

# LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

## Committee Meeting Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7pm

Present: Lynne Grebenik, Kristy Hill, Jorj Malinowski, Audrey Stanley, David Weaver and Becky Strickson.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Tim Higham, Ann Paulger and Karen Bassett.
2. **The minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016, were read and approved.
3. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:
  - a. Website & Social Media – website up to date. David Weaver queried whether the image sizes were ok? Lynne and Jorj both agree that they were. As long as we keep them low resolution.
  - b. Membership – Tim and Ann were unfortunately not present to ask. Someone was needed to take over membership. Lynne kindly offered to take over temporarily. The committee thanks Lynne for stepping in. We just need to keep asking if anyone can help. Peter Luke has kindly offered to help with any physical jobs that need doing at the club. The committee thanks Peter for his offer. Jorj queried if we need to fill in new membership forms each year and Lynne said not unless member's details have changed.
  - c. Specialist / Educational groups – The print folio is going brilliantly with lots of enthusiasm from participating members. The digital folio is with an external judge for the next weeks. 3 people are dropping out but there are 3 members who now wish to participate. Jorj's only concern with the digital folio is that people tend to keep the memory stick for long periods of time, i.e. 2 months and progression can be very slow. Not really a problem, just a glitch. Lynne suggested asking members just to put something like 'good picture' if they don't have time to write anything else just to keep things moving.
  - d. 'The Lincoln Camera Club Memorial book' – the club has decided that this should not really be called a 'memorial' book, perhaps just 'Lincoln Camera Club Book' for now. David Weaver reports that his research is now up to 1950. He has a few pictures coming in from Lincolnshire Archives. He has a list of what the Archives hold and he will let them have any information he has to fill their gaps. David will put a few pictures on the website. The Committee agreed this was a good idea. Our LCC Book is A3 in size so David will put 2 columns of information on each page.
  - e. Helping a Charity/ bench – It was decided at the AGM that the raffle money is to go to Louth Search Dogs. We have raised £467.50. The committee decided to round this up to £500. Jorj will speak to his contact there about it. Jorj explained what the money can be used for and how much it will help them. The committee suggested we could do a presentation of the cheque at the club premises or

perhaps in the courtyard if dogs aren't allowed on the premises, perhaps inviting the press but we need to speak to the Louth Search Dogs first. Lynne to produce giant cheque. The charity collection will just continue now throughout the year as normal.

- f. The Lincolnshire Churches Trust – David Piper said he is getting a good response from members and collecting of photos is ongoing. David Piper suggested 'churches' as a competition theme and the committee decided this was a good idea.
  - g. Summer & Winter Exhibition – Tim Scott is now collecting images for the Summer Exhibition. Entries need to be 16inx20in size mounts (photos can be any size within this mount). Jorj has the new Velcro mounting tape and will pass to Tim Scott. If Tim Scott is not available to set up the exhibition then Jorj will be on hand to assist. The committee discussed how soon to book the winter exhibition. David Weaver to check. We decided it was important to get in before the Christmas period to ensure a good footfall.
  - h. Club Coach Trip – The trip to York was very good. Tim Higham has said we have plenty of funds to continue the trips if they are not well attended. It was mentioned at the AGM not to have them on days that clash with local events, e.g. cycle race and this has been taken into account for the future. The committee decided the next trip should be August/September to try and get good weather! David Weaver suggested Salford Quays in Manchester for the next trip. The committee felt this was an excellent idea. There's the Quays, war museum, Lowry museum, media city and a large shopping centre all within close proximity so there should be something for everyone to enjoy. The committee will ask members for any other suggestions.
  - i. Mike Lincoln's lecture on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Further discussion required. It was mentioned by the committee that perhaps we could also have a model for our portrait session in October. Lynne to ask Jarek about booking a studio.
4. **Competitions** – Photojournalism has been dropped for now but will be back! Lynne to get handbook up to date. Projector – we have problems with colour space. The new competition software checks the colour space on images and tells you if it is wrong, the organiser can change this but it is a bit of extra work and would be beneficial if members corrected their photos themselves. Lynne suggested it should be a requirement for competition entries from now on and the committee agreed. Jorj will show everyone how to do this on the next tips night.
5. **Officers' reports:**
- a. General Secretary – Becky Strickson has handed all jobs over to Kristy Hill.
  - b. Social Secretary – Nothing to report.
  - c. Treasurer – Tim Higham not present but a cheque was issued to Lynne to reimburse her for the York coach trip that she had paid for.
  - d. Programme Secretary – David Weaver kindly offered to take over the programme.

The committee thanks David for stepping in.

- e. Monthly Newsletter – Karen Bassett has sent out this month’s newsletter. The committee gives thanks to Karen Bassett for her work with the newsletter. Karen will add an example picture to David Piper’s churches article on the next newsletter.
  - f. Internal Competition Secretary – Nothing more to report.
  - g. External Competition Secretary – Jorj reported that Lincoln Camera Club has come 1<sup>st</sup> in the first leg of the LPA battles which is really good news. Then next leg is on 21<sup>st</sup> June with Deepings and RB. Bob Rowe is the judge. Good luck LCC!
  - h. LPA Delegate – David Weaver reported that the LPA has had its AGM. They have 642 from 92 clubs. David read out the minutes. There is an LPA DVD available to purchase for £5. It was decided to buy one for the club. Jorj will arrange this. We also need a poster to put on their website. David Piper was suggested to do this as he is very good. David lists LPA’s mount rules, i.e. fixings, etc. The committee decided we should also use these rules for LCC competitions.
  - i. NEMPF Delegate – Nothing to report.
6. **Any Other Business**
- a. David Weaver attended the Newark AGM where it was mentioned that their rule book contained a section about nudity/inappropriate images and junior members. Do we need something similar? The committee felt this was a very good point for discussion and thanked David for pointing this out. We decided it was not needed as we were unlikely to have anything that might cause offence. We will address the issue again if we gain any junior members. If members are under 16 they would need to attend with a parent or guardian in any case.
  - b. Becky raised that it had been mentioned to her about late finish times. Could we have a cut off time for presentations? This was discussed by the committee. If we ask a lecturer to finish between 9.30-9.45 then they should stick to it. If it runs over we can mention in the feedback form that they had bad time keeping.
  - c. Lynne would like to raise thanks to Tim Scott for all this help with the computer, David Piper for his help with the refreshments when Audrey was unable to attend, Jorj and to anybody that helps out at club night. All help is very much appreciated!

Meeting finished – 21:00