

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 31 May 2018

Present: Jorj Malinowski, Audrey Stanley, David Weaver, David Tabberner, Karen Bassett, Dawn McCall, Alastair Scammell, David Chapman, Keris Eyton-Williams and Chris Gresham (joining at 7.30pm)

Part 1

1. **Apologies for absence:** Kristy Hill, Steve Percival
2. **The Minutes** from the 2017 AGM were approved.
 - (a) DW saying that the rent for the Cathedral Centre had gone up to £75 which will have an impact on the Club's finances, however the members at the AGM had voted to remain at the Cathedral Centre for the time being. JM suggesting that we should scout around for alternative premises should it be the case that the Cathedral Centre wish us to vacate. Darren Juggins had mentioned the possibility of office premises on Doddington Road which had a projector and he would make enquiry as to the cost. JM asking if anyone else had any ideas. DT suggesting the Old Grandstand. JM saying we would need projector and asking DT to enquire as to its potential usage. JM felt that the £75 rent being asked for by the Cathedral Centre was too high and invited comments from committee.
 - (b) JM saying that the members at the AGM had voted in favour of raising the subscription to £30 per member/£45 joint membership per year. Confirming that membership forms will have to be changed to reflect the new subscription and the privacy policy. DW commenting on handbook and suggesting alternative wording for payment of subscriptions and their due dates. Members would be removed from the mailing list if subscriptions had not been paid by 31 July.
 - (c) JM saying that he agrees with Tim Scott regarding rock bottom interest rates and agrees to a certain extent with regard to limit on removal of monies. AS agreeing and saying that the bottom limit should be £200k. DW saying that we currently have three investments and that we use the Skipton to top up the current account. On DW's calculations we have approximately 2 1/2 years of monies left in the current account and suggesting that we keep it under review. KEW asking if money is specified for particular items and JM clarifying that it was not. JM has concerns with regard to setting any precedents now in relation to monies and future treasurers many years down the line dipping into funds. It was agreed that the capital should not go below £200k which should not be touched unless absolutely necessary. JM querying comments from David Davies in relation to the Skipton money and asking DW to enquire.
 - (d) JM saying that although not yet at begging stage the Club may have to consider various fundraising opportunities. DT saying fundraising was a good idea and may bring the members of the Club closer together. DM suggested Christmas cards. AS saying that although certain fundraising is a good idea it can be self defeating with a

lot of effort for little reward. DM suggesting that cards containing images of the photos at our exhibitions be sold in conjunction with the exhibition although this meant that it would have to be manned.

- (e) Another possibility of fundraising was the raffle. At the AGM Mike Lincoln had offered to run the weekly raffle and JM saying this was a good idea with a limit of maybe three prizes say a bottle of wine, chocolates. DM saying that some members may not appreciate wine or chocolates and suggested that alternative prizes should be considered. JM suggesting that a limit of £20 for purchase of prizes should be put in place and that DM could assist Mike Lincoln with the sale/organisation of the raffle when Mike Lincoln wasn't at a meeting.
- (f) Discussed in (a) above.
- (g) DT saying that a preference for more "open" competitions had been made at the AGM rather than themed and that some members had mentioned a league table. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the 20 point scoring system as opposed to the first, second third etc placings. JM considered that the point system can sometimes cause problems for a judge and the committee felt it should remain as it was. A suggestion had been made at the AGM regarding internal judges being considered by competitions. JM saying that ultimately internal judges were frowned upon by the PAGB etc but that judges will be needed in the future and that this would be good practice for any future member who wished to consider judging. It was decided that one competition a year would be judged internally. KEW saying that internal judge was a good idea but would have to be on the understanding that they may make a hash of it that members should take it as fun. KEW also suggesting that a panel group could judge similar to a critique night. JM confirming that one competition should be judged internally and that the Club should have a few more critique nights of both PDI and print. JM mentioning that the record was technically open and reiterating the criteria for record. DM asking for suggestions for themes that would encourage all members to participate.
- (h) JM saying that this had now been more or less cracked and had received 14 replies and receiving confirmation from committee members that they were happy with the privacy notice.
- (i) JM had spoken with both RM and Dunholme as they cannot fill a bus either but felt if all three clubs worked together they should have enough members to fill a bus. However, this would not happen this year.

Part 2

1. **Apologies for absence:** Kristy Hill and Steve Percival
2. **The Minutes:** The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 25 April 2018 were approved.
- 3 **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:-
 - (a) AS reporting that things were more or less on schedule and was about two thirds through the project. He had had a good response from his request for extra images and felt that he was on schedule for 44 boards. JM saying if AS was

having problems with Fotospeed then he may want to contact Peter Yeo. The Diocesan were going to publicise it in their newsletter. AS suggesting that the exhibition be called "a 1000 years of building churches in Lincolnshire". DM saying that the title felt too long and querying the "building" part of it. AS explaining the reason behind it as some building processes were integral. After some discussion DC suggesting it should be called "A 1000 years of building Lincolnshire's Churches an exhibition by Lincoln Camera Club". AS saying that he would produce flyers pending confirmation from sponsorships etc. JM suggesting Vista print as he had just had 1000 quality flyers printed for £34.

- (b) DW saying that was awaiting latest competition images from DT. With regards to privacy policy he would amend the reference from paragraph 1 to refer to paragraph 8 rather than 9. CG saying that there used to be a gallery for members on the website but this seems to have lapsed. DM saying that we now had Flickr and facebook.
- (c) DT saying that three members had already paid up with one member still to pay £10.
- (d) JM reporting that he had two problems. One of the digital sticks had been trashed by a school child when it was plugged in which turned the whole thing into garbage and could not be reformatted so now there were only two sticks on the go. JM was now keeping a backup. The other was the boxes one of which had been mislaid but had now been found. JM thanking DM for the day out at Chambers Farm Wood on Sunday 27 May. DM suggesting that the slot on 26 June could be filled with a nature walk and had a couple of ideas. JM asking if anyone else would be able to take a group of newer members. JM also saying that he will be running some more beginner sessions similar to last year for beginners during the summer.
- (e) JM saying that both metric and imperial sizes were acceptable to the club but if members were submitting metric for the summer exhibition then to bear in mind that they will be velcro'd for hanging at the summer exhibition. Audrey confirming that the winter exhibition is booked.
- (f) DT commenting on price of frames and that Firth & Holding had the best price. DT to pass information to DW for obtain a quote for some black frames of both A3 and A4 apertures.
- (g) DW suggesting that a limit of £300 per cheque be implemented with anything above that amount to be approved by the committee or president. JM saying that he would prefer that it be put before the committee at the next meeting.

4 **Officers' Report**

- (a) Nothing to report.
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- (c) £11,000 in bank account.

- (d) 26 June slot had now been filled.
- (e) Completed subject to tweaks.
- (f) Nothing to report
- (g) JM reporting that battle season had commenced and that Lincoln had won the first round with 422 points, Sleaford with 238 and Skegness 235 points. The judge was David Gibbons who did a good job. The battle with the camping and caravanners and Grantham did not fair so well and Lincoln got “frapped”. The results for the PDI were LCC 167, Grantham 164 and caravan club 175. The results for the prints were LCC 160, Grantham 164 and caravan club 181. The judge was Peter Yeo. The next battle would be held on 9 June at RB against RB and Horncastle, followed on 10 July at Lincoln against Deeping and Scunthorpe.
- (h) Reporting that Brian Grommitt was now president and that other position had been filled. Saying that they were now looking for a webmaster.
- (i) Nothing has happened as NE&MPF has shut down until October.

5. **Any other Business**

None

Meeting closed at 20:56