

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 26th February 2014

Present: Jarek Grebenik (President), Tim Higham, Jorj Malinowski, David Neve, David Weaver, Lynne Grebenik, Audrey Stanley and Becky Strickson

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jon Fixter
2. **The minutes** from the previous meeting held on the 29th January 2014 were read and approved.
3. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:
 - a. Website/ Facebook / Twitter – David Weaver reported that the website is up to date. Jon Fixter was not present to report on the Facebook status. David Neve is still in the process of changing the Twitter account name.
 - b. Raffle – Lynne Grebenik reported that the raffle is continuing its success.
 - c. Membership – Tim Higham stated that there have been five new members since the last committee meeting.
 - d. Specialist / Educational groups – Jarek Grebenik will arrange a landscape group trip when daylight time increases. Jorj Malinowski expressed his concern that some members of the digital folio have not been present at the club for some time, therefore Jarek Grebenik will contact these members to see if they will be returning to the club in the near future. Despite this, the folio still continues its successful circulation.
 - e. Microphone – Jon Fixter not present.
 - f. Print Display Lighting – Now that the stand has been on display at the club, Jorj Malinowski will look into different lighting and methods of storing the print stand.
 - g. Winter Exhibition 2014 display stands – Jon Fixter not present.
 - h. Sales of merchandise – More mounts have been sold this month and club member Tim Scott has sold the remaining club calendars for 2014.
 - i. Local Charity Calendar 2015 – Tim Higham has contacted STRUT and the NOMAD trust and is waiting for a reply from both charities.
 - j. Posters – Jarek Grebenik is currently working on the club posters
 - k. Thorn Camera Club – Thorn Camera Club have accepted David Neve's invitation for them to join us on our cathedral tour evening. The committee has decided to offer Thorn eight tickets for the tower tour but Lincoln Camera Club will need confirmation on how many have been sold before May 2014. David Neve additionally needs to let Thorn know the deadline date for the cathedral tour payment.
4. **Club Coach Trip** – Lynne Grebenik and Jorj Malinowski are both researching different coach companies and their prices. At the next club meeting, Lynne Grebenik will announce that she plans to collect ideas and suggestions of places to go. David Neve will start to organise a trip to Whitby and will produce a rough itinerary for the day.

5. **Issues arising from Michael Hughes letter** – The committee established three main points that were raised in the letter and raised the following points:

- a. The withholding of judges and entrants names in competitions – In late 2012 there was a club vote on whether judges and authors should be anonymous in our internal competitions. A majority of the club voted in favour of this, so it came into place at the start of 2013.
- b. Introduction of guests – When a speaker / judge is booked to attend the club they are sent a form beforehand which contains a section for the speaker / judge to complete specifying how they would like to be introduced, e.g. specifying any distinctions or positions. What they put here is how they are introduced on their evening, we find that most simply prefer their name.
- c. Programme information – The committee have recently reworked the programme into a format which shows as much relevant information as possible. Unfortunately, there simply is no room to fit a longer description of each evening or speaker. The committee announces more detail on upcoming meetings / speakers at the club. It has been decided that photographic distinctions, positions and titles will be left off the programme as it may be damaging to those speakers without any. Also, as previously mentioned, there is no room to fit them on legibly.
- d. The committee also discussed using internal judges in competitions. This has been discussed before and the same points were raised. The committee decided that the internal competitions would try to use more external judges where possible, but will not rule out internal judging as we are one of the few clubs that allow and help new judges onto the judging circuit. The choice of judge remains with the internal competition secretary.
- e. Becky Strickson will write a reply to Michael Hughes following the committee's discussion.

6. **Officers' Reports:**

- a. General Secretary – Nothing to report.
- b. Social Secretary – Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer – Tim Higham confirmed that the club has raised over £190 from the Winter Auction held on 25th February 2014.
- d. Programme Secretary – It was decided that three judges will be chosen to spot judge images on the digital critique night held on 25th March 2014.
- e. Communication Officer – Jarek Grebenik collected further dates and events to add to the March 2014 newsletter.
 - i. Mail Chimp – Jarek Grebenik will set up a mail chimp account as a method of the club sending batch emails. Jarek Grebenik and David Neve will have access to this. David Weaver is to set up a new committee email address 'mail@lincolncameraclub.co.uk' for the communication officer so that the mail chimp account can be linked to this and not one of the other email addresses which are unsuitable.

- f. Internal Competition Secretary – At the next club meeting Lynne Grebenik will make the club aware that some prints have been damaged in recent competitions due to the tape used to mount images. Jorj Malinowski will make a 'preferred mounting method guide' for the handbook to help prevent this happening in future competitions.
 - g. External Competition Secretary – Jorj Malinowski reported that a majority of the entries for the upcoming NEMPF DPI competition are images from the previous internal competition archive. It will be made clear to the club (via the handbook and on competition entry forms) that all internal entries will be entitled to be put into external competitions unless objected.
 - h. LPA Delegate – The photographers giving lectures at the LPA photography day in March has been changed since the previous meeting.
 - i. NEMPF Delegate – Jorj Malinowski will attend the Nempf AGM on 16th March 2014.
7. **Any Other Business:**
- a. Becky Strickson reported that the images for Port Lincoln Camera Club have been sent off.
 - b. Audrey Stanley sends her apologies for her absence for this year's AGM and for the May committee meeting. Becky Strickson will contact The Victoria Pub to hire their function room for the May committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:55