

Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club Constitution

The club shall be known as the “Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club” (SBACC)

1. The objectives of the club are to improve the photographic skills of members by the exchange of ideas and peer group instruction and, in so doing, promote the art and craft of photography for the enjoyment of its members and the wider community. The club shall arrange venues where members can meet socially and hold meetings of a practical and technical nature.
2. A managing committee shall be formed comprising, for example, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Programme Secretary and Membership Secretary.
3. A committee meeting quorum shall consist of three committee members.
4. The annual subscription shall be payable on application for membership and thereafter annually at the first autumn meeting of the club. The amount of subscription shall be determined by the committee and shall be the subject of approval by the members at the AGM.
5. Membership of the club is open to all, regardless of age, gender, race, creed or sexual orientation. However, the club shall have the right to refuse membership or terminate the membership of any member bringing, or likely to bring, the club into disrepute.
6. The committee shall be elected each year at the AGM and all committee members shall be fully paid up members of the club. The current committee shall stand down each year and its members shall be considered for re-election only if they have been formally proposed and seconded by club members. Preferably, no committee member shall serve continuously in the same post for more than five years.
7. The committee shall meet as necessary.
8. The annual general meeting (AGM) shall be held in September of each year and all members shall be given an agenda at least seven days prior to the meeting.
9. Nominations for committee posts will be invited from members at the final meeting of the year in May. Nominations, including the name of the proposer and seconder, shall be submitted to a committee member at least forty eight hours before the AGM (with the agreement of the nominee).
10. Members unable to attend the AGM may forward their votes on any proposition in writing at least forty eight hours before the meeting.
11. All motions for consideration at the AGM shall be sent to a committee member at least twenty one days before the meeting.
12. The committee shall be authorised to co-opt a member, as necessary. Members shall be given the opportunity to vote on the appointment at the first available ordinary meeting of the club.
13. The financial year shall end on 31 August and a set of accounts be prepared for approval at the AGM. The club’s bank account shall be operated on the authority of two authorised signatories.
14. In the event of the dissolution of the club, the remaining assets shall be donated to a charity nominated by the committee.
15. Amendments to these rules shall be made either at the AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting convened at the request of at least five members of the club and by signed application to the committee.