

Macclesfield Camera Club Constitution (amended May 2007)

1. The club shall be known as the Macclesfield Camera Club.
2. Any person interested in photography shall be eligible for membership of the Club. Any person under 18 should be accompanied by an adult or guardian.
3. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to eight members of Committee, who shall be elected annually at an Annual General Meeting and who shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to appoint a successor, and the Committee shall have the power to co-opt any ordinary member. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
4. The Committee shall have the power to make bye-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, for the purpose of managing the Club. All bye-laws made under this rule shall be binding upon members until repealed by the Committee or by a resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Club.
5. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during April or May in each year for the purpose of electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for the ensuing year and to transact any other business suitable for an Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer shall present his audited accounts for approval. The annual subscription shall be fixed at this meeting and one or two honorary Auditors shall be appointed. The retiring Committee shall nominate candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and the names shall be exhibited on a nomination list in the Club's meeting room for at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting when other names may be added by the members. All nominations shall have the consent of the member proposed and shall be accompanied by the names of the proposer and seconder. In the event of an insufficient number of nominations being made before the Annual General Meeting, nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the Annual General Meeting.
6. Special General Meetings of the members shall be convened when considered necessary by the Committee or upon receipt by the Secretary of a written request signed by at least ten members. A notice stating the objects of the meeting shall be exhibited in the Club's meeting room one month before the proposed meeting is to take place.
7. Subscriptions shall be due on the 1st day of September each year and should be paid no later than the 1st day of following November. Members in arrears shall not be eligible to take part in the Club's activities. Any member whose subscription is ten months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.
8. The Committee may admit any member to Honorary Life Membership, to be approved at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Club.
9. The Committee shall organise a series of regular meetings each year and shall publish a printed programme listing these meetings.
10. If in the opinion of the Committee there shall be cause for the disciplining or expulsion of a member, the case shall be brought to a Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting and if two thirds of the members voting support the motion, the motion shall be carried.
11. No alteration shall be made to the rules except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Notice of any proposed change to the rules shall be made to the Secretary one month before the Annual General Meeting. The proposal shall be exhibited on the Club notice board. No alteration shall be made unless two thirds of the members voting shall support the proposal.