



LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Annual General Meeting Minutes 28th May 2019

Held at 4 Pioneer Way, Doddington Road, Lincoln and starting at 19:30.

Present: Jorj Malinowski (President), Karen Bassett, Kristy Hill, David Weaver, Audrey Stanley, Alastair Scammell, Dawn McCall, David Tabberner, David Chapman and Chris Gresham of the Executive Committee. There were 15 members present, excluding the Executive Committee.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Committee: Steve Percival and Keris Ayton-Williams. Members: Mike Lincoln and Darren Juggins
2. **The minutes** from the previous AGM held on the 22nd May 2018 were read out/circulated. Dave Tabberner, seconded by Eion Coulthard, proposed they be approved. The proposal was passed.
3. **Matters arising from the previous minutes** – Nigel asking as a charity do we give to other charities? Jorj explaining the situation that we used to have a bursary but that discontinued. The club finances are not strong and we decided to give our time and expertise rather than money. Nigel expressed concern that charities are not allowed to give to other charities (financially). Jorj saying that we don't do this.
4. **Election of scrutineers** – Dawn McCall (proposed by Dave T, seconded by Jorj) and David Tabberner (proposed by Jorj, seconded by Dave W) were elected.
5. **Election of auditor** – Tim Scott was proposed by Jorj Malinowski and seconded by David Hall. The proposal was accepted.
6. **President's Report** – Jorj read out the President's Report.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – David Weaver presented the club accounts. He explained the income and expenditures of the club.
 - a) **Auditor's comments** – Tim Scott went through accounts. Only one error was found in that an interest figure was added twice but easily corrected.
 - b) **Treasurer's Report** – Report was proposed by David Chapman and seconded by David Hall. Report was approved.
8. **Trustees' Report** – the Trustees' report was read out by David Weaver.
9. **General Secretary's Report** – Kristy Hill read her report to the club. She reiterated the fact that she would like to stand down as secretary but will continue until a replacement is found.
10. **Election of officers** – The current members of the committee all stepped down. In the absence of any new nominations, Tim Scott proposed each to be re-elected. Each of the Honorary Officers were accepted and the Executive Committee was accepted.

Position	Present holders of post:	Nominees:
President:	Jorj Malinowski	Jorj Malinowski
General Secretary:	Kristy Hill	Kristy Hill
Treasurer:	David Weaver	David Weaver



Executive Committee:	Karen Bassett Audrey Stanley David Tabberner Dawn McCall Alastair Scammell Dave Chapman Kerys Eaton-Williams Steve Percival Chris Gresham	Karen Bassett Audrey Stanley David Tabberner Dawn McCall Alastair Scammell Dave Chapman Kerys Eaton-Williams Steve Percival Chris Gresham
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11. **Internal competitions** – David Tabberner explained the problems he is having, i.e. lack of entries for the competitions. He asking if there are too many competitions. Members seemed happy with the number of competitions but unhappy with a few of the themes. Tim Scott mentioning that competitions were the life blood of the club and we need to continue with them.

Dave T splitting the problem areas down and asking members their opinions:

- a) Record/salvers. Amanda Elwell asking, as a relatively new member of the club, what is the history behind this competition? Tim Scott explaining the history of it. It is an outdated competition, do we still need it? The general consensus was no we don't. Dawn mentioning that many of our members may not even understand what is meant by 'record' which would put them off entering. We need to explain this/define this if we were to continue. Eion mentioning that salvers competitions used to be very strict but now not so much so judges need to know our interpretation of salvers. Jorj proposing we vote on each section of the competition: natural history – majority in favour, architecture – majority in favour, record – no votes so 'record' will be removed from the competition. Natural history and architecture will be two separate competitions run each year.
- b) Panel – what are the reasons for low entries? Jorj explaining that both LPA Photographer of the Year (POTY) and NEMPF have panel sections so they are important. Amanda agreeing with this and saying that without the panels we wouldn't be able to enter certain external competitions and therefore wouldn't be represented as a club. Dave Davies explaining that panels were originally for people seeking qualifications but is this still of interest to club members? Colette suggesting we have a pdi panel competition. Jorj explaining that we would still need a prints panel comp too as external competitions are prints only. Lester mentioning RB club have a landscape triptych format – could we do the same? Members voted majority in favour of



keeping the panel prints competition and again, majority in favour of a pdi panel competition. Tim Scott asking if we could hold the prints panel close to the POTY entry for ease of entry for members? Dave W will look into this.

- c) Internal judges - David Davies asking if we could have more internal judging of our competitions. Jorj saying that would be great for the club but those judging need to be competent and confident in how to judge. The problems arise when we need to enter external competitions. Clubs with more internal judges do badly in external competitions as they don't have that external input. We welcome more internal judging but they would need to have a reasonable amount of experience.
- d) Repeating entries – Jorj reading out the official club rules on this subject. How do the members feel about seeing the same images over again in competitions? It was agreed that the age of an image was not important; it was the number of times it was entered. We will encourage members to enter fresh images as much as possible.
- e) Suggestions for new topics – Dave T welcoming suggestions for future competitions. Many of the topics this year were from member suggestions and we welcome any new ideas.

12. **GDPR** – Dave W explaining that we need members' permission to publish their competition winning images online. We do now have a tick box on the entry form confirming consent but for those not submitting an entry form with their images do members consent for their images to be published online? Unanimous in favour.

13. **Continuation of tea/coffee** – Dave W explaining that coffee is £5/wk on top of room rental so we need to charge a minimum of 50p per cup (assuming 10 drinks minimum per night) to break even. Money for drinks has been up and down recently and not all members have been paying the full 50p. It was put to vote:

- a) Continue with the honest box – 11 votes
- b) Scrap refreshments altogether – no votes
- c) 50p charge on the door regardless of whether they use the refreshments – 7 votes

The honesty box will continue but we will have a sign up clearly stating drinks are 50p.

14. **Finances** – Dave W explaining he is trying to keep club outgoings down to a minimum but we are still running at a loss. Jorj saying that we want good speakers but these come at a premium. Our losses can't continue forever. Our fees are low and we are



proud of the fact we don't charge a fee on the door.

15. **Increase in subs** – Darren Juggins has reported to Jorj via email that he personally is happy for subs to increase to £40 for the year but to include refreshments. He can't see Mark (the landlord) reducing costs and it is inevitable that rent may rise due to inflation. Although Dave W thinks that although we are ok for now, keeping subs at £30, but we can't keep it this low forever. Members voted on the situation:

Those happy for subs to increase if necessary – 8 votes

Those in favour to keep subs at £30 – 8 votes

Subs will therefore remain at £30. We may increase to £40 in 2/3 years' time. Majority in favour of this.

Tim Scott mentioning if interest rates start to increase we will be a lot better off.

16. **Club history book** – David Weaver saying that he has brought along a copy to show the club. He would like more adding to the memorial section but doesn't have many more names to add or have any information about them. Audrey suggesting a few. Jorj adding that the book needs to be kept somewhere that is easy for members to access. Our new premises allow for this. Dave W explaining that when the book is up to the year 2015 he will place a copy into the archives. He is currently working on putting a copy onto our website.

Meeting closed at 21:00.