

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 25th February 2015

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Karen Bassett.
2. **The minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 14th January 2015, were read and approved. Lynne Grebenik clarified that she has ordered mounts with an A4 aperture as well as those with 10 x 15 inch aperture as specified in point 3J.
3. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:
 - a. Website, Twitter & Flickr –David Weaver confirmed that the website. Due to work commitments David Neve has not recently checked the Twitter account; he will do it in the next week. Jarek Grebenik reported that there is an increase in the number of ‘likes’ that the Facebook receives.
 - b. Competition Images – The idea to post the top six images of each competition will be put forward to the club for feedback. It will also be re-announced to the club that members can upload their photographs to the club website.
 - c. Raffle – Lynne Grebenik confirmed that the raffle still continues its success and gives thanks to Ann Paulger for her help.
 - d. Membership – Tim Higham reported that he has collected membership payments from two new members. Lynne Grebenik will pass on their details to David Neve when she receives it. The current number of members is 58.
 - e. Specialist / Educational groups – Due to other commitments Jarek Grebenik has had to step down from hosting the landscape group. The position is open to anyone who would like to take it on. David Neve thanked Jarek Grebenik for his time, effort and dedication to the group. Jorj Malinowski confirmed that both the digital and print folio still continue their successful circulation.
 - f. Print Display Lighting – David Neve will get the print stand dimensions from Gary Westwood and pass them onto David Weaver who will then design a lighting stand to fit.
 - g. Equipment storage – The committee are aware that despite uncluttering the camera club storage that the club is still being charged for surplus storage space by the Cathedral Centre therefore, Tim Higham will contact Jackie (from the Cathedral Centre) to negotiate a reduced storage charge. Lynne Grebenik will speak to Tim Scott to remind him to clear his equipment from the centre’s attic.
 - h. Annual Summer Exhibition 2015– Jorj Malinowski will make arrangements to hire the LPA frames for the exhibition.
 - i. St Barnabas Exhibition – Nothing to report.
 - j. Sales of merchandise – Lynne Grebenik reported that the mounts (in both size apertures) have so far had successful sales and she will bring more mounts in to

the next club meeting.

- k. Lincoln Camera Club Calendar – Lynne Grebenik has had no feedback from L.I.V.E.S. Jorj Malinowski will contact 'The Well' Inn for a sales update of the club calendar.
 - l. Lincoln Camera Club Bursary – Jarek Grebenik made a presentation to university lecturers and 150 students giving them information about the bursary. This was a success. It has been decided that the level 2 students will need to give a presentation of their portfolios in May 2015 in front of staff and Jarek Grebenik along with two other club members. Once they come to a decision as to which students are successful, this information will then be emailed to the London Camera Exchange who will create a £500 loyalty card for each student. A certificate will be awarded to the winners at the third year student's graduation ceremony.
 - m. Updating the Charity Commission – Tim Higham will try to contact Charity Commission before the next committee meeting as he has still had no response from them.
4. **2016 Programme:** Jarek Grebenik reported that he has started to contact possible speakers for next year's programme. Following feedback from this year's programme, Jarek will organise 2016's programme so that the club will:
- Avoid doing outdoor practicals in the winter months.
 - Remove the print critique night and replace it with two digital critique nights a year following positive feedback from the recent digital critique night.

For the upcoming studio night (held on 24th March 2015), Tim Higham will contact various local studios to enquire whether their facilities are available to hire.

5. **Officers' reports:**

- a. General Secretary – Becky Strickson has received the booking forms and itinerary for the NEMPF photographic weekend which she will forward to David Neve to be emailed to the club.
- b. Social Secretary – Audrey Stanley reported that past club president George Moulton has passed away and that she and Dave Hewson will be attending his cremation on 5th March 2015.
- c. Treasurer – Tim Higham confirmed that Skipton bank are reducing their interest rate to 1%, therefore he will look into other possible banks with a higher interest rate.
- d. Programme Secretary – See point 4.
- e. Monthly Newsletter – Karen Bassett not present to report. She will be asked if she will put the competition winners name in the newsletter as a congratulations.
- f. Internal Competition Secretary – Lynne Grebenik expressed that there has been a low number of entries for the Industrial Lincolnshire competition. Therefore, she will allow members to email her their images for the competition. The deadline for entries to be in is 2nd March 2014 and for those who are entering their images in the print category need to bring their prints in on the competition night.
- g. External Competition Secretary – The club had success at the recent A.V.

competition (held on 22nd February 2014) with the one entrant receiving a commended and second place award. Jorj Malinowski will be collecting entries in for the LPA battles and Foster's competition in the near future.

- h. LPA Delegate – David Weaver announced the upcoming LPA events.
 - i. NEMPF Delegate – Jorj Malinowski confirmed that forty images, from past club competition winners, have been entered for the interclub PDI competition – which is being held on the 15th March 2015. Jorj will also attend the NEMPF AGM which is held on the same day. Jorj has received an email from Dave Gibbons regarding the NEMPF anniversary book; the will be on sale for £30 and each club will get one book. If any club members would like a book, then they need to inform Jorj.
6. **Any Other Business:**
- a. Jarek Grebenik suggested that 2015 is the club's 90th anniversary and that this should be celebrated. Tim Higham will ask the Cathedral Centre how much they will charge to provide catering.
 - b. Jorj Malinowski has expressed his concern regarding needing to send club wide emails at short notice. David Neve is in the process of setting up a drop box account for committee members to have access to when they need to send club wide emails.
 - c. David Neve sends his apologies for the following dates: 24th March and the 14th April. He will also be absent from the committee meeting held on 29th April.

Meeting closed at 21:10