

BEAUMARIS AND MENAI BRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

CONSTITUTION (2023)

The Club shall be called the BEAUMARIS AND MENAI BRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

Objectives

The encouragement and advancement of all forms of photography.

Membership

Categories are Single, Joint, Single Senior Citizens, Joint Senior Citizens and Concessions.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Club Officers

The Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Equipment Officer, Membership Secretary and Competition Secretary. These officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to take office for the ensuing year.

2. Committee of Management

The affairs of the Club including the domestic and other arrangements and regulations shall be conducted by a Committee of Management hereinafter called "The Committee" which shall consist of all Club Officers and Catering Representative, NWPA Representative and two Ordinary Members to be elected individually at the General Meeting. The Chairman shall normally serve for not more than 2 consecutive years and no Ordinary Member shall serve more than three consecutive years unless elected as an officer. These limits will not apply if there are no nominations for any individual post by the AGM.

The Committee shall have power to make regulations consistent with the rules and make such appointments as they may consider necessary for the efficient working of the Club and may delegate any of its powers to Sub-Committees or individuals as they may think fit. The Chairman has a right to an additional casting vote if necessary. The Committee shall meet from time to time as they may consider necessary or when required by any two officers, or by three members of the Management Committee.

The Honorary Secretary shall inform the President and members of the committee of the proposed meetings and the business to be transacted thereat. Six of the Committee shall form a quorum.

3. Vacancy on Management Committee

Vacancies occurring on the Committee between the Annual General Meetings may be filled but such appointments shall hold good only until the next Annual General Meeting.

4. Trustees

The Trustees shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Honorary Treasurer. The whole property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees, and all investments, purchase of property, contracts and agreements shall be made in the name of the Trustees. The Club funds and all its property, the subject matter of the trust, shall however be subject to the

general disposition of the Committee, the order of whom signed by the Chairman, for the time being and attested by the Honorary Secretary shall be obligatory upon, and indemnify the Trustees, for any sale, purchase, investments, or other act done by them in pursuance of such orders.

5. Accounts.

The Committee shall cause true and accurate accounts to be kept of all monies received and expended by the Club, and of the assets and liabilities of the Club. Such accounts will be kept by the Honorary Treasurer, and closed on the 31st July each year and shall be audited by an Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting. A banking account shall be opened in the Club's name with a bank approved by the committee. Rules on the issuing of cheques and use of Internet Banking should be agreed by the Committee using best practices to safeguard Club funds.

6. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General meeting shall be held each year to receive reports from the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, to elect all Club Officers, Catering Representative, NWPA Representative and two ordinary members for the Management Committee, and an Auditor for the ensuing year. One third of the membership shall form a quorum.

7. Extraordinary General Meeting

On receipt of a request signed by six members of the club, or by resolution of the Committee, the Honorary Secretary shall, within 14 days of that date, call an Extraordinary General Meeting. One third of the membership shall form a quorum.

8. Notice of meetings

Fourteen days notice of any General Meeting shall be given to all members but the accidental omission of proper notification to a member or members shall not invalidate any business done or resolutions passed at such meetings. At the Annual General Meeting there shall be available a copy of the agenda, and of the Honorary Treasurer's statement of accounts for the past year. A notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall clearly state the object of meeting.

9. Alteration of Rules

Any rules or rules may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present, who being entitled to vote, do vote at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

10. Subscription

Subscriptions on a scale to be determined by the members at the Annual Meeting will be payable as follows-

- (a) For a full year's membership, payment shall be due at the commencement of the winter programme session.
- (b) Members joining during the months of January or February in any winter session shall pay only half the subscription rate on joining, for the remaining portion of the programme year.
- (c) In the event of a member joining after February 28th, the subscription shall cover the balance of the year of election and the succeeding year.

- (d) No entry shall be accepted in any competition from a member who has failed to pay his/her subscription for the current year.
- (e) An entry charge, decided by the members at the AGM, shall be made at each club meeting.

11. Register of Members.

A register of all members, with their addresses, email, and telephone numbers shall be kept by the Membership Secretary.

12. Visitors

Members may introduce friends to club meetings on payment to the Honorary Treasurer of a charge to be decided at an Annual General Meeting.

13. Suspension

The Committee shall have power to suspend, from all participation in the Club's activities any member whose subscription shall remain unpaid for three months after it has become due.

14. Expulsion.

Any member whose conduct is deemed by the Committee to have been detrimental to the interest of the Club may be requested to resign. Should such a member decline to do so, he/she may be expelled by a resolution of not less than two-thirds of the members present, who being entitled to vote, do so at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened to deal with the matter.

15. Cessation of Membership.

Any person who for any cause ceases to be a member of the Club, shall have no claim on the properties or funds of the Club and shall return forthwith any property belonging to the Club.

16. Members' Personal Property

Any member leaving personal property at the Club premises does so at his/her own risk and the Club shall not be responsible for loss or damage whatsoever in regard thereto, with the exception of property on loan to the Club, particulars of which should have been registered in writing with the Honorary Secretary.

17. Sale of Pictures Materials and Apparatus.

The practice of any form of photography for profit, whether as a hobby or professionally, by a member is ruled to be the absolute private concern of such member so acting, and it is in no way objected to by the Club, always provided no business negotiations are conducted at the meetings of the Club. Members shall not act as agents on commission for business purposes in the Club premises. Provided the general conditions referred to in this rule are duly observed, any member exhibiting his/her work at the Club Exhibitions has the right to sell the same copies thereof but will be under no obligation to do so.

The Committee, however, shall have the right to organize jumble sales of materials, apparatus and photographic work to supplement the Club funds and for the convenience of members. In such an event, the Committee has the sole right to arrange the terms which shall govern the transactions done at such sales.

18. Annual Exhibition.

Subject to general conditions and dates approved by the Committee, the Honorary Exhibition Secretary may organize an Annual Exhibition as he/she thinks advisable, subject to a suitable venue being available.

The Honorary Exhibition Secretary must obtain the authority of the Committee before committing himself /herself to any expenditure for equipment or any other charges and expenditure directly connected with the running and organization of the Annual Exhibition.

19. Annual Session

For all purposes of Club events and regulations, the Annual Session shall be ruled to be the period from the 1st September in one year to the 31st August in the following year.

20. Customs and Excise

To conform with HM Revenue and Customs regulations it is ruled that:

- (a) The funds of the Club will be applied solely to the objects stated in its constitution, rules and regulations.
- (b) In the event of the Club's dissolution, the remaining funds will be devoted to objectives similar to those of the Club or to other purposes approved by HMRC.