

LUNESDALE CAMERA CLUB

1. Name of the Club

- 1.1. The name of the club shall be "The Lunesdale Camera Club", hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

2. Objectives of the Club

- 2.1. To educate and encourage all members to advance their photographic knowledge and extend their creative talents by lectures, tuition, discussion and debates, competitions and in any other way deemed suitable by the Committee. The committee on behalf of the Club shall be willing to assist the wider community where members' expertise or club facilities are able to be of benefit to local projects. Images used in the above must be in any form which conforms to the definition of photography as "images produced by light in retainable form". The presentation of the image may include other forms of media such as music.

3. Constitution of the Club

- 3.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to all regardless of age, sex, race or religion with all members enjoying equal privileges under these rules, except as provided in Rules 4.1 and 4.3.
- 3.2. A person under the age of 16 applying for membership shall provide written permission from a parent or guardian and may only attend meetings when accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 3.3. The Club Season shall run from September to June inclusive and an Annual General Meeting shall be held in May of each year with each Club Member being notified of such, a minimum of fourteen days prior to the date set.
- 3.4. Items on the AGM Agenda should include:
 - 3.4.1. The Minutes of the last AGM, which should be read and approved including any amendments which arise.
 - 3.4.2. The Treasurer's report
 - 3.4.3. The Reports of other Officers
 - 3.4.4. The election of Officers and Committee
 - 3.4.5. Any other business
- 3.5. Should any member wish to raise any points for discussion at the AGM then these should be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least fourteen days before the date of the AGM.
- 3.6. The Committee to be elected for the following year shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and five committee members together with such officers for particular duties as the AGM, at the recommendation of the committee, may approve.
- 3.7. The Committee, when appointed, shall elect from their number a Vice-Chairman.
- 3.8. No business may be transacted by the Committee unless two thirds of available committee members are present.
- 3.9. The Committee shall exercise its powers by a simple majority of votes given by members present at the meeting. In the event of an equality of votes the proposal shall fail.

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3.10. The committee may co-opt any member to fill any vacancy which occurs during the year.

3.11. The Committee may alter any rules other than 7.1 to 7.5 and 8.1 to 8.2 both inclusive by majority decision but such alterations can only apply for the remainder of the current season and must then be confirmed by the AGM.

4. Conditions of Membership

4.1. An applicant upon payment of the requisite fee shall be a full member, being eligible to take part in all club activities. Where it is so wished, immediate family members may be regarded as Social members on payment of the current supplementary fee. Only full members and Honorary members may enter club competitions. There will be no joining fee.

4.2. Membership of the Club distinctly implies a submission and agreement to all restrictions and penalties contained in these rules, any additional rules or bye-laws duly enacted and to any liabilities incurred by the committee as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objective of the Club. No member shall be absolved from such liability by alleging non-receipt of a copy of these rules.

4.3. The committee reserves the right to withdraw Club membership should a member's actions or behaviour bring the name of the Club into disrepute.

4.4. Each member must communicate any change of address to the Secretary. All notices sent to such address will be considered to have been delivered.

4.5. Any person shall, upon ceasing to be a member of the Club forfeit all right to any claim upon the Club.

5. Privileges of Membership

5.1. Any member will be entitled to use photographic equipment belonging to the Club with the permission of the Secretary or nominated deputy, for an agreed period of time.

5.2. Members are at liberty to introduce visitors to any of the usual meetings of the Club on payment of the current visitor fee, but the Committee shall have the authority to refuse admission or limit the number of such visitors.

6. Subscriptions

6.1. The annual subscription for each ensuing year will be reviewed and fixed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be due before 31st October.

6.2. New members joining the Club after the 31st December shall be charged half of the full annual fee.

6.3. On receipt of the subscription, the Treasurer will issue a receipt and a Club membership/programme card.

6.4. Each member will be given a copy of these rules and an updated copy when necessary.

7. Accounts

7.1. The funds of the Club shall be under the control of the Committee and all accounts passed by them. No accumulated funds shall be paid as dividends, gifts, divisions or bonuses unto or between any of the Club members.

7.2. Monies belonging to the Club shall be paid into a bank account in the name of the Club.

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- 7.3. All cheques shall bear the signature of any two or three officials appointed by the Committee.
- 7.4. Accounts of the Club shall be audited annually by two Auditor(s), these to be elected from members of the Club at the AGM. A copy of the balance sheet made up to 31st May shall be available for each member.
- 7.5. The Club can only be wound up at an AGM or Special General Meetings if two thirds of the Club members present vote in favour of a winding motion. Assets of the Club, in accordance with Rule 7.1, cannot be distributed between members but must be given to another photographic organisation, a local school, or sold and the proceeds given to a registered charity or charities as decided by the Committee.
8. Special General Meetings
- 8.1. A special General Meeting shall be called by the Committee on the requisition of eight members, such requisition to be sent in writing to the Secretary, along with every club member being informed fourteen days before the date of the proposed meeting.
- 8.2. In any Special General Meeting, no business shall be transacted other than as stated on the requisition and notice calling the meeting.
- 8.3. In case any matter arising that is not provided for in these rules, or by the objectives of the Club, or there are any doubts as to the interpretation of such rules or objectives, the same shall be determined by the Committee whose ruling shall be final.
9. Bye-laws
- 9.1. Members of the Club shall conform to any rules and regulations of the premises the Committee has hired on behalf of the Club for the purpose of holding an official function.

Copy of revised Club Rules approved by the Annual General Meeting held at Halton on Tuesday 2nd May 2006.