge. Jorj said it is not a good attitude to enter and not send anyone to the competition. He further said that if a club wins a competition and has not sent anyone to it, then they

should forfeit the prize and it should go to the 2nd placed club. We had 3 clubs which tied for 2nd place and we could have had a tie breaker to decide an alternative winner. He has tried to contact Scunthorpe and has been unsuccessful in finding out why nobody attended. He is going to send another email to them. He said this is happening too often to club competitions and we may have to look again at the rules for the Interclub competitions.

The next delegates meeting will be on Monday 5th February 2024