

# SANDBACH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION & RULES

- 1 The Society shall be called the Sandbach Photographic Society.
- 2 The object of the Society is to promote interest in all aspects of still photography by means of regular meetings, devoted to photographic topics designed to provide instruction and recreation, and by other means that are appropriate.
- 3.1 Membership of the Society shall be open to all who profess interest in the object of the Society.
- 3.2 Members and visitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied at all meetings and other events by a parent or guardian, or an adult with the specific agreement of the parent/guardian, who will be responsible for their safety at all times.
- 4 The Society shall be managed by a Committee elected annually by the Society, and comprising of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be ex-officio members, plus the Programme Secretary, Competition Secretary, Social Secretary, Equipment Officer, Press Officer and two other members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of four other members whose term of office will terminate at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, but may be co-opted at the discretion of the new Committee.
- 5 The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring during its term of office. The filling of such vacancies, not counting towards the four members the Committee has the power to co-opt under rule 4.
- 6.1 A General Meeting of the Society shall be held annually before the end of each season's activities for the purpose of:
  - a. Receiving reports from members of the retiring Committee.
  - b. The adoption of audited accounts.
  - c. To fix the subscription and entrance fee for the following year.
  - d. To elect a Committee as referred to in rule 4.
  - e. To appoint an auditor.
  - f. Any other business appropriate to a General Meeting, rule 11 refers.
- 6.2 Twenty eight days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each member, together with nomination forms. Completed nomination forms duly signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder shall be returned to the Secretary not later than seven days before the meeting, when nomination lists will close. Nominations will only be taken from the floor of the Annual Meeting for positions which are not covered by nominations when the list closed seven days previously.
- 7 The Committee shall have the power to withdraw membership from a member for conduct contrary to the interests of the Society, without cause assigned and without any refund of the entrance fee.
- 8 An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society can be called by the Committee or upon a written request to the Secretary supported by not less that one-third of the

Society's membership. All requests to the Secretary for an Extraordinary General Meeting must give the purpose for which the meeting is to be called. The Secretary shall then give fourteen days notice of such a meeting, which, in the case of a request by not less than one-third of the membership, shall be within one calendar month of that request being received. No matters other than those for which the meeting has been called shall be discussed.

- 9 The quorum for any General Meeting of the Society shall be ten (10), for any Committee the quorum shall be five (5).
- 10 In the event of three consecutive unsuccessful attempts of obtain a quorum at an Annual General Meeting, the Committee may, at its discretion, wind up the Society and dispose of the Society's surplus assets to charity.
- 11 These rules can only be amended by a resolution at a General Meeting of the Society which is supported by two-thirds of those present and voting; members who abstain in any vote are deemed not to be voting and do not, therefore, come into any calculation of the proportion for or against the motion under consideration. A motion calling for a change in the rules to be considered at an Annual General Meeting must be received by the Secretary not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting and must include the name of the proposer and seconder. The Secretary may, at his/her discretion, notify members of the motion prior to the General Meeting where it is to be considered.
- 12 The rules shall be available for scrutiny by any member of the Society.

Section 6.1e amended at the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM 1995  
Section 9 amended at the EGM 9<sup>th</sup> February 2000  
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