

Stockton Camera Club

Club Rules

Revised April 2013

- 1 The name of the Club shall be the Stockton Camera Club
- 2 The object of the Club shall be the encouragement of the art and science of photography and the practice thereof.
- 3 The affairs of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Programme Secretary, such other officers as the Club may from time to time appoint, and two ordinary members. Four members of this committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 4 Honorary Life Vice Presidents may be appointed.
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 - a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in April.
 - b) All members whose addresses are known to the Secretary shall be given at least 7 days notice, by email and posting on the notice board, of the A. G. M. and of any proposal to amend these rules.
 - c) Ten members shall constitute a quorum.
- 6 The business of the A. G. M. shall be to
 - a) consider and receive reports from the officers.
 - b) consider and receive accounts from the Treasurer for the previous financial year.
 - c) Elect the Officers and Committee to hold office until the next A. G. M. No member shall be eligible for re-election to a post after three consecutive years in that post unless there is no other nomination.
 - d) approve the annual subscription, having heard the recommendation of the Treasurer.
 - e) discuss any other matter of interest to the club.
 - f) decide on any proposal to amend this constitution.
- 7 The Committee may call a Special General Meeting and shall do so on receipt of a written request signed by five members stating the purpose for which the meeting is requested. Rules 5 b) and 5 c) shall also apply to a Special General Meeting.
- 8 All members of the Committee shall be entitled to one vote and the Chairman also has a casting vote.
- 9 The Committee shall have power to
 - a) fill any vacancy on the Committee between Annual General Meetings,
 - b) decline to accept a prospective member of the Club.
 - c) co-opt up to two additional members onto the committee
- 10 The Club finances shall be managed by the Treasurer who shall be responsible for maintaining auditable records of all transactions. All Club monies, apart from appropriate Petty Cash float, shall be held in a bank account in the name of Stockton Camera Club. Any cheques drawn against Club funds shall carry the signatures of the Treasurer and one other authorised signatory.

The financial year shall end on 31 March and the Treasurer shall present a statement of annual accounts to the Annual General Meeting in April. The accounts will not be audited unless an audit is formally requested by 10% of the Club membership.

Annual subscriptions shall be due in September and should be paid by 30 September. After this date, unless special circumstances apply, it will be assumed that a member no longer wishes to continue and membership rights shall be withdrawn. After 1 January, the membership fee shall be reduced to 50% of the full annual fee.

Membership Categories shall be defined as follows:

Ordinary Member	A person over the age of 18
Senior Citizen	A person over the legal age for drawing the State Pension
Junior	A person under the age of 18, or in full-time education
UB40	A person claiming Unemployment Benefit
Member and Partner	A couple with joint membership

- 11 A non-member may attend up to three meetings of the Club per Season before being required to join.
- 12 On the recommendation of the Committee, a member whose conduct is considered to be prejudicial to the good name of the Club may be expelled by majority vote of a Special General Meeting of the Club.
- 13 These rules may be amended at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.