

# Kettering & District Photographic Society

*Founded 1992*

affiliated to the **Photographic Alliance of Great Britain**  
through the **Midlands Counties Photographic Federation**



## **SOCIETY CONSTITUTION**

The name of the Society shall be the “Kettering and District Photographic Society” (KDPS).

### **1. AIMS**

The aims of the Society are:

- a. To help and encourage all who take photographs and use cameras, by means of lectures/talks, demonstrations, advice, exhibitions and the free exchange of views and ideas;
- b. To engage in activities considered by the members to support and improve the Society;
- c. To promote the Society in a friendly and orderly manner;
- d. To create social relationships between Society members.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Society shall consist of fully paid-up members.

### **3. ORGANISATION**

The Society shall elect a Committee, and will be managed by this Committee.

### **4. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscription rates are to be proposed by the Committee, and voted on by the Membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### **5. BANK**

A current account will be maintained where cheques are to carry two signatures. One signature is to be the Treasurer, and the other signatory is to be appointed by the Committee.

### **6. DISSOLUTION**

in the event of the dissolution of the Society, a Special General Meeting shall be called to appoint a Liquidator to assess the remaining assets of the Society after meeting all/any debts and liabilities. A subsequent Special General meeting will be held to agree the disposal of the Society's assets.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- The Committee is empowered to amend this Constitution, except for the Aims and Dissolution clauses. Amendment requires the agreement of at least five members of the Committee.
- Amendments to the Aims and Dissolution clauses requires the agreement of 60% of the total membership.

## SOCIETY RULES

1. Members of the Society shall abide by the rules of the Society, as published and advised.
2. The Society's name is to appear on all advertisements, notices and letterheads.
3. The Committee:
  1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the elected Committee, except as allowed for in sub-paragraph 3.4 below.
  2. The Committee shall comprise of the following Members:
    - Chairman
    - Vice Chairman
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - Programme Secretary
    - Internal Competition Secretary
    - External Competition Secretarywith other Committee Members of the Society appointed as deemed necessary to support the Society and to deliver its aims.
  3. With exception of the President (who is elected for a specified period or until resignation), all Committee members are eligible for re-election annually.
  4. In the event of a resignation by a Committee member, the vacant position may be filled by a member of the Society co-opted by the Committee. The Committee must co-opt a member if the resignation results in the Committee being reduced to fewer than seven members. Co-opted Members are to serve until the next AGM, when they may stand for election.
  5. The Committee shall meet at least six times in any year. Meetings will be called by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman acting in his/her absence, or by the Secretary.
  6. A quorum for Committee meetings shall be five members, one of whom must be either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman.
4. As noted in the Constitution above, a current bank account will be maintained for the benefit of the Society that requires cheques to carry two signatures. One signature will be the Treasurer's and the other signatory shall be appointed by the Committee.
5. The Society recognizes the benefits of diversity and inclusivity to the enrichment of photography, to that end it encourages a positive and supportive environment free from harassment. The Society will encourage participation and involvement from all members and guests, regardless of disability, race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual preference or ability. The Committee will actively challenge all expressions of discrimination or prejudice. It will look to provide a diverse, varied and inclusive programme not entirely focussed on competitions. While members are encouraged to participate in competitions, no pressure will be placed on them to do so.
6. Members are encouraged to introduce visitors to all Society meetings other than the AGM. Regular visitors will be asked to become Members.
7. Persons wishing to join the club or attend meetings must be over the age of 14. Members under the age of 16 must be accompanied to all club meetings and activities by a parent or guardian, who shall be responsible for them at all times.

8. Items for inclusion on the Agenda of the AGM shall be put in writing so as to arrive with the Secretary no less than 14 days prior to the meeting. Items received after this date will not be included. The Secretary shall give due notice of any Agenda items at least one week before the AGM. Items which do not appear on the Agenda may only be taken as Any Other Business (AOB), providing there is sufficient time. The number of AOB items accepted shall be at the discretion of the meeting Chairman.
9. At the AGM, the Treasurer shall present an audited balance sheet and the Secretary or Chairman shall present a report on the general state of the Society.
10. The Committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) by giving seven days' notice. Notification of the EGM is to be published to the Society's membership. The subject of such a meeting shall be made known in the Notice.
11. The Membership shall have the power to call an EGM by giving seven days' notice to the Committee. Requests for an EGM must bear the signatures of 35% of the Membership. The Committee shall call an EGM within 14 days of receiving a valid request. The subject of such meeting shall be made known in the Notice.
12. The annual subscription shall be due on the anniversary of the date a Member joins the Society and will be at the level set at the AGM.
13. The name of any Member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears may be removed from the membership list, after due warning has been given.
14. Any member in arrears of three months may not be eligible to enter any Club competition, except at the discretion of the Club Committee.
15. Any member whose annual subscription is more than three months in arrears after due reminders shall be considered to have voluntarily ceased to be a Member.
16. A member may be expelled or asked to resign from the Club by the Committee. The Committee can request a member to appear before it, provided that if any accusation or charge has been made, the member is given full and reasonable opportunity to put his/her defence and to bring a witness. Any member expelled or asked to resign shall have the right to appeal to a Special General Meeting called for this purpose.
17. The Committee shall be empowered to confer Honorary Membership on any person they consider would be beneficial to the Society.
18. Written copies of the Rules shall be maintained and Members shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules at any time.
19. The Committee is empowered to deal with any business that may arise that is not covered by these or any other published rules.