

LINCOLNSHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Amended 12th November 2015

1. **Name**

The name of the Association shall be THE LINCOLNSHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION (“The Association”)

2. **Membership**

2.1 Membership shall consist of Photographic Societies and Camera Clubs and/or bodies with photographic sections as shall be accepted for membership (“Member Clubs”) drawn from North East Lincs, North Lincs and Lincolnshire.

2.2 Member Clubs shall be represented by their Delegates (hereinafter defined)

3. **Objects**

3.1 The objective of the Association shall be the advancement of photography and imaging by providing facilities for the mutual benefit of Member Clubs and in particular: -

3.1.1 to provide judges lectures and other services for the benefit of Member Clubs

3.1.2 to organise or join in organising photographic and imaging competitions exhibitions and seminars in the area

4. **Admission of Members**

4.1 Application for membership shall be made in writing on the prescribed application form obtainable from the Association’s Secretary

4.2 Every application for membership shall be considered at the next Delegates’ Meeting immediately following the date of the application

4.3 The application must be proposed and seconded by the Officials (hereinafter defined) and/or by the Delegates

4.4 The applicant shall not be entitled to any privileges of the Association until elected as a member of the Association

5. **Officials / Officers**

5.1 The Officials consist of the President the Vice-President the Past President the Secretary and the Treasurer (“the Officials”)

5.2 The Officials shall be elected annually in May each year except in the case of: -

5.2.1 the President who will be the person holding office of Vice-President for the previous two years unless decided otherwise at an Annual General Meeting.

5.2.2 the Vice-President who will be nominated by members of the LPA (subject to confirmation by the Delegates at the Annual General Meeting) and

5.2.3 Past President who will be the person vacating the office of President

6. **Delegates**

- 6.1 Each Member Club shall appoint from its members not more than two delegates who shall represent it at Delegates' Meetings of the Association ("the Delegates")
- 6.2 Delegates' Meetings shall be held as required but not less frequently than every three months and shall consist of not more than two Delegates from each Member Club plus the Officials. The venue of such meetings to be decided at previous Delegates' Meetings or Annual General Meetings
- 6.3 Each Delegate attending Delegates' Meetings will be allowed one vote each on each separate issue
- 6.4 Member Clubs may send observers to the Delegates' Meetings along with their Delegates

7. Management

- 7.1 The management of the Association must be entrusted to the Officials/Officers and Delegates.
- 7.2 The Officials/Officers have the power to make 'emergency' decisions on any aspect of concern to the Association until such time a Delegates meeting can be convened to discuss the concern.
- 7.3 The Delegates shall have power to appoint sub-committees to carry out the work of the Association
- 7.4. Cheques paid by the Treasurer on behalf of the Association should be signed by any two from the Treasurer, the President and up to three others nominated at a delegates meeting.

8. Control

- 8.1 The Association shall be controlled by joint meetings of the Delegates such meetings shall be known as General Meetings or Delegates' Meetings as appropriate.

9. The Year

- 9.1 The year of the Association shall be the year commencing on the first day of May each year

10. General Meetings

- 10.1 A General Meeting to be named the Annual General Meeting of the Association must be held in every year not later than the 31st day of May

and must: -

- 10.1.1 receive and if approved adopt a statement of the Association's audited accounts to the end of the preceding year
- 10.1.2 consider and if approved by a simple majority of members present to make alterations to the rules
- 10.1.3 appoint the Officials/Officers.
- 10.1.4 deal with any special matters, which the Officials/Officers desires to bring before the Member Clubs, and receive suggestions from the Member Clubs for consideration by the Delegates and members present, any suggestions to be submitted to Association Secretary not later than two weeks before AGM date.

10.2 Notice convening a General Meeting must be sent to Member Clubs not less than ten days before the meeting and must specify the matters to be dealt with

11. Special General Meetings

11.1 Special General Meetings may be convened at any time by the Officials/Officers and must be convened within twenty-one days from receipt of a requisition in writing signed on behalf of not less than ten Member Clubs specifying the object of the meeting

11.2 A Special General Meeting may be convened: -

11.2.1 to consider and if approved by a simple majority of members present make alterations to the rules

11.2.2 to deal with any special matters which the Officials/Officers desires to bring before the Member Clubs

11.2.3 to remove any member or members of the Officials/Officers from office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused by the removal or

11.2.4 to deal with any special matters which Member Clubs requiring the meeting wish to place before the Association

11.3 Notice convening a Special Meeting must be sent to Member Clubs not less than twenty-one days before the meeting and must specify the matters to be dealt with

12. Quorums

A quorum at Annual or Special General Meetings and Delegates Meetings to be one third of the current member clubs, to the nearest whole number.

13. Subscriptions

The annual subscription from each Member Club shall consist of such sum as shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting each year. Subscriptions are due on the first day of May each year and any Member Club failing to pay their subscription by the thirtieth day of June shall cease to be a member of the Association unless otherwise determined by the Officials/Officers

14. Alteration of Constitution

The Constitution of Association may be altered at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

15. Expulsions

15.1 The Officials/Officers and Delegates may expel any Member Club who offends against the rules of the Association or whose conduct in the opinion of the Officials/Officers and Delegates renders the club unfit for membership of the Association

15.2 Before any Member Club is expelled the Secretary must give such club fourteen days written notice to attend a meeting of the Officials/Officers and Delegates and must inform such club of the complaints made against it

15.3 No Member Club may be expelled unless it has first had an opportunity to appeal.

16. Resignation

16.1 A Member Club wishing to withdraw from the Association must give notice in writing to the Secretary on or before the first day of May in each year otherwise the subscription for the ensuing year must be paid

17. Dissolution

17.1 If at any General Meeting a resolution for dissolution of the Association shall be passed by a simple majority of representatives present or at a Special General Meeting held not less than six weeks thereafter (of which not less than four weeks written notice shall be given to each paid up Member Club) and at which not less than one half of such Member Clubs shall be represented that resolution shall be confirmed by resolution passed by a majority of two thirds of the representatives voting thereon the Delegates shall thereupon or at such date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Association and the discharge of all liabilities and shall:-

17.1.1 return all cups shields and other trophies to their donors or donors' legal personal representatives.

17.1.2 divide the remaining property rateable in proportion to their membership numbers at the last renewal date prior to the dissolution of the Association among all the then paid up Member Clubs and upon completion of such division the Association shall be dissolved

18. Headings

18.1 The headings to these rules are for ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in their interpretation

These rules were adopted by the Association at its Annual General Meeting held on the 24th day of May 2012 and signed by its President on the 1st day of August 2012.

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President.