

Devizes Camera Club – Constitution

1 Name and Objects

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be “Devizes Photography Club”
- 1.2 The object of the Club shall be to enhance the enjoyment of all forms of Still Photography.
- 1.3 The Club shall be a members Club affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain via the Western Counties Photographic Federation.

2 Membership

- 2.1 The Club shall consist of ordinary members together with such honorary members as are hereinafter mentioned.
- 2.2 Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons interested in photography upon payment of the due subscription.
- 2.3 The membership year shall end on 31 August. The subscription to the Club shall be such sum as the Club shall from time to time decide in General Meeting. In addition all members shall ensure that they become members of the Sports Club, Devizes, or such other venues as shall from time to time comprise the regular meeting place of the Club.
- 2.4 Honorary members, who shall not be liable to pay any subscriptions but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, may be elected by the Committee for such periods as the Committee shall determine upon election
- 2.5 The Committee may in its absolute discretion decide to exclude from membership any person whose membership it determines to be contrary to the interest of the Club or its good repute.

3 Committee

- 3.1 The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Competition Secretary and Battle Secretary, together with up to five additional members

- 3.2 All committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Unless the Club in General Meeting shall otherwise decide, no member may serve on the Committee for longer than four years consecutively in the same role.
- 3.3 The Committee shall elect a Vice-Chairman from among their own number.
- 3.4 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be five.
- 3.5 The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of account as are necessary and shall present a full report of the finances of the Club to each Annual General Meeting and at such other times as the Committee may require.
- 3.6 The accounts of the Club shall be examined each year. The examiner shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and shall not be a Committee member. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as it shall deem proper for the administration of the affairs of the Club.
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- 3.8 A Committee member failing to attend two consecutive Committee meetings without apologies or three meetings other than because of illness, may be required by the Committee to resign from the Committee.
- 3.9 Members may be co-opted by the Committee to fill any vacancy arising on the Committee between Annual General Meetings or for such other purposes until the next Annual General Meeting as the Committee may from time to time decide

4 Administration of Club Business

- 4.1 The affairs of the Club in all matters not reserved in the Rules for the Club in General Meeting shall be managed by the Committee of the Club. The ruling of the Committee shall be final in all matters of Club administration over which it has jurisdiction.
- 4.2 The Committee may appoint such sub-committees from time to

time for such purposes and comprising such members of the Club as it thinks fit.

4.3 The Competitions of the Club shall be governed by such Rules as the Club shall from time to time adopt in General Meeting.

4.4 All members shall abide by the Data Protection Policy from time to time approved by the Committee and publicised to the Membership.

5 General Meetings

5.1 The quorum for any General Meeting of the Club shall be one third of the paid-up membership of the Club on the day of the meeting.

5.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held during May each year. The Secretary shall give all members not less than 14 days notice of the Meeting and shall specify the business to be transacted at the meeting. All resolutions to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting shall be presented to the Secretary in writing at least 21 days in advance of the meeting.

5.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called by the Committee or by not less than five ordinary members of the Club on not less than 14 days notice. The Notice convening such a meeting shall specify the business to be transacted at the meeting.

5.4 Any bona fide Club member may submit a resolution at any General Meeting for consideration, so long as such a proposal is seconded by another Club member.

6 Dissolution

6.1 If the Club shall pass at General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of the paid-up membership at that time, a Resolution to disband or dissolve the Club, the Committee shall as soon as practicable convert all the Club's assets into money (unless the Club in General Meeting shall otherwise decide) and after discharging all the debts and liabilities of the Club including the expenses of sale, the balance shall be divided equally between

the Members of the Club at the time of the Resolution to disband or dissolve or as those members shall in General Meeting determine. Upon completion of such distribution the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved.

7 Alterations to this Constitution

- 7.1 Alterations to these Rules may only be made upon a duly proposed resolution for the purpose being passed by a two-thirds majority of members present at a General Meeting.

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20 May 2014; 15th May 2018; 25th October 2022.**