

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 14th January 2015

Present: David Neve (President), Karen Bassett, Lynne Grebenik, Tim Higham, Jorj Malinowski, Ann Paulger , Audrey Stanley, Becky Strickson and David Weaver.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jarek Grebenik
2. **The minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 26th November 2014, were read and approved.
3. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:
 - a. Website, Twitter & Flickr – Both David Neve and David Weaver confirmed that the website and twitter account are up to date.
 - b. Competition Images – The idea to post the awarded images from competitions on the website will be put forward to the club on at the next meeting held at the Cathedral Centre which will be on 3rd February.
 - c. Raffle – Lynne Grebenik confirmed that the raffle still continues its success.
 - d. Membership – Tim Higham reported that there are over 50 paid up members. With one more person signing up so far this year.
 - e. Specialist / Educational groups – Jorj Malinowski confirmed that the digital folio is circulating at a good pace with most members keeping the folio stick for one week.
 - f. Print Display Lighting – David Weaver has been researching different types of lighting that would be suitable for the print stand. He demonstrated a strip light to the committee and they were in agreement that this would be a suitable light to be used on the stand. The dimensions of the stand will need to be acquired from Gary Westwood so David can then look at making a stand that will attach to the print stand (from above) to hold the lighting.
 - g. Equipment storage – Jorj Malinowski expressed that with the club's growing number of print display stands that we need to make arrangements with the Cathedral Centre to store them. The committee will discuss further whether we try to strike a deal with the centre (e.g. they can use our stands in return for us not having to pay the storage fee) or if we just store the stands and carry on paying the storage charge?
 - h. Annual Winter Exhibition 2014– Jorj Malinowski reported that the exhibition was a success and received successful and positive feedback. The Priory offered the club an extra week of displaying (free of charge) and have said that they will be happy for the club to hold another exhibition there and that they are keen to keep working with us. Jorj praised the assistance he received from the Priory and mentioned that they have meeting rooms available for hire (which is a great option for nights when we are not able to be in the Cathedral Centre).
 - i. St Barnabas Exhibition – Jorj Malinowski confirmed that the timing for this year's exhibition should be left as it's scheduled in the programme as it will still be a

- convenient time for him and the club to arrange and collect images for St. Barnabas.
- j. Sales of merchandise – Lynne Grebenik has received some orders for club t-shirts but not enough to make a bulk order. Lynne will place an order for 100 more 16 x 20 black and white mounts with an aperture of 10 x 15 inches.
 - k. Lincoln Camera Club Calendar – Lynne Grebenik has spoken to L.I.V.E.S. and they have reported that they have sold some calendars but not sure yet on exact figures. Tim Higham confirmed that the club has sold 120 calendars which is not enough to break even. Due to the club not making profit this year, Lynne will contact L.I.V.E.S. to tell them to keep the money from the sales of the calendars they have made. The committee decided that the price of the calendars should be reduced to a minimum £2 donation due to it now being 2015. The committee previously discussed the idea of producing a calendar to raise money for the Lancaster bomber however, due to the lack of sales in 2014, they will discuss in the future whether it will be more worthwhile to produce prints instead of calendars.
 - l. Lincoln Camera Club Bursary – Jarek Grebenik not present to report.
 - m. Updating the Charity Commission – Tim Higham is waiting for a response from the Charity Commission.
4. **Club Insurance:** Tim Higham paid the NEMPF insurance on 12th January 2015.
5. **Len Dorricot:** David Neve expressed that due to the loss of club member Len Dorricot that the club should do something to honour him. The committee would like to name the new club Bursary after him (e.g. - The Len Dorricot memorial bursary). The committee will discuss this in the future with Len's family and, if they receive their approval, will then discuss it with the club members' at the AGM.
6. **Officers' reports:**
- a. General Secretary – Nothing to report.
 - b. Social Secretary – Nothing to report.
 - c. Treasurer – Nothing to report.
 - d. Programme Secretary – Jarek Grebenik not present.
 - e. Monthly Newsletter – Karen Bassett will send David Neve an up to date newsletter.
 - f. Internal Competition Secretary – Nothing to report.
 - g. External Competition Secretary – Jorj Malinowski has collected in the entries for the LPA PDI comp which will be held on Sunday 25th January. The deadline for A.V. entries to be handed in to Jorj is on 20th January and the competition for this will be held on 22nd February.
 - h. LPA Delegate – Nothing to report. Becky Strickson will forward all LPA mail she receives to David Weaver.
 - i. NEMPF Delegate – Nothing to report.
7. **Any Other Business:**
- a. Jorj Malinowski questioned whether it is worth committee members having access to one email address to enable them to distribute club wide emails. Other than the communication officer (David Neve) will have access to members' personal details.

David Neve will look into this. The committee thanks Jorj and David Weaver for informing members of Len Dorricot's passing.

- b. Ann Paulger expressed that a potential new member commented to her that she found the centre hard to find. The club needs to make sure that the 'Lincoln Camera Club' signs are out every week.
- c. Tim Higham has received negative comments regarding the 'committee explains' evening. This evening is aimed at new members. The committee sympathise with these comments and will look at changing this for next year. Alongside this, the committee also discussed this year's programme and new idea for future programmes.
- d. The committee thanked David Weaver for promoting Lincoln Camera Club at an interview he had with Lincoln City Radio on 17th December 2014.
- e. Lynne Grebenik has handed her set of keys for the Cathedral Centre back to Audrey Stanley.
- f. David Neve confirmed that at this year's AGM he will be standing down from the committee due to personal and work commitments. The committee thanks David for the work he has done. The AGM has been rescheduled for 19th May 2015 instead of being held on the 5th May due to David Neve not being able to make this date.

Meeting closed at 21:15