

Abergavenny Camera Club Aims and Rules 2011

AIMS

The aims and objectives of Abergavenny Camera Club are to:

- Provide facilities for people from Abergavenny and the surrounding area who have become members of the club to exchange views and ideas relating to photography in all its forms in an informal and friendly atmosphere
- Provide members with facilities for education in the art and science of photography in its different forms in a practical, theoretical and competitive manner so that they may develop their photographic skills
- Promote the taking and sharing of photographic work

RULES

1. The club shall be called 'The Abergavenny Camera Club', hereinafter called '**The Club**'.
2. The Club shall be affiliated to the Welsh Photographic Federation.
3. The Executive Committee of The Club shall hold office until January 2012, at which time an Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held to:
 - Elect committee members to hold office until the next regular Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January 2012
 - Set membership fees for the year of 2012
 - Review The Club Aims and Rules
4. The Club shall meet every 2 weeks on Mondays at 8 p.m.
5. The AGM shall be held in January with 14 days notice given to all members.
6. Every member shall have one vote.
7. The Committee shall present the annual report and accounts at the AGM.
8. The Committee shall keep minutes and maintain accounts that can be viewed by any member on request.
9. Subscriptions for the coming year shall be fixed annually at the AGM. Subscriptions become due at this point and must be paid no later than the first meeting in February. In case of financial hardship, please discuss with the Treasurer.
10. Additional fundraising activities may be held on a regular basis in order to boost club funds and permit a wider range of club activities.
11. The Club is open to people of all ages, levels of experience and expertise as long as they fully support the aims of the club; the equipment that they use is irrelevant in qualifying for membership.
12. The Executive Committee may by unanimous vote and for a specified reason terminate the membership of any individual; the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee, accompanied by a friend.
13. Membership numbers shall not be limited.
14. There shall be no religious, political, racial, sexual or other bias involved in qualification for membership.
15. Members under the age of 18 will not be eligible to vote in the AGM.
16. All members are responsible for taking care of their own property and safety and that of others. Any equipment or property left at the club premises is left at the member's risk.
17. The Committee, elected by members at the AGM, shall consist of at least four of:
Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Programme Secretary; Competition Secretary
18. The powers of the Committee are to:
 - Raise funds and receive contributions
 - Buy or sell property, take on leases and employ staff
 - Co-operate with other groups and organisations
 - Do all such other lawful things as are necessary to achieve the aims of The Club
19. Members may put themselves forward for election to the committee at the AGM or an EGM.
20. In addition to the Committee, the AGM shall elect an honorary Auditor.
21. The Club may appoint an honorary president.
22. Three members of the Committee shall be required to make a quorum.
23. Committee meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Chairman or when requested by 2 members of the committee acting together.
24. The committee will hold at least 2 meetings a year.
25. Committee members shall not be paid for carrying out their duties except when such payment is endorsed by a majority of the members at an AGM or EGM held in accordance with rule 33 below.
26. Individual members who have an issue that they wish to raise with the Committee should approach one of the committee members to request it to be tabled at the next committee meeting. The matter must then be discussed in Committee and the outcome reported at the next club meeting.
27. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt 2 ordinary members to the Committee without prior reference to the members.
28. Funds will be held in a bank account operated by the committee in the name of The Club.
29. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report annually at the AGM.
30. Three members of the Committee who are not knowingly related to each other shall be signatories to all monies withdrawn from The Club funds. The signature of any 2 of these Committee members shall be required for withdrawals.
31. In the event of The Club disbanding, all monies left in The Club funds, after disposal of assets and payment of debts shall be donated to a charity of the Treasurer's choice.
32. In the event of another club disbanding and its members joining The Club, if the number of members exceeds 50% of The Club's current membership, the new members will not have the right to vote at the first AGM after joining.
33. EGMs may be convened on a notice signed by 5 members of The Club, stating the object of the meeting and sent to the Chairman by registered mail at least 14 days before the proposed date.
34. Members' contact information shall be stored in The Club membership database. This information will not be passed to third parties without the members' agreement.
35. No alteration of, or addition to, these rules shall be made except at the AGM or at an EGM called in accordance with rule 33 above.