

# LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

## Committee Meeting Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jorj Malinowski (gave his notes on to Becky Strickson to pass onto the rest of the committee).
2. **The minutes:** David Weaver queried point 5c from the minutes from the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Other than this, the minutes were read and approved by the committee.
3. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:
  - a. Website/ Facebook / Twitter – David Weaver reported that the website is up to date. Jon Fixter has some more sport racing dates to put on the Facebook page. David Neve is currently waiting for Mike Lincoln to change to Twitter name.
  - b. Raffle – Lynne Grebenik reported that the raffle is continuing its success.
  - c. Membership – Both Tim Higham and Lynne Grebenik confirmed that the membership is increasing and that there is currently 70 members.
  - d. Specialist / Educational groups – Jarek Grebenik will arrange a landscape group trip when daylight time increases. Jon Fixter reports that he has more dates for motorsport events. Jorj Malinowski gave his thanks to Jarek Grebenik for contacting those members of the digital folio who have not been present at the club for some time. The folio still continues its successful circulation.
  - e. Microphone – David Weaver has sourced some speakers and an amplifier for the club and has passed these on to Jon Fixter. They will need PAT testing before they are used.
  - f. Print Display Stand
    - i. Lighting – Jorj Malinowski has tried and tested some small LED lights supplied by Lynne Grebenik. He suggests that several of these would be needed to provide adequate lighting. The committee plan to meet at 19:00 on the 15<sup>th</sup> April to test various lighting ideas before the meeting.
    - ii. Storage – Jarek Grebenik has received a letter from the Cathedral centre asking the club to move the print display stand as it is a health and safety hazard while they are decorating the premises. Jarek Grebenik plans to meet with Jackie, from Cathedral Centre, to discuss a place to permanently store the stand. Jorj Malinowski has expressed that he can get a bag made for the stand to be stored in which will cost around £50.
  - g. Annual Winter Exhibition 2014 display stands – Jon Fixter has confirmed that the club's and his own display stands will be used for the winter exhibition. He make enquiries with the Priory centre to ask how many prints are able to be displayed.
  - h. Sales of merchandise – Lynne Grebenik reported that the merchandise sales have

slowed down but will start to announce the items on sale at near future meetings so that new members are aware of this/

- i. Local Charity Calendar 2015 – Tim Higham is still waiting for a reply from Strut and the Nomad trust. He will contact them again in April. Jarek Grebenik is a member of Siemens charity committee and, at their next meeting, he will enquire as to whether there is the opportunity to sell our club calendar to Siemens. Lynne Grebenik will start to call for extra entries for the club's 2015 calendar 'Our Secret City'.
  - j. Posters – Jarek Grebenik is currently working on the club posters
  - k. Thorn Camera Club – David Neve has had a response from Thorn Camera Club regarding the invite to our Cathedral night. They are happy with the pricing and arrangement, unfortunately though, he will have to contact them again to notify them of the recent price changes that the Cathedral have just made.
  - l. **Club Coach Trip** – Both David Neve and Lynne Grebenik have been in touch with various coach companies to enquire of a price for a club trip to Whitby. Lynne Grebenik is still waiting for a reply from some of the companies.
4. **Issues arising from Michael Hughes letter** – Michael Hughes has responded to the committee's reply to his letter. The committee discussed the main points that were raised in the letter:
- a. **Programme information** – Michael Hughes put forward that the programme format should be changed to a booklet format. After deliberating over whether the programme layout should be changed to that of a booklet format, the committee were unanimous that the club should retain the current A4 format of the programme. The committee feel that this is more easily updated and presents all the information required in a clear and concise format. As the programme is often updated, by the end of the year, a booklet and numerous update sheets would create more work for the programme secretary and result in there being not one place to find programme information.
  - b. **Speaker / guest information on the programme** – When a speaker / judge is booked to attend the club they are sent a form beforehand which contains a section for the guest to complete specifying how they would like to be introduced on their evening and how they would like to appear on the programme, e.g. specifying any distinctions. What they put on this form is how they are shown on the programme and introduced on their evening.
  - c. Jorj Malinowski reported that Michael Hughes raised the point to him regarding the club's use of internal judges. Currently the club has a balanced mixture of both external and internal judges. This year, there are ten internal club competitions with the use of three internal and seven external judges. The committee is unanimous in the decision to maintain the use of both internal and external judges, as this allows club members, who wish to practice / learn to judge, to do so in a familiar environment. It additionally meets the club's charitable objection of providing

education and training to its members.

- d. Becky Strickson will write a reply to Michael Hughes following the committee's discussion.

#### 5. Officers' Reports:

- a. General Secretary – Becky Strickson confirmed that 'The Victoria' has been booked for the committee meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- b. Social Secretary – Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer – Tim Higham reported that he is up to date with the accounts.
- d. Programme Secretary – The programme for April was read through. Jarek Grebenik is still waiting for a reply from the fashion society regarding the studio night on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The committee and Tim Scott will start to call for entries for the Summer Exhibition. Becky Strickson will bring the Port Lincoln presentation to the next club meeting where the projector is in use to display it to the club. Jarek grebenik reported that the Cathedral has changed some of its plans for the Cathdreal Tour Evening (15<sup>th</sup> July). Now there will be one tower tour and two roof tours, each taking a maximum of fourteen. Lincoln Camera Club will offer Thorn Camera club fourteen places on the roof tour. The tours are based on a first come first served basis. The club deadline for payments is 17<sup>th</sup> June. The new price for the evening is £5 entry and an extra £3 for the tour.
- e. Communication Officer – Jarek Grebenik collected further dates and events to add to the April 2014 newsletter. He also stipulated that the newsletter is only for information about the club and of places / events where there are photographic opportunities and is not an advertising board for available courses and items for sale for example. Jarek Grebenik has asked David Weaver to make the communication officer's email address LCCmail@lincolncameraclub.co.uk.
- f. Internal Competition Secretary – Lynne Grebenik has announced to the club about member's prints getting damaged. At the previous competition, the images were handed back out the photographer to reduce the risk of damage. Lynne Grebenik has suggested that the prints, once viewed, could be stood around the room. This method will be put into practice on Architecture competition on the 15<sup>th</sup> April.
- g. External Competition Secretary – Jorj Malinowki reported that Lincoln Camera Club came 11<sup>th</sup> out of 17 participating clubs at the NEMPF Digital interclub competition. The next external competition is the Fosters Colour Challenge held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Jorj Malinowski is also looking for images for the LPA Battles as the closing date for entries is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
- h. LPA Delegate – Nothing to report.
- i. NEMPF Delegate – Jorj Malinowski attended the Nempf AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and informed the committee that David Gibbons is putting together a book of images for the NEMPF 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be contacting clubs directly in due

course.

6. **Any Other Business:**

- a. Tim Higham suggested that the club should think about investing its money on charitable objectives.
- b. Jarek Grebenik expressed that this year's St Barnabas exhibition starts on 1<sup>st</sup> August and the deadline for the entries is the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
- c. Following feedback from the recent print critique night, it has been decided that for future critique evenings that each judge will comment on one picture at a time.
- d. On 1<sup>st</sup> April Lynne Grebenik and David Neve will sort through the club's electrical equipment and make a note of what items needs PAT testing

Meeting closed at 21:47