

CONSTITUTION OF KESWICK PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

1. Name

The name of the organisation is Keswick Photographic Society.

2. Aim

The aim of the society is the advancement and enjoyment of photography.

3. Membership

Membership is open to all individuals who are interested in furthering the aims of the Society and taking part in its activities. The membership of any member may be terminated by the Society if it is felt that that individual is acting to undermine the aims of the Society. The meetings are open to visitors who will be asked to pay an attendance charge set by the Governing Body of the Society.

4. Meetings

Meetings shall normally take place on a weekly basis from September to April, with a short break over Christmas.

The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held in April, at which a report of the proceedings during the past year shall be presented, together with the Accounts for the financial year up until the date of the AGM. It shall elect the Officers and Ordinary Committee Members and determine the Annual Subscription Rate.

5. Annual Subscription

The rate of Annual Subscription shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting and falls due annually, at the first meeting of each new session of the Society. The membership categories shall be Ordinary Member, Associate Member, Junior Member (under 18) and Honorary Life Member.

6. Governing Body

The members shall elect from among the Society a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, a Programme Secretary and others to act as additional Officers and Ordinary Committee Members. The number of Ordinary Committee Members shall be decided upon by the Officers of the Society.

Officers and Ordinary Committee Members shall normally serve a three-year term. A third of the Officers and Ordinary Committee Members shall be re-elected every year. These elections shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.

A quorum at a meeting shall number at least 50 percent of the committee membership.

A resolution put to members at a meeting shall be deemed passed if more than half of those present vote in favour. In the event of a tie the Chairperson (or in his absence, the person chairing the meeting) shall have a second or casting vote.

7. Powers of the Governing Body

The Governing Body shall fix the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall transact any business such as organising the programme, competitions and exhibitions. It shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur and to co-opt members for specific purposes. The Governing Body may appoint Honorary Members in recognition of exceptional service to the Society.

8. Equal Opportunities

We do not knowingly discriminate against any individual or group in the community in what we do or in what we promote including any publicity materials.

9. Financial Arrangements

All monies will be paid into a bank account in the name of the Society and the account will be operated on behalf of the Society. The funds will only be used to further the aims of the Society. Cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and at least one other member of the Governing Body. The Governing Body must ensure that a record of accounts is kept and that an Annual Statement of Accounts is prepared.

10. Changes to the Constitution

The constitution may only be changed if the resolution is passed by the members of the Society at a meeting called for that purpose.

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