

DUNFERMLINE PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

TITLE: The society shall be known as The Dunfermline Photographic Association.

OBJECT: The object of the Association shall be the practice and encouragement of the art of photography in all its branches.

MEMBERSHIP: The Association shall consist of Ordinary Members, Junior Members, Overseas Members and Honorary Members.. Persons wishing to become members shall pay one year's subscription, except that applicants seeking membership after the Christmas/New Year break, shall be required to pay only half of the fee, or pay full fee to include the following year.

- Ordinary members will be those over 18 years old, and with full membership rights.
- Junior members will be those under the age of 18. (Members under 16 will require to be accompanied by a parent member or guardian and will have no voting rights)
- Overseas members will be ordinary members who have a past link to the club and who were past active Ordinary members. Overseas members will be treated as ordinary members but will be restricted in internal competitions to digital images.
- Honorary Members are ordinary members deemed by the AGM as worthy of a free lifetime membership due to their commitment and service to the club.

The Management Committee reserves the right to refuse membership on any grounds it deems to be appropriate.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member may be expelled or asked to resign from the Club at the decision of the Management Committee. The Management Committee can request a member to appear before it, provided that where any accusation or charge is made the member shall be given full and reasonable opportunity to put forward a defense and bring witnesses at a later meeting. Any member expelled or asked to resign shall have the right to appeal to a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

All Management Committee Proceedings and those of any Special General Meeting called to discuss termination shall be treated as privileged and confidential.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: The annual subscriptions shall be decided by the Council. Subscriptions shall be due on the 31st October. There shall be a weekly entrance fee set by the committee.

MANAGEMENT: The business of the Association shall be managed by a Council consisting of the Officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Internal Competition Secretary, External Competition Secretary, Exhibitions Secretary, Social Secretary, Syllabus Secretary, Projectionist, and four Members of Council. They shall be elected at the AGM, by ballot of the total members present, They shall serve for one year,

until the next AGM, but shall be eligible for re-election. The retiring President shall retain a seat as an additional member of Council for one year after his/her period of office. The Council shall have power to fill any casual vacancy in their number.

COUNCIL: The Council shall have the power to make such regulations consistent with the Constitution, as may from time to time be deemed necessary, and shall be empowered to appoint any committee requisite for the conducting of its business. For all Council meetings, five shall form a quorum. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall, ex officio, be members of all committees.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The financial year of the Association shall close on 28th February and the AGM shall be held during March, when reports on the year's work shall be given. The quorum for the AGM shall be ten.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Secretary, in conjunction with the President, shall call a Council meeting at any time if so requested in writing by three ordinary members of the Association.

VOTING: At any meeting of the Council or AGM, in the event of equality in voting on any matter other than the alteration of the rules, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

ALTERATIONS: The Constitution shall not be altered or added to except by the votes of a majority of members present at an AGM or an EGM, due notice of which must have been given to all members. Written notice of the proposed alteration or addition must be given to the Secretary two weeks previous to the meeting.

FUNDS: The funds of the Association shall be applied solely to its stated objects. No member of the Association shall receive payment for their services except legitimate expenses incurred in its work and in the event of dissolution, the remaining funds shall be devoted to similar objects to those of the Association or to other purposes approved by H M Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:: An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held on application in writing by three Ordinary Members.

Amended at the AGM April 2019