

GODALMING PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Constitution

1) **Name**

The Club shall be called Godalming Photographic Club.

2) **Objectives**

To foster the enjoyment of, and interest in, photography in all its forms by all appropriate means, including lectures, competitions, exhibitions, demonstrations and circulation of members' work for comment and advice.

3) **Membership**

The Club shall consist of the members and such other persons as the Committee may admit from time to time. Membership shall be open to all aged 15 years and over, on application to the Committee and payment of the appropriate annual subscription. Younger persons may attend ordinary meetings as guests of members. The Committee may, at their discretion, refuse or cancel membership. Membership shall lapse automatically if the subscription remains unpaid for more than three months after it becomes due, but may be renewed at the Committee's discretion on payment of arrears.

There are six categories of member:

- 'Junior Members' are those individuals aged between 15 and 17 inclusive. Their membership shall be in accordance with the 'GPC Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy'.
- 'Student Members' are those individuals aged between 18 and 25 inclusive, who are engaged in full time education or training.
- 'Honorary Life Members' are members recognised by the Committee for meritorious service to the Club over many years.
- 'Joint Members' are two adults living at the same address.
- 'Long Distance Members' are those individuals living more than 50 miles from the club meeting premises.
- 'Sponsored Member' is an individual of low means, who at the discretion of the Committee, is offered one year's membership at a reduced subscription. There shall be at most one Sponsored Member at any one time. The membership fee shall be the same as Student and Junior Membership
- 'Individual Members' are those that do not fall into any of the above special categories.

4) **Officers and Committee**

a] The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of four officers, namely the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and not more than seven other members. The Committee shall remain in office from the date of its election until the next Annual General Meeting, and shall then be eligible for re-election, except that no officer shall be eligible to continue in the same post for more than three consecutive years unless no other candidate is forthcoming. The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies which may occur, and to delegate specific duties to sub-committees. The quorum of the Committee shall be six which shall include at least one officer.

b] A non-executive President and Vice President may be elected by the Annual General Meeting. The term of office shall be five years, but he or she shall be eligible for re-election.

5) **Finance**

The Club's financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March. Subscription rates shall be determined by the Committee and included in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting. An account shall be maintained at a branch bank in Godalming and cheques or withdrawals shall be signed by any two of the Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and one member of the committee for the time being or signed by any one of the above alone for sums up to two hundred pounds.

6) **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not more than three months after the end of the financial year. Not less than fourteen days notice shall be given by the Committee. The agenda shall be circulated with the notice calling the meeting. Items on the agenda shall include the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, the appointment of an Auditor, and the election of the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

7) **Special General Meeting**

A special general meeting may be called on not less than seven days notice by the Committee, or by the Hon. Secretary at the request of not less than twenty members. The business to be transacted at the meeting must be stated in the notice calling it, and the meeting shall discuss only that business.

8) **Other Meetings**

The Committee shall endeavour to arrange a programme of ordinary meetings to enable members to meet to further their interest and enjoyment in photography.

9) **Rules**

Every member shall be given a copy of the rules in force. No rule shall be repealed or altered, nor any new rule made, save by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a general meeting. The draft

of any proposed change shall be circulated in advance with the notice of such a meeting, and must be sent to the Hon. Secretary in sufficient time for this to be done.

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