

## **Malton and District Camera Club Constitution.**

The club is called the Malton and District Camera Club.

### **Objectives**

To encourage the study, appreciation and practice of photography by meetings, lectures, demonstrations, visits, competitions, and events with like-minded groups.

To support the aims and interests of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain and in particular the Yorkshire Photographic Union.

### **Membership**

Membership will be open to all persons who have paid the annual subscription all be it on a sessional basis, the amount to be approved at the Annual General Meeting each year.

### **Management**

The officers of the club will be the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Secretary, Special Events Co-ordinator, Training Co-ordinator and the Press/Media Secretary.

Officers and members will retire annually. The Chairman will serve for a maximum period of three years. In the event of the Chairman's resignation his/her role will be carried out by the Vice Chairman until the Annual General Meeting.

The committee are empowered to manage the affairs of the club and implement club rules and to resolve any conflict or dispute referred to in writing to the Chairman. The committee will meet not less than twice annually and the quorum will be not less than five members.

The committee are empowered to appoint any appropriate member of the club to carry out a specific task. The appointee will not sit on the general committee meetings unless specifically asked to do so by the Chairman.

A Competition Committee is to be elected each year at the AGM, and will comprise 5 members of the club. Selection of these members will be based on members who have been consistently the most successful members in competitions. The role of this committee is to select the best slides, and digital images for projection for competitions and where appropriate for club member

exhibitions.

Propositions for the AGM are to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 1 month before the AGM.

The Club Secretary will record minutes of all committee and general meetings.

A separate document entitled Club Rules is deemed to be an integral part of the constitution.

### **General Meetings**

All members will be notified of the Annual General Meeting to be held at the end of the annual programme. The Chairman will report on the club activities during the year and the treasurer will present an annual financial summary statement with recommendations for the next season. The programme Secretary will report on the past season and look for a response to proposals for the forthcoming season of proposed events. Officers and members comprising the committee will be elected for the following year.

Special General Meetings may be called by the Club Secretary at the request of the management committee or on the written request of at least 5 members. The special business will be stated in the requisition and in the notice calling for the meeting and no other business may be transacted.

The quorum for the General meeting will be at least 3 officers and seven other members.

The Constitution of the club can only be altered/ amended at a General Meeting.

### **Protection Policies**

The Club will adopt the Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy on the guidelines provided by the YPU

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### **Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of the club the current Chairman must have all assets valued by a reputable photographically based retailer and compile a schedule of asset values. Ultimately each existing member is to receive an equal share of the total asset value or by general agreement can provide money to purchase items on the list provided his/her gifted share of the assets is equal to all other members.