
THE CHILTERN ASSOCIATION OF CAMERA CLUBS

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Constitution

1. Constitution

The Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs (the Association) is established to consist of the Clubs admitted to membership.

2. Objects

The objects of the Association shall be to assist in the promotion of good standards of Club photography; to recruit and maintain lists of volunteers willing to contribute to Club activities; and to enable Member Clubs to co-operate to their mutual advantage.

3. General Conduct

Subject to any decisions made in General Meetings, the business of the Association shall not interfere with the rights of self-government of the Member Clubs.

4. Use of Sub-titles

Member Clubs may use the sub-title 'Member of the Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs'.

5. Admission to the Association

(a) Applications for membership of the Association are welcomed from photographic clubs and societies with a membership of six or more and holding regular meetings within the boundaries of the Association.

(b) The boundaries of the Association are those agreed with neighbouring Federations of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (the Alliance). Applications from clubs and societies outside the boundaries of the Association may be considered within the procedure set by the Alliance.

6. Withdrawal from the Association

A Member Club may withdraw from the Association on giving notice in writing to the Secretary, but shall remain liable for any outstanding subscription due at the time of receipt of the notice.

7. Removal from the Association

A General Meeting may remove a Club from membership. The Club is entitled to receive three months' notice of the intention to place such a resolution before the Meeting. Notice shall be served to the last known address of the last known Secretary of the Club.

8. Subscriptions

Subscriptions by Member Clubs are payable on 1st January each year. The subscription shall be that set by the preceding Annual General Meeting.

9. The Committee

(a) The Committee shall comprise the four Officers of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, and the Other Members. Every member of the Committee must be a current member of a Member Club.

(b) The Committee will retire each year at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election, save for the Chairman who may be re-elected to that post only twice consecutively.

10. Powers of the Committee

Subject only to any matter reserved for, or a resolution of, a General Meeting, the Committee shall have control of the affairs of the Association, including:

(a) Holding the assets of the Association, establishing bank accounts, and conducting the financial affairs of the Association.

(b) Co-opting additional members to the Committee to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

(c) Admitting new Members Clubs.

(d) Determining the status of Member Clubs as Affiliates of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain.

(e) Suspending the membership of a Member Club and removing services from the Club and its members where the Club has failed to meet the conditions of membership. The conditions shall be those agreed from time to time by a General Meeting.

11. Annual General Meeting

(a) The financial year of the Association runs from 1st January to 31st December, and the Annual General Meeting shall be held within four months of the financial year end.

(b) The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to receive reports from the Officers and Committee including the annual accounts, to agree the subscription for the following year, to elect the Officers and Other Committee Members who shall take office at the end of the Meeting and to appoint an Auditor.

(c) Additional business shall be notified in advance, either by the Committee or by a Member Club.

12. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary on a requisition received either from the Committee or from at least four Member Clubs. The requisition shall state the business to be conducted at the meeting.

13. Conduct of General Meetings

(a) The minimum notice for a General Meeting shall be 14 days. Notice shall be deemed given if the Secretary sends the notice to the last known address of the last known Secretary of each Member Club.

(b) The voting members at a General Meeting shall be the Member Clubs, each having one vote. Others, including the Committee, may be in attendance and non-voting.

(c) Any Member Club unable to attend may appoint the Chairman to vote as a proxy. Each such appointment shall count as if the Club had attended in person.

(d) A proposal to alter this Constitution or to dissolve the Association shall be a Special Resolution requiring more than two-thirds of the votes cast to be in favour.

(e) Any other Resolution shall require more than one-half of the votes cast to be in favour.

14. Alteration of the Constitution

A General Meeting may, by Special Resolution, amend this Constitution.

15. Dissolution of the Association

A General Meeting may, by Special Resolution, dissolve the Association and appoint Trustees to call in, hold, manage and dispose of the residual net assets of the Association upon such conditions as the Meeting may direct.