

## Stockton Camera Club Rules

1. The name of the Club is Stockton Camera Club
2. The object of the Club is the encouragement of the art and science of photography and the practice thereof.
3. The affairs of the Club will 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 will constitute a quorum.
4. Honorary Life Vice Presidents may be appointed.
5. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club will be held in April. All members whose addresses are known to the Secretary will be given at least 7 days notice, by email and posting on the notice board, of the AGM and of any proposal to amend these rules. Ten members will constitute a quorum.
6. The business of the AGM will be; To consider and receive reports from the officers. Consider and receive accounts from the Treasurer for the previous financial year. Elect the Officers and Committee to hold office until the next AGM. No member will be eligible for re-election to a post after three consecutive years in that post unless there is no other nomination. 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 will 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) will also apply to a Special General Meeting.
8. All members of the Committee will be entitled to one vote and the Chairman also has a casting vote.
9. The Committee will have power to: fill any vacancy on the Committee between Annual General Meetings decline to accept a prospective

member of the Club. Co-opt up to two additional members onto the committee

10. The Club finances will be managed by the Treasurer who will be responsible for maintaining auditable records of all transactions. All Club monies, apart from appropriate Petty Cash float, will be held in a bank account in the name of Stockton Camera Club. Any cheques drawn against Club funds will carry the signatures of the Treasurer and one other authorised signatory.
11. The financial year will end on 31 March and the Treasurer will 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.
12. Annual subscriptions will 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 will be withdrawn. After 1 January, the membership fee will be reduced to 50% of the full annual fee.
13. Membership Categories are 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
  - Unemployed - A person claiming Unemployment Benefit
  - Member and Partner - A couple with joint membership
14. A non-member may attend up to three meetings of the Club per Season before being required to join.
15. 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.
16. These rules may be amended at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.