

Cambridge Photography Club – Constitution

1. NAME

The name of the organisation is Cambridge Photography Club, known as "The Club".

2. REGISTERED ADDRESS

The registered address shall be that of the Secretary or otherwise as decided by the Committee.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose is to encourage the study, appreciation, and participation in the art of photography and to promote the art of photography in the community for the benefit of all.

4. AFFILIATIONS

The Club can be affiliated to National or International bodies that are aligned with the purpose of The Club to promote creative and technical benefits for the Members. The Committee will propose any new affiliations, or changes to existing affiliations at the AGM or SGM for approval by the Members.

5. MEMBERSHIP

A Member is either an Ordinary Member, Honorary Member, or a Life Member. All applications to become members of The Club will be approved by the Committee.

- 5.1. Ordinary Member has the rights and responsibilities set out in this Constitution. Within the Ordinary Membership category, two sub-groups are included
 - 5.1.1. Family Member – the spouse, partner, or dependent child of an ordinary member
 - 5.1.2. Student Member – a person under the age of 18 and enrolled at a recognised educational establishment
- 5.2. All Ordinary Members shall pay the annual subscription decided at a General Meeting. A pro rata subscription may be payable where membership starts after 31 July.
- 5.3. An Ordinary Member may become a Life Member only if:
 - 5.3.1. The Committee recommends that The Club should appoint the Ordinary Member as a Life Member; and
 - 5.3.2. The Club passes a resolution appointing the Ordinary Member as a Life Member by a two-thirds majority of those Members present at an AGM or Special General Meeting (SGM) of The Club.
- 5.4. Honorary Member is a person who is acknowledged as providing or having provided important services to The Club. An Honorary Member will enjoy all the benefits of The Club but may not hold an office or vote and has none of the rights or privileges of an Ordinary Member or a Life Member.
- 5.5. Honorary Members shall be recommended by the Committee, which may limit such membership, and approved by not less than 50% of the Members present at an AGM or Special General Meeting (SGM) of The Club.
- 5.6. Life Membership is awarded in recognition of the exceptional contributions of an individual member who has contributed to The Club over an extended period and who has demonstrated a significant and substantial commitment toward the enhancement and reputation of The Club. A Life Member has all the rights and responsibilities of an Ordinary Member (including the right to vote) but does not have to pay a subscription.

6. MANAGEMENT

The Club shall be managed by a Committee of not fewer than six nor more than ten members. Four of these members shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer who shall be the Officers of The Club.

- 6.1. The Officers and other members of the Committee shall be elected annually at a General Meeting. All may be re-elected except the President who may not hold the office of President for more than three consecutive years.
- 6.2. The duties of the Officers shall be set out in Rules and approved by a General Meeting.
- 6.3. The Committee shall meet (either in person or virtually) not less than ten times each year.
- 6.4. A quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of the Committee members.
- 6.5. Decisions of the Committee shall be by a simple majority with the President having a casting vote.
- 6.6. The Committee may co-opt members provided the total number of Committee Members does not exceed ten.
- 6.7. The Committee may appoint one of its members to be an Officer of The Club.
- 6.8. Only the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person at the same time.
- 6.9. Decisions of the Committee shall be binding for all members.

7. FINANCE

The financial year of The Club shall end on 30 June.

- 7.1. The Committee shall open such bank accounts as may be necessary and shall control them in accordance with legal requirements.
- 7.2. The Committee may borrow funds and may invest funds following a resolution approved at a General Meeting.
- 7.3. Financial Statements for the preceding year shall be prepared by the Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

- 7.4. At each Annual General Meeting, The Club may appoint a person to review the finances of the Club. Such person shall not be a member of The Club and, if required by law, must hold an appropriate professional qualification.
- 7.5. No member of The Club or person associated with a member shall receive any payment from The Club except for expenses necessarily incurred on behalf of The Club and approved by the Committee.

8. MEETINGS

The Club will hold regular monthly meetings, unless decided otherwise by the Committee and properly notified to members.

Annual General Meetings (AGM) shall be held once every year within three months of the end of the financial year.

Special General Meetings (SGM) may be requested by the President, by the Committee, or by written request of ten members.

The Secretary will provide at least three weeks' notice of the AGM or SGM to each member of The Club.

The Quorum for all AGM or SGM shall be not fewer than 25% of the members. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority with the President having a casting vote.

- 8.1. The AGM shall receive, reject, amend, or approve the following:
 - 8.1.1. The minutes of the previous Annual and any Special General Meetings.
 - 8.1.2. The President's Report on the activities of The Club since the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.3. The Financial Statements of The Club's affairs since the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.4. The Committee's recommendations for the subscriptions for the ensuing year.
 - 8.1.5. Any Resolution which has been made in accordance with the Rules.
- 8.2. The Officers and other Members of the Committee for the forthcoming year shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting. If there are insufficient proposals for Members of the Committee, those elected may co-opt members in accordance with Clause 6 of this Constitution.

9. RULES

The Committee shall prepare and publish the Rules of conduct for The Club and its members. Such Rules shall be approved, amended, or rejected at a General Meeting. Any Rule subsequently formulated by the Committee, shall be followed, after notification to all members, until the next following Annual General Meeting.

10. MISCONDUCT

Any member may be invited to a Committee Meeting to provide a defence against a charge of bringing The Club into disrepute. The member may elect not to attend. In any event if the Committee decides that the charge is upheld, then the Committee may expel the member.

11. WINDING UP

The Club may be wound up at a General Meeting. Any assets shall be given to one or more organisations with purposes similar to Clause 3 of this Constitution provided that the organisation has tax-exempt charitable status in New Zealand.

12. AMENDMENTS

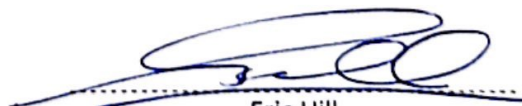
This Constitution replaces the Rules dated 10 April 2009 and can only be amended, repealed, or replaced by the resolution of at least 50% of the members attending a Special General Meeting.

Agreed at the Special General Meeting of The Club held on 29th June 2022.

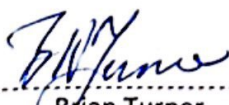
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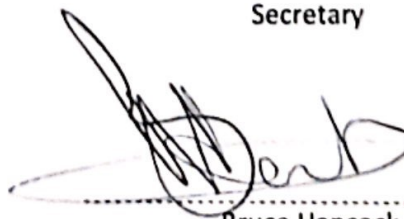
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