HESWALL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

Heswall Photographic Society

2. OBJECTIVES

To provide opportunities for like-minded people to share and to develop their abilities and interests in photography.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Members must be adults over 18 years of age
Full and Honorary Life Members have full rights to vote and to enter all competitions.
Associate Members – can join in the activities of The Society but may not :

- vote at a General Meeting
- serve on an Executive Committee
- enter competitions or exhibitions
- use any facility specific to photography
- share in the property of The Society on dissolution

Membership is subject to completion of an application form and payment of the appropriate subscription.

4. SUBSCRIPTION

Subscriptions shall be proposed by the Executive and voted in at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall be due and payable by 1 October each year.

5. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year is the period commencing on 1 April in each year and ending on 31 March in the following year.

6. OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Officers shall be:

President – who shall hold office for a period of two years.

Past President – who shall be the retiring President. He/She will deputise for the President in the year following her/his own final year of office.

President Elect – who shall be installed as President at the appropriate AGM. He/She will deputise for the President in the final year of office.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee shall consist of the Officers listed in Section 6 plus the following Committee Members:

Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer

Syllabus Secretary
Competition Secretaries
Public Relations Officer
Webmaster
Up to four Ordinary Members

8. FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE

To meet regularly and to receive reports from the Officers

To consider and to deal with all matters affecting the running of The Society and the interests of members
To report on The Society's activities at the AGM
To recommend to the AGM the appointment of Honorary Life Members
To fill any casual vacancies and to co-opt members in non-voting capacities as necessary

9. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Officers and other members are elected at the AGM, with the exception of the President and President Elect who are appointed by the Committee.

The Committee or any member of the Society is entitled to nominate a candidate for any of the offices and as other committee members.

Nominations must be seconded and have the approval of the nominee and be received by the Secretary before the start of the AGM.

If there is more than one candidate a ballot must be held at the AGM.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS

The AGM shall be held before the end of May in each year. Not less than seven days notification shall be given to each member. In the event that it is impossible for members to meet face to face for an AGM a virtual AGM fulfilling the same purpose will be arranged instead.

An Extraordinary Meeting shall be called following a resolution passed by the Committee or, at any time, within fourteen days of a request received by the Secretary. This request must be in writing and signed by at least one quarter of the membership, stating the reason for such a meeting.

11. QUORUM

The Quorum for a General or an Extraordinary Meeting of The Society shall be 20% of the membership entitled to vote.

The Quorum of the Committee shall be five members.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Society and make such payments as may be directed by the Committee.

The funds shall be kept in accounts approved by the Committee. An Annual Report and a duly audited Financial Statement shall be submitted at the AGM, with a copy for each member. An Auditor shall be appointed at the AGM.

13. DISSOLUTION

In the event of The Society winding up, any assets remaining after all liabilities have been discharged shall be realised and shared by the full members at the time of dissolution.

14. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member may resign at any time by giving notice to the Secretary.

Membership may cease if a subscription is not paid within two months of the date due.

A member may be expelled or asked to resign on the decision of the Committee but shall have the right of appeal at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose.

15. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

The Constitution shall not be altered or rescinded except with the approval and consent of at least two thirds of the voting members present at an AGM. The notice convening the meeting shall set forth the terms of the proposed revision.

Constitution agreed at AGM May 13th 2022