



Upminster Camera Club Constitution



1 The name of the Club is Upminster Camera Club, hereinafter referred as The Club. Membership is open to all, and The Club will normally meet on Tuesday evenings as published in the programme. The aim of the Club is the furtherance and encouragement of photography as a hobby or pursuit, by means of lectures, competitions etc. The club is affiliated to the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies.

2 The Club is organised and run by an honorary committee, comprising the Club President and the Officers. Competitions are subject to the competition rules.

3 Officers are elected by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and must be proposed and seconded. No Officer may hold any one office for more than two consecutive years, unless this is waived by majority vote at the AGM. Posts held by Officers may vary from time to time as decided at the AGM but will normally include:-

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| Chairman | Vice-Chairman |
| Secretary | Treasurer |
| Digital Competition Secretary | Print Competition Secretary |
| Outside Competition Secretary | Programme Secretary |
| Outings Secretary | |

The Committee is empowered to co-opt additional members and/or fill vacant positions between AGM's. The retiring Chairman normally takes the position of Club President, remaining in the office during the next Chairman's term. The Club President is an ex-officio member of the committee.

4 Subscriptions shall be decided at the AGM or Special General Meeting (SGM) and are due annually on the 1st October each year. If not paid within two months that member shall be suspended from any Club benefit until the subscription is paid. In paying their subs members agree to abide these rules.

5 The AGM is to be held in or near the last week of March each year. A duly audited statement of accounts, as at 26th February shall be presented. Prior notice of 14 days must be given to the Secretary for agenda topics and any questions for the Committee to answer.

6 A Special General Meeting may be called at the request of six members, by stating the object in writing to the Secretary fourteen or more days before the proposed date.

7 The quorum for an AGM of SGM is one quarter of the paid membership. That for a committee meeting shall be Chairman or Vice Chairman plus three others.



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- 8 Resolutions at an *AGM* or *SGM* shall be decided by a simple majority vote.
- 9 The Norfolk Trophy - Club Member of the Year (presented by Jim & Susan Till) This trophy is awarded annually at the *AGM* for outstanding services to the Club. The previous winner is responsible for the method of selection for this award.
- 10 A member may be expelled or asked to resign by decision of the Committee. The member has the right of appeal to a specially called meeting of the Club.
- 11 If the Club decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club, it shall call a *Special General Meeting* of all members of the Club, giving at least 21 days' notice and stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, those present shall form a 'disposal committee' comprising of at least 6 members. The disposal committee will have responsibility to dispose of any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to another camera club or photographic society with similar objectives, or to a registered charity. A final report and statement of account shall be sent to all members of the Club.
- 12 No alterations or additions can be made to these *General Rules* except at a *Special General Meeting* or *Annual General Meeting*.

Signed

Chairman

23rd April 2024