

Tetbury Camera Club

Constitution, (as amended post AGM 2016)

1. The organisation shall be known as the Tetbury Camera Club.
2. The aims and objects of the club shall be to promote the interest and active participation in the hobby of photography amongst the members; to engage in photographic competition with other similar Clubs; to provide a voluntary service to the local community by arranging photographic exhibitions, lectures to societies, etc.
3. Membership shall be open to any person interested in photography subject to the approval of the Committee who shall also have the authority to cancel membership of any member acting in a manner to bring discredit to the Club.
4. Each member shall by October 30th each year, pay an annual subscription as decided by the previous Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) on a proposal from the Committee. Any supplementary subscription can only be levied following a simple majority at a General Meeting. Members joining in February or later shall pay half the annual subscription.
5. The club shall meet weekly on a day and time and at a venue decided by the A.G.M., throughout the months September to May, save for weeks in which a Bank Holiday falls. The Committee shall have the authority to change such arrangements in the event of an emergency. The last meeting of the Season shall be the A.G.M.
6. The financial year of the club shall end on 30 April each year.
7. The accounts for a financial year produced by the Treasurer shall be reviewed by a member of the Committee, as selected by the Committee members, before presentation to an A.G.M.
8. Any proposed resolutions for the A.G.M. shall be provided to the Secretary no later than three weeks before the published date of an A.G.M. An agenda for an A.G.M. and copies of any proposed resolutions shall be circulated to all members by the Secretary two weeks before an A.G.M. Such circulation may include email or inclusion in the Club website.
9. The A.G.M. shall complete the following business
 - a. Receive the minutes of the previous A.G.M.
 - b. Hear reports from the retiring Chairman and Treasurer
 - c. Receive the accounts for the previous year presented by the Treasurer.
 - d. Elect a Chairman to serve for a period of 1 year. The Chairman will serve for a maximum period of 3 years and is not eligible for re-election for a period of 4 years after standing down. Elect a Secretary, Competition Secretary, Programme Secretary, Membership Secretary and Events Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members to serve for a period of one year. Retiring Officers and Committee Members shall be eligible for re-election.

The Secretary shall record the decisions of the A.G.M

10. The A.G.M. may elect a President and such Vice Presidents from time to time and for such periods as it thinks fit.
11. Each paid-up member shall be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting. Proxy votes will be accepted. Details of the procedure for proxy voting will be shown in the calling notice.
12. All resolutions put to an AGM. shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting, including proxies, except that any resolution to amend the constitution shall be passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting, including proxies and must amount to at least one third of the paid-up membership. The chairman may vote on any resolution, and in addition will have a casting vote, excepting resolutions to amend the constitution when he will not have a casting vote.
16. Ten paid-up members shall form a quorum at a General Meeting except in the case described in Clause 17 below. The Secretary shall record in the minutes the number of paid-up members in the Club, the number of paid-up members present and the numbers of proxies accepted.
17. If the required number of members (including proxies) to form a quorum for a General Meeting is not present, after 30 minutes from the scheduled start time of the General Meeting the Chairman shall close the meeting and reconvene the meeting in no less than one week. Members shall be notified of the time and venue for the reconvened General Meeting. The reconvened General Meeting will be considered quorate, provided five or more paid-up members attend the General Meeting and at least one of these members is an elected Officer of the Club. Proxies from the original meeting may be carried forward, and new proxies added.
18. The Club shall hold Photographic Competitions for paid-up members in accordance with a schedule published by the Committee, after consultation with the members.
19. An inventory of all Club property shall be maintained and copies held by both the Secretary and Treasurer.
20. One or more elected members of the committee may, with their agreement, be appointed by the committee to serve for one year as Vice Chairman in addition to any other roles they may have.
21. In the event of the winding up of the Club, its property shall be sold for the best price able and the proceeds of the sale together with the monies held shall be used firstly to pay any outstanding debts, the balance being donated to the Friends of Tetbury Hospital.

Last Amendment:

To provide for Proxy Voting, as resolved at AGM, 26th May 2015.

Vice Chairman to be co-opted by the committee, as resolved at AGM, May 16.