

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 03 June 2019

Present: Jorj Malinowski, Audrey Stanley, David Weaver, David Chapman, Chris Gresham, Kristy Hill, Alastair Scammell, Karen Bassett, Dawn McCall and David Tabberner

1. **Apologies for absence:** Steve Percival and Keris Ayton-Williams

PART 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

- (a) Internal competition themes: the Salvors competition has now been split into 2 – Natural History and Architecture. Should we change the name of Natural History to 'Nature' to save confusion? All agreeing this is a good idea. Dawn querying if we still need a write up? Nature just needs the name of what it is and Audrey saying that a date is important for Architecture. Chris adding that we should perhaps put the rules for these competitions on the entry forms to make it clear what we are asking for. All agreeing that the Nature images can be taken anywhere (not just in the wild, e.g. images from a zoo are acceptable) but no pet images are allowed. Judges need to be made aware of our rules also.

Panel: all agreeing that panels are important for entering external competitions such as POTY, battles and NEMPF, etc so we need to keep this competition. Discussion around a pdi version. Would it be well entered? We would put the prints and pdi panels on one evening. Dawn adding we need to let members know exactly what we are expecting of the pdi panel. We will run this next year. Alastair saying we could ask those entering prints to this year's competition to provide a pdi version too and use this a trial to see if it works.
- (b) Internal judging: JM reporting he is happy to add some internal judging as it builds confidence speaking to a crowd. We should have a maximum of 2 a year. We need volunteers for this though. We will create a list of those willing to have a go. As the 'Record' competition has now gone we could use this spot in next year's program for an internal judging competition. It will be an open competition. Dave C knows of a club who have an external judge but the final say is down to a vote by the members. JM saying it is a good idea but would it undermine the judge's decision? Agreeing that a bit of criticism is good for photographers – we need that external input to be able to improve. We will start with 1 internally judged competition and see how it goes. Dave T will organise this.
- (c) Beginners sessions: who will run these and when? Tim Scott has done these in the past and is happy to run again. JM saying he has run beginners sessions before at Hartsholme Park and ended up with more experienced photographers attending than beginners! Dawn mentioning she has a beginners DVD we could show. We could run 2 of these sessions on one evening – beginners upstairs and something more advanced downstairs? We would still need someone to run each session. Dawn and Dave C saying they are happy to help out. This will be on next year's program.
- (d) Practical sessions: we can fit these into the program for next year, JM has a few ideas – Dave W to look at the program and see what can fit where.
- (e) Member's talks: we've had a few good ones this year. A lot of members aren't confident enough to stand and talk to the group. These talks give a great confidence boost. Those willing to give it a go will need to let us know how long they will be so that we can fill the evening. Could be 2 speakers of 30 mins each?

PART 2: NORMAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2. **The Minutes:** The Minutes from the previous meeting, held on 29 April 2019 were read and approved.
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes:-

BBQ – this will be on 13th August at Alastair's house (thank you Alastair!). The BBQ he has will be big enough as Tim Scott will also be bringing a gas burner. Alastair can provide enough table space but people will have to bring a chair if they want one. We will ask members as normal for food contributions, i.e. the accompaniments/desserts. Tim Scott will be head chef/food organiser (thank you Tim!).
4.
 - (a) Website and social media updates – Dave W reporting that the website is up to date. JM reporting that although Facebook is great tool for marketing the club we have had some negative comments on there recently. These have been removed but we just need to be mindful of this and keep an eye out. The negative comments were from people who didn't attend the AGM so therefore we didn't get a chance to help them out or deal with any issues. JM asking the committee to keep an ear out for any problems arising that members won't speak up about – we can always pass the message on if needed.
 - (b) Membership – DT will open up subs from tomorrow (4th June). The deadline will be end of July.
 - (c) Specialist/Educational Groups – JM reporting that the sailing photography opportunity at Rutland Waters that Alastair organised was a great success and would be welcomed in the future. Dawn mentioning she has a good spot for bird photography to check out. JM saying the print portfolio is going well however the pdi portfolio is still to get started.
 - (a) Summer and Winter Exhibition – Tim Scott is collecting images for the summer exhib from tomorrow, JM will collect frames soon. Asking for a couple of volunteers to help assemble the exhibition. Dave C saying he is able to help. The deadline for collecting images will be 18th June.
5. **Officers' Report**
 - (a) General Secretary - nothing to report.
 - (b) Social Secretary – nothing to report.
 - (c) Treasurer - DW running through income/expenditure. Passing statement to JM for our records.
 - (d) Programme Secretary – DW running through upcoming events. Steve P has passed on information about a stargazing speaker but the program for this year is already full. Dave W handing out blank programs for next year and asking for ideas.
 - (e) Monthly Newsletter – this has been circulated to members after approval by the committee.
 - (f) Internal Competition Secretary – nothing to report.

- (g) External Competition Secretary – LPA print battle between Axholme, Grantham and LCC – we came second. We did very well with some images, not so well with others. The next battle for us will be against Cleethorpes and Grimsby.
- (h) LPA Delegate – LPA are in danger of total collapse. They had no secretary and was about to fold with no other options. JM suggesting they split the role in 2: minute taker and admin – someone volunteered at the 11th hour to take minutes for the time being but they are still without someone to deal with the admin side of things. If the situation is not resolved by the next delegate's meeting in August then the association will close. The treasurer has said he will continue for another year. They still don't have a webmaster. The executive committee are pleading for volunteers. If it closes there will be no more POTY, Day of Photography, etc.
- (i) NEMPF Delegate – nothing to report.

6. **Any other Business**

Dave C reporting that the owners of Nocton Hall give tours to those interested. Would this be of interest to the club? 6/7 members wanting to go already. Dave C will find the contact details and pass to Kristy to contact them.

Dave W has slightly amended the Trustees' Report to add in information about our voluntary relationship with St Barnabas in that we are their official photographer. The amended report was passed to JM for the official records.

Meeting closed at 20:50

Next meeting: Wednesday 26 June 2019