



Bideford Camera Club

BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB: CONSTITUTION AND RULES OCTOBER 2020

1. CLUB NAME and OBJECTIVES

The Club shall be named the Bideford Camera Club.

The Objectives of the Club are to provide a forum to promote and encourage the study and practice of all forms of photography, photographic art and techniques by exchanging ideas, advice and assistance amongst members, organising and providing the facilities to hold lectures and demonstrations and to participate in competitions.

The Club shall meet most weeks from mid-September to April the following year. A Summer Programme of outings shall be arranged.

2. MEMBERSHIP

To enjoy the benefits of the Club a person must become a Member. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person interested in, or practising photography, both amateur and professional, who agrees to support the Club's objectives and abide by the Club's rules. A person applying for membership must complete an application form and may attend the Club on up to three occasions before paying a subscription. The Committee reserves the right to reject an application for membership and to terminate an existing membership for inappropriate behaviour or acting against the interests of the Club. Subscription fees already paid shall not be refunded under such circumstances.

The Committee may confer Honorary Life Membership to a member for outstanding service to the Club.

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members shall pay an annual subscription fee recommended by the Treasurer and agreed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the forthcoming year or by an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). All subscriptions from existing members shall be due by the end of September. If the renewal subscription is not received by this time, membership shall be deemed to have lapsed unless special circumstances can be proven. New members applying for membership after 1st January shall pay 50% of the annual subscription.

4. THE COMMITTEE

The day-to-day running of the Club shall be managed by an executive Committee, elected by members at the AGM. The composition and duties of the Committee's

members and other Club officers is set out in a separate document titled "Bideford Camera Club Roles and Responsibilities of Officers". This will be reviewed by the Committee annually and amended if necessary to keep it current. The document is available to members on request to the Club Secretary and from the club website.

Subject to their election at the AGM , any member may carry out any one of the Committee roles. If there are unfilled roles after the AGM the Committee may ask and co-opt willing members to positions. If there are still vacant positions existing an existing Committee member may cover one of them in addition to their other role.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS:

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held on the last meeting of the Club's season. Fourteen days-notice of the date of the meeting shall be given to members. Details of the agenda shall be circulated to members at least 7 days before the date of the meeting. Each member present shall have one vote. Those unable to attend may vote by proxy provided the Secretary is informed 48 hours before the meeting. A quorum at the AGM shall be ten members.

6. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called at the discretion of the Committee, or on the written request of five Club members. Members shall be sent an agenda detailing why the meeting has been called at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. No business, other than that given in the agenda, shall be undertaken. A quorum at an EGM shall be ten members.

7. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

Changes to the Constitution/Rules can only be made at an AGM or an EGM.

8. COMPETITIONS:

Members must have paid a current subscription to enter competitions. Competition rules are published separately and shall be provided to all members as part of the programme at the start of the Club Year. Changes to competition rules shall only be undertaken by the Committee and verified at an AGM or EGM.

9. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:

Dissolution of the Club shall require discussion at an EGM and take place only with the approval of two thirds of paid up members present. If such a resolution is approved, Club assets shall be sold and any monies remaining after the discharge of liabilities distributed equally by the Treasurer to those members who have paid a full subscription for the year.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES:

These revised Constitution/Rules were approved at the AGM held on 4th August 2020.