

BECKENHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The Society shall be called the BECKENHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY ('the Society')
2. The object of the Society shall be to promote the study and practice of photography and related branches of science and art through meetings, lectures, competitions, outings or other means which the Committee may think desirable.
3. The management of the Society's affairs shall be vested in a Committee comprising the Officers as set out in Rule 4, the Immediate Past President for one year only, and three other Members, the quorum to be six. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies.
4. The Officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Organiser, Competition Organiser(s) and Exhibition Organiser.
5. The Officers and Members of Committee shall be elected, either by show of hands or by ballot, at the Annual General Meeting. They shall each be nominated by two members of the Society, subject to the consent of the nominee. A member nominated as President must be currently serving on the Committee or have served within the preceding year.

Officers shall be eligible for re-election. Other Members of Committee shall not serve for more than three consecutive years, but shall be eligible for re-nomination after one year. The President shall not serve for more than three consecutive years but after one year he/she shall be eligible for re-nomination as President.

6. As a mark of appreciation, members shall have power, on the nomination of the Committee, to appoint as Honorary Vice-President any member who has given special service to the Society. This appointment shall not affect the right of the member to hold any other office in the Society.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within twelve weeks of the end of the Society's financial year, to receive the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, to transact the formal business of the Society and to elect the Officers and Members of Committee, the Projectionists and Honorary Auditor for the following year.
8. The subscription for the following year, due at the start of the season, shall be recommended by the Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting.
9. The Committee shall have power to open bank accounts for the Society and shall establish the method of operating them. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and make all payments concerned with the general fund after payments have been approved by the Committee. The Wideangle Market shall be under the control of a Manager who shall be appointed by and be responsible to the Committee. The Secretary shall also have authority to sign cheques for the General Account.
10. The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting, if requested to do so by not fewer than ten members of the Society. The request shall be in writing and the proposed business of the meeting shall be clearly stated. Seven days notice stating the purpose of the meeting shall be given to all members.
11. The Committee shall have power to manage, control and deal with any matter not provided for in these Rules, including the power to withdraw or withhold membership from any individual, and to appoint any Sub-Committee it wishes.
12. No alteration shall be made to these Rules except at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and no rule shall be altered except with the approval of two-thirds of the members present. Notice of any proposed alterations shall be sent to the Secretary in writing at least twenty-eight days before the Annual or Special General Meeting, and shall be circulated to all members at least seven days before that meeting.

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