



BIDEFORD DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP also known as BIDEFORD CAMERA CLUB: CONSTITUTION AND RULES as approved AGM April 25th 2023

1. CLUB NAME

Bideford District Photography Group also known as Bideford Camera Club for administrative purposes.

2. CLUB OBJECTIVES. Provide a forum including but not exclusively to promote and encourage the study and practice 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 will run a programme of activities as funds and member interest allows.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Only paid up members may fully participate in all club activities. Prospective members must complete an application with copyright permissions and model release form and agree to be bound by the club rules. Admission to the club is then dependent upon payment of the appropriate membership fee and there being vacancies at the time. New potential members may attend two consecutive free meetings 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.

4. 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). Annual subscriptions are due within three weeks of notification and if not received by this time, membership shall be deemed to have lapsed unless special circumstances can be proven.

5. 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 are set out in a separate document titled “ Roles and Responsibilities of Officers”. This will be reviewed by the Committee annually.

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.

6.GENERAL MEETINGS:

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in April each year. 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 one third of paid up members rounded down to a whole number.

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 a EGM shall be one third of paid up members rounded down to a whole number.

7.CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

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

8.DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:

Dissolution of the Club shall require discussion at an AGM or EGM and take place only with the approval of one third of paid up members either present or in writing. 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.

All documents mentioned above may be obtained from the club secretary or accessed on the club website. <https://bidefordcameraclub.co.uk/>