

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 27th May 2015

Present: Lynne Grebenik, Jarek Grebenik, Jorj Malinowski, Ann Paulger, Audrey Stanley, Becky Strickson and David Weaver.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Karen Bassett and Tim Higham.
2. **The minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 29th April 2015, were read and approved. The minutes from the 2015 AGM (held on 19th May) were also read and approved. Audrey Stanley gave thanks to Becky Strickson for her work in doing all of the preparation needed for the AGM.
3. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:
 - a. Website & Twitter- David Weaver confirmed that he has changed all the officers' details on the website following the AGM. Jarek Grebenik reported that the clubs popularity has increased on Facebook.
 - b. Competition Images – Lynne Grebenik will send David Weaver the top six images from the last internal competition; she will continue to do this for the upcoming competitions unless any members object to their images being displayed.
 - c. Raffle – Even though the raffle still continues to make a profit, Lynne Grebenik expressed her concerns that less people seem to be buying tickets.
 - d. Membership – Ann Paulger has offered to take over the collection of memberships from Lynne Grebenik.
 - e. Specialist / Educational groups – Jorj Malinowski reported that the digital folio still continues its successful circulation and has expressed that he will most probably be running the print folio too starting in November 2015.
 - f. Print Display Lighting – David Weaver has confirmed that the lighting and lighting holder for the print display stand is under construction.
 - g. Equipment storage –Lynne Grebenik will speak to Tim Scott again regarding his storage at the Cathedral Centre.
 - h. Annual Summer Exhibition 2015– Tim Scott has started to collect entries for the exhibition. Jorj Malinowski will send a club wide email to remind members to enter their images into the exhibition and to make sure that their names are on the prints.
 - i. St Barnabas Exhibition – Jorj Malinowski reported that St Barnabas are having problems with their new frames and may revert back to their previous ones.
 - j. Sales of merchandise – Lynne Grebenik confirmed that the mounts still continue their successful sale although there has been no new interest shown in members wanting a club t-shirt. Ann Paulger suggested that option to buy a t-shirts can be advertised on the membership forms when members renew their membership.
 - k. Lincoln Camera Club Bursary – Tracey Means has invited Jarek Grebenik and guests to the students degree show on the 29th May. Following the degree show, Jarek expects that Tracey will then be able to provide a shortlist of names for the bursary

award.

- l. Updating the Charity Commission – Tim Higham has confirmed that he has now got a new password to enable him to log onto the Charity Commission website to file annual returns and change the trustee details.
 - m. Club Communications - Jorj Malinowski has expressed that he is happy to add new members' names and details on to the mailing list and that he will continue (alongside Karen Bassett) to send club wide emails.
 - n. 'The Lincoln Camera Club Memorial book' - Tim Higham not present.
 - o. Lincoln Camera Club 90th Anniversary – The committee would like to hold the anniversary celebrations will be on the 8th September 2015.
 - p. Club Coach Trip – At the previous club meeting (26th May) Lynne Grebenik announced the details for the club coach trip to Bolton Abbey held on the 8th August 2015.
4. **The photographing of club & committee members** – Jarek Grebenik has expressed that he thinks it would be a good idea to photograph the club members as a group and the committee members for record and publicity use. The best opportunity to photograph the whole club would be at the annual BBQ.
5. **Issues raised from the AGM:**
- a. Helping a charity – Club members have suggested that it would best to not help a charity through the sales of calendars but through other means. The committee discussed the most plausible ideas to do this, which would be: giving a charity prints that they can sell (just like what the club does for St Barnabas), a pass to a heritage centre to sell or some sort of sponsorship. This will be discussed further at future committee meetings.
 - b. The continuation of the club calendar – The club would like to continue with the annual calendar but the sales would only be made to club members only.
 - c. The calendar theme – At the previous club meeting (26th May) Lynne Grebenik handed out a list of calendar themes that the members chose at the AGM so that they can pick which theme they would prefer. This will continue for the next few meetings. It will be announced at the next club meeting that the committee are looking for a volunteer(s) to run the calendar therefore, the committee will not do the calendar if there is a volunteer(s).
 - d. Length of club meeting breaks – This has now started to be implemented with breaks now lasting 15 – 20 minutes.
 - e. The continuation of the blurb for the photographs in the Salvers competition – this will remain but with a limit on the number of words.
 - f. Outside speakers - Lynne Grebenik has been in contact well known landscape photographer David Clap, who has expressed that he would be happy to give a presentation to the club one night costing £295 plus expenses. Lynne also plans to contact wildlife photographer Danny Green. Jorj Malinowski will pass onto Lynne the PAGB book of judges and lecturers. Jorj will also contact Mike Martindale

(organiser of the LPA monochrome group) for any speakers that he would recommend. Club members have been told that if they would like to see a particular outside speaker then they need to provide the details of the speaker to Jarek Grebenik. The committee will collate a list of potential outside speakers for the 2016 programme.

- g. Winter Auction – Members queried why there was no winter auction in this year's programme. Jarek Grebenik explained that the room at the Cathedral Centre was not available for the club use. The committee have decided that they will continue to have one auction a year.
- h. Changing the club website – Club members would like to see the website presentation re-designed and for it to have with more information on (pdf of handbook and committee meeting minutes). Jarek Grebenik explained the website host 'Square space' would be option to use. The advantages of using 'Square space' are that it's easy to build with templates to use or the user can customise a design and easy to update and add images to. It will cost the club £80- £100 a year. David Weaver will look into this possibility. Jorj Malinowski has spoken to Allan Rowsell who has expressed that the LPA may hold a workshop for clubs who wish to upgrade their website although this is only in the organisation process at the moment.

6. **Officers' reports:**

- a. General Secretary – Becky Strickson reported that she has sent off NEMPF renewal form. Becky has also emailed the Cathedral Centre to take Audrey Stanley off their mailing list and replace it with Becky's details.
- b. Social Secretary – Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer – Lynne Grebenik has the treasurer's information folder and cheque book while Tim Higham is away.
- d. Programme Secretary – Jarek Grebenik ran through the programme for June 2015: There will be no meeting at the Cathedral Centre on 2nd June with the club meeting on 3rd June for a photography evening at the 'Museum of Lincolnshire Life'. On the 16th June the club summer walk will begin at the 'Pyewipe' at 19:30 for a walk along the canal. The club's summer exhibition begins on the 22nd June. David Neve has had to postpone his lecture on the 23rd June due to unforeseen circumstances; Jarek Grebenik will see if David Neve can do his presentation on the 30th June with the LPA pdi competition DVD being shown on the 23rd June instead.
Jarek Grebenik has started to write the programme for 2016. He is collecting information for the dates of inter-club battles and exhibitions. The Cathedral Centre has reported that the club room should be available to for a majority of 2016 apart from sometime in September and the Christmas Market period. Jarek has informed club members that if they would like a host an evening or know of any lecturers / photographers who would like then to let him know.

- e. Monthly Newsletter – Karen Bassett has emailed the newsletter to the committee and will send it club wide at the start of June. David Weaver has posted the newsletter on the club website.
- f. Internal Competition Secretary – Lynne Grebenik reported that there has been an increase in the number of entries. Lynne is looking into techniques and themes for 2016 competitions.
- g. External Competition Secretary – Jorj Malinowski will attend the second leg of the LPA battle on 2nd June and will email club members the address of the venue should they wish to attend as well.
- h. LPA Delegate – David Weaver attended the LPA AGM. David reported that the club returns are due in at the end of June; Becky Strickson will email Tim Higham to remind him of this. The LPA have asked for photographs from Lincoln Camera Club to be put on the member's gallery on the LPA website. Jorj Malinowski confirmed that he has the LPA disc of the Pdi and AV competitions from 2014.
- i. NEMPF Delegate – David Gibbins has reported that the release of the NEMPF book has been delayed. Both Jorj Malinowski and Becky Strickson have information on the upcoming judge's seminar held on 19th July.

7. Any Other Business:

- a. Lynne Grebenik has looked into using 'Dicenta' programme for internal competitions. The software would need to be uploaded onto the club website and both Lynne and Jorj's own computers. The cost of this would be £40. The committee are all in favour of using 'Dicenta' and have allowed Lynne to go ahead and purchase it.

Meeting closed at: 20:30