

Thornbury Camera Club Constitution

1. Title

1.1. The Club shall be named Thornbury Camera Club

2. Objects

2.1. To encourage all aspects of photography by means of discussion, lectures and the production of Photographic Prints and Slides for Competitions and Exhibitions

3. Copy of Constitution

3.1. Each member shall be provided with a copy of the constitution

4. Subscriptions

4.1. The Annual Subscription shall be decided by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.

5. Officers

5.1. The following shall be Officers of the Club

5.1.1. Honorary Chairman

5.1.2. Honorary Treasurer

5.1.3. Honorary Secretary

5.2. Officers of the Club shall retire at the end of each year at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election

6. Committee

6.1. There shall be a committee consisting of the three Officers of the Club plus at least three committee members as deemed prudent or necessary at the time.

6.2. The Committee shall have power to co-opt members.

6.3. The Committee shall retire at the end of each year at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

6.4. At any meeting of the Committee four members must be present to form a quorum.

7. Annual General Meetings

7.1. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of April.

7.2. A Special General Meeting of the Club may be called by the Committee or by requisition by ten members of the Club.

7.3. At any General Meeting ten members must be present to form a quorum.

8. Elections

8.1. Nominations to which the Nominees have consented, together with the names of their Proposers and Seconders must be received by the Secretary, in writing, at least one week before the Annual General Meeting.

9. Motions for Annual and Special General Meetings.

9.1. Motions to be put to Annual or Special General Meetings must be received by the Secretary, in writing, at least three weeks before the meeting.

- 9.2. Copies of the Motions to be put to the Annual or Special General Meetings shall be circulated to all Members of the Club at least a week before the meeting.
- 9.3. Amendments to Motions may be put at the Annual or Special General meeting.

10. Procedure for Voting at Annual or Special General Meetings

- 10.1 Each Member, except the Chairman who shall have a casting vote, shall have one vote.
- 10.2 All votes shall be made by a show of hands or by a secret ballot, at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 10.3 The out-going Secretary shall take the Chair and shall have the casting vote in the election for the position of Chairman.
- 10.4 In the case of motions put to Annual or Special General Meetings the following voting procedure shall be used:
 - 10.4.1 Vote on Amendments to Amendments to the substantive motion.
 - 10.4.2 Vote on Amendments to substantive motion as amended.
 - 10.4.3 Vote on substantive motion as amended.

11. Accounts

- 11.1 The Club shall open and maintain a Bank Account.
- 11.2 Withdrawals shall be made on signature of two officers of the Club
- 11.3 The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually and presented to the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

12. Meetings

- 12.1 Meetings of the Club shall normally be held weekly from the beginning of September to the end of April.
- 12.2 A range of outdoor activities shall be organised for the summer months from May to August.

13. Contingencies

- 13.1 The Committee shall have power to deal with any contingencies not provided for in the foregoing Constitution. Their decision in all cases shall be final, but no alteration of or addition to this Constitution shall be made without the sanction of a General Meeting of the members.

14. Dissolution

- 14.1 In the event of the dissolution of Thornbury Camera Club all assets remaining after the debts and liabilities of the Club have been paid shall be held in a trust fund for a period of twelve months. The Officers of the Club, at the time of dissolution, shall be the Trustees. After the set period the Trustees shall distribute the funds to a recognised charity.

This is a certified copy of the constitution adopted by Thornbury Camera Club in September 1983 and ammended 4 April 2005.

Tony Byram, Chairman Thornbury Camera Club