

LINCOLN CAMERA CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes 31 July 2019

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Steve Percival
2. **The Minutes:** The Minutes from the previous meeting, held on 26 June 2019 were read and approved. It was discussed and decided that the August committee meeting be cancelled due to lack of availability of the members and the fact that the club closes down through August and there won't be much to discuss. The next meeting will therefore be at the end of September.
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes:-
 - (a) Nocton Hall update – David Chapman still hasn't had contact with the owners of Nocton Hall and can't find alternative contact details.
 - (b) Jorj has steam punk models for the studio night.
 - (c) Chris G saying that his contact for the Maltings is worried about trespassers if he lets us onto the property. He doesn't want to encourage unwanted visitors.
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 - (a) Website and social media updates – Dave W reporting that the website is up to date. Keris saying that he has started a churches project webpage but needs all the images we already have to add on. Alastair saying he will get them to Keris. See also section 6 of these minutes.
 - (b) Membership – DT reporting we have 33 fully paid up members.
 - (c) Specialist/Educational Groups – Dawn is still thinking of an outing we could do in the summer, possibly something to do with birds.
 - (d) Summer and Winter Exhibition – Frames have been handed back from the summer exhibition. Dave W will pass on a donation cheque at the next delegates meeting.
 - (e) BBQ – everything is ready to go.
5. **Officers' Report**
 - (a) General Secretary – Jorj will get in touch with Dave Davies to start as secretary. KH mentioning that there isn't anything physical to hand over, everything can be done by email. We just need to update details with the LPA and NEMPF.
 - (b) Social Secretary – JM giving thanks to Audrey for organising the buffet at the last battle.
 - (c) Treasurer - DW running through income/expenditure over the last month. Income was healthy this month due to subs coming in.
 - (d) Programme Secretary – DW has a list of people to call to fill in the program for next year. Dave C mentioning that he is happy to do a talk as he enjoyed doing the last

one. Jorj is doing one in September. Chris G asking if we could have a bit of info on what each talk is about rather than just a title. It may put members off if they don't have a bit more info? Jorj saying he tries to let members know what a talk will be about if he knows. Beginners sessions – Tim Scott happy to organise. We may need another laptop in case we need to run 2 groups. Jorj has copies of Photoshop and Lightroom that can be put on. The budget will be around £200 for the new laptop. Jorj, Tim and Dave C have all volunteered to run sessions. Practical camera sessions may be tricky due to different makes of camera. Members will need to know how their own camera works, e.g. how to change aperture, etc – instructors may not know!

- (e) Monthly Newsletter – draft almost ready to go, a few gaps to be filled in then will be sent out to all.
- (f) Internal Competition Secretary – Panel competition was very well entered with a lot of pdi entries. The pdi section went very well and they looked good. In the future we will just give a maximum frame size for the pdi section and members can arrange the images however they like inside that frame. Should we keep as a permanent competition? Committee voted in favour. The print section will continue as it is.

Dave T is starting to think about the competitions for next year. Members have asked for more open competitions. The mobile theme competition was not well entered so will be dropped for next year. One criticism was that we “don't have enough creativity competitions”. Committee discussing that this can be done in any 'open' competition and we also have a 'creative pdi' competition coming up in October. Dawn suggesting we could have a story/book theme in that a photo is taken that explains the story. Jorj mentioning he has judged competitions like this in the past but many of the books he had never read/heard of so it was difficult to find the link between the image and the book. Perhaps the image could illustrate the title of the book rather than the content of the story? Dave T noting this down and we will discuss again in September.

- (g) External Competition Secretary – the next competition will be the LPA battle final. Jorj will check who is in the final from the website, we may be in. We have entered for the Newark trophy competition in November. Jorj thinks we should have enough images to enter as there needs to be a certain number from various categories.
- (h) LPA Delegate – There is a delegates meeting in a couple of weeks time.
- (i) NEMPF Delegate – nothing to report until the next meeting in October.

6. **Any other Business**

BBQ – Alastair mentioning that he thinks he has enough table space, perhaps members may like to bring a chair just in case. Alastair would like to know roughly how many attending so Jorj will speak to Tim to confirm.

Churches project – Keris asking do we need to watermark our photos? At the moment there is just 'Lincoln Camera Club' at the bottom. Jorj saying we don't need to watermark as the image size is so small no one will be able to use the image/print out as the quality will be too poor. If the public would like any of the images they can contact us. Keris saying he will be selective with the images he puts up, e.g. max 3 images per church.

Dave C reporting that an image from Alastair's boating outing has been used for a boating report – this is good networking for us.

Dave W has had an email from the Archives. They explain that they will only be accepting items that are 30 years plus. Anything from 1989 onwards will no longer be accepted. They are still deciding what to do with the newer material and will keep in touch. What will we do with all our minutes from 1989 onwards? To be discussed when we hear further from the Archives.

Meeting closed at 20:40

Next meeting: Wednesday 25th September 2019