



## LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

### Annual General Meeting Minutes 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Held at Lincoln Cathedral Centre, 17 Minster Yard, Lincoln, LN2 1PX and starting at 19:40.

Present: David Neve (President), Karen Bassett, Jarek Grebenik, Lynne Grebenik, Tim Higham, Jorj Malinowski, Ann Paulger, Becky Strickson and David Weaver of the Executive Committee. There were 25 members present, excluding the Executive Committee.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Wood.
2. **The minutes** from the previous AGM held on the 27th May 2014 were circulated. Tim Higham, seconded by Lynne Grebenik, proposed they be approved. The proposal was passed.
3. **Matters arising from the previous minutes** – no matters arising.
4. **Election of scrutineers** – Tim Scott and Jarek Grebenik were elected.
5. **Election of auditor** – Tim Scott was proposed by Tim Higham and seconded by Jorj Malinowski. The proposal was accepted.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Tim Higham presented the club accounts. He explained the income and expenditures of the club and reported that the accounts were healthy and the club had made a profit.
  - i. **Auditor's comments** – Tim Scott supported that the accounts were in order. The only point raised was that Julian Hodge bank have not supplied any paper work / statements for the club account. Tim Higham will continue to resolve this as soon as possible.
  - ii. **Treasurer's Report - Acceptance proposal** - Jarek Grebenik, seconded by Ann Paulger proposed that Tim Higham's statement of accounts be proposed. The proposal was accepted.
  - iii. **Proposal for subscriptions** – Tim Higham proposed that the standard membership fee should remain at £20 with only students and joint members receiving a reduction in the cost. Jorj Malinowski seconded this and it was approved by the club.
7. **Trustees' Report** – Tim Higham read his report to the club. The report detailed the club's successful coach trip, member ship increase, exhibitions, and the continued support for St Barnabas and the club's plan to provide a bursary for two high performing photography students at Lincoln University. Some club member's raised issues with the bursary and the committee answered their queries (as follows):
  - *Why were the club members not informed of the proposed Bursary before the AGM?* The committee explained that due to the club's accounts being healthy and profitable that they all agreed it would be a good idea to give aid to aspiring photographers. By providing financial help for two students the club would be able to continue to fulfil its charity objective. The committee did not publically announce this to the club as they felt it would be a supported idea and would not



be controversial. Additionally, all the bursary developments have been provided in the committee meeting minutes (which are posted on the club’s notice board monthly). Club members raised the idea that updates to the bursary, can not only be mentioned in the minutes, but also on the monthly newsletter which is provided for the whole club.

- *Why is it that the money is going to University students as oppose to the general public?* The committee explained that the bursary is only just beginning and that the university would be a good place to start and monitor the idea. Using university students will make the selection process for the award much easier than using the general public, and will give encouragement to those who are just starting to learn photography. The committee announced that the £500 award money can only be spent at the Lincoln Branch of the ‘London Camera Exchange’ on an account that the club has set up with them therefore, the students don’t physically get the £500.
- *Does the club get to see the progress of the selected candidates?* The committee explained that those awarded with the bursary will be level 2 students and when they are into level 3 they will come into the club to show some of their images and to talk about: the bursary selection process, how and what they’ve spent the money on and how the money has affected their studies and general photography.

8. **General Secretary’s Report** – Becky Strickson read her report to the club. Tim Scott raised the point that Jon Fixter should be thanked for the arranging and running of the club’s winter exhibition.

9. **Election of officers** –There was a vote of acceptance for the Honorary Officers and the entire Executive Committee together. Each of the Honorary Officers were accepted and the Executive Committee was accepted.

Position	Present holders of post:	Nominees:
President:	David Neve	Lynne Grebenik
General Secretary:	Becky Strickson	Becky Strickson
Treasurer:	Tim Higham	Tim Higham
Executive Committee: (up to 8 members)	Karen Bassett Jarek Grebenik Lynne Grebenik Jorj Malinowski Ann Paulger Audrey Stanley David Weaver	Karen Bassett Jarek Grebenik Jorj Malinowski Ann Paulger Audrey Stanley David Weaver

Jarek Grebenik encouraged members to join the committee with the possibility to shadow job roles, help with the work load and to gain more experience and knowledge with the running of the camera club



- 10. The continuation of the club calendar** – Jarek Grebenik explained how the club bulk bought the 2015 calendars (as recommended by L.I.V.E.S.) but unfortunately the sales were not made resulting in the club making a loss. It was put forward to the club the question of whether they would like to continue to produce an annual calendar. Members raised the issue that the probable cause of the lack of calendar sales was due to the fact the calendar was made to fit a camera club photographic theme as oppose to a theme the general public would like to see. A majority of the club proposed that the annual calendar should continue but for internal club use / sales only and that, if the club did want to help a charity, then this should be done via another method. Club member's suggested that the theme of the calendar should be chosen by the club and that the writing boxes on the calendars should be made larger.

Meeting closed at 20:35.