

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 25th November 2015

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Karen Bassett and Jorj Malinowski.
2. **The minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 28th October 2015, were read and approved.
3. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:
 - a. Website & Social Media – On the 8th December 2015 the contract for the club's current website will expire and will not be renewed. On the new website, the competition winner's page is up and running and Lynne Grebenik will pass on the required images to David Weaver. David will contact David Neve regarding adding a link on the club's Twitter account to the website. Jarek Grebenik confirmed that the Facebook still continues to gain 'Likes' and will speak with Jon Fixter about adding a link to the website on the Facebook page.
 - b. Membership – The membership is still steadily increasing. At present the club has 53 paid members. Ann Paulger has started to hand out membership cards.
 - c. Specialist / Educational groups – Jorj Malinowski not present.
 - d. Lincoln Camera Club Bursary – Tim Higham and Jarek Grebenik have selected the two winning candidates. Tim Higham will arrange a loyalty card for the London Camera Exchange for the winners. The lecturers have been informed and have given positive feedback of the event. The students will give a presentation to the club towards the start of the academic year (October 2016) about their photography, what they have used the bursary for, how it has helped them etc. The students will be presented with their award at the University's media arts showcase event. Jarek Grebenik and Tim Higham will organise the formalities for this with the university and for press coverage. The committee are happy to continue to pursue the bursary for the next academic year.
 - e. 'The Lincoln Camera Club Memorial book' – Tim Higham has contacted Ruddocks and will have the memorial book once it is available to them.
 - f. The photographing of club & committee members – Jarek Grebenik suggested we should do an annual group photograph of the whole club to be used for record and publicity purposes.
 - g. Helping a Charity – A number of charities have been suggested. There is also a number of suggestions for areas to put a bench. The committee raised the idea that if the idea to donate a bench was pursued then any money left over could be donated to a local charity.
 - h. The Lincolnshire Churches Trust – On going.
 - i. Winter Exhibition – Tim Scott has started to collect images for the exhibition

opening on 4th January 2015.

4. Officers' reports:

- a. General Secretary – Becky Strickson reported that she has received the NEMPF insurance invoice and that this has been passed on to Tim Higham.
- b. Social Secretary – Audrey Stanley will create a buffet food list and separate tickets for each food to be distributed at the club meeting on 8th December.
- c. Treasurer – Tim Higham confirmed that the accounts are up to date and that the Cathedral Centre have refused to give a discount on their storage charge.
- d. Programme Secretary – Jarek Grebenik has handed the job of Programme Secretary to Ann Paulger and has asked David Weaver to change the details on the website to Ann Paulger's. Jarek gave his thanks to Ann for all of her help and has resigned his position on the committee. He will continue to assist Ann, when needed, and to help with the bursary. The committee gives thanks to Jarek for his contribution and excellent work for the committee over the past number of years. Lynne Grebenik has spoken to John Whaler, from R.B. club, regarding the collaboration between our two clubs. He has expressed an interest in this. An alternative venue will have to be booked for this event.
- e. Monthly Newsletter – Karen Bassett has emailed a draft of the newsletter to the committee and will send it club wide once any additions have been made.
- f. Internal Competition Secretary – Lynne Grebenik reported that the recent landscape competition received a vast amount of entries. She has announced to the club the competition titles for 2016.
- g. External Competition Secretary – Jorj Malinowski has reported that the LPA battles (hosted at Lincoln) between Lincoln, Deepings and Derby camera club will be held on the 21st June 2016. The club entries for the NEMPF exhibition that did not make it through to be exhibited have been returned.
- h. LPA Delegate – David Weaver attended the LPA meeting and has received the events for 2016 which will be put on the notice board.
- i. NEMPF Delegate – See 4g.

5. Any Other Business

- a. David Weaver raised the question of whether or not the competition judge's name should be put on the programme. The committee have decided that the competitions are run as fairly as possible so therefore the judge will continue to remain anonymous.
- b. The next committee meeting will be held on the 13th January 2016. The committee are happy to invite Jim and Denise Smith to this next meeting.
- c. Tim Higham suggested that, for the upcoming competition, the meaning of 'still life' needs to be defined. Considering feedback from external judges, the committee have agreed that the definition of still life will be a subject that has once been alive (i.e. fruit, fossil, plants)

Meeting closed at: 20:20