



Penwith Photographic Group

CLUB CONSTITUTION

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1. Title: Penwith Photographic Group, also known as **PPG** and on the web as "**thePPG.org.uk**"

2. Aims: To encourage and advance photography at all levels, beginners to advanced via lectures, demonstrations, competitions, exhibitions, field trips and interaction of club members themselves.

3. Committee.

The committee will not be in the usual form but a team where each person has specific functions and also substitutes in the absence of other team members. The business of the club shall be managed by the team, which will comprise six members with two nominated substitutes (when required) to maintain the numbers at six. The team will have full power to deal with minor contingencies that may arise which are not provided for in the constitution. **ISSUES OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE WILL BE DEALT WITH BY CALLING AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.**

Officers of the club will be:

- Chairman
- Vice chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Competition secretary
- Programme secretary and assistant

The treasurer shall keep an account of monies received and spent and shall present a balance sheet at the AGM. The secretary will record, as appropriate, minutes of meetings and keep members informed of affiliated events. The programme secretary will arrange the Thursday programme and keep members informed of club events.

4. AGM will be held the spring of each year.

- To elect new team members
- Officer's to present their reports
- To cover the general business of the AGM
- Members to pay their annual subscription

5. EGM: At the written request of five members, the secretary will call an EGM with fourteen days notice to all fully paid up members, of the venue, time and intent of the meeting.

6. Membership: Any person may join PPG on application and payment of the membership subscription. Applicants joining part way through the year will pay a proportionate amount of the full year's dues. Any member not paying their annual fee within three weeks of the commencement of the winter programme will be deemed to have withdrawn their membership.

Junior members below the age of 16 should be encouraged as they are the life blood of any club or organisation. However, due to the possibility that images may be shown of an adult nature, ie 'artistic nudes', under 16's must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times..

7. Voting: At any meeting where a vote is called, the vote will be carried by a simple majority of those present and fully paid up members and recorded in the club's diary for future reference.

8. Internal Competition shall be known as Penwith League and each round judged by an external guest judge. Penwith League will be held over four or five Thursday evenings and consist of three or four rounds of digital images and one round of printed images. Each digital round will consist of two categories, one themed and the other open. The theme can either be of a subject chosen by the judge or set by the programme secretary. The printed round will consist of 'Colour' and 'Mono' categories with a maximum of two images per member per category. When a judge is not available, the round will be scored using the 6-15 scoring system.

9. External Club Competitions: WCPF's DPIC, the CPA's Annual Club Competition and Interclub Battles: We will hold two selection evenings for these competitions, the first mid to late November to select images for the DPIC and any Interclub battles in December and January. The second will take place from Mid January to select images for the CPA's Annual Competition and any Interclub battles held in February or March.

- DPIC = 18 digital images
- CPA= 15 digital & 15 printed and mounted
- Interclub Battles = 15 digital & 15 printed and mounted

Each fully paid up member has the right to score at a selection evening. Members will score all images shown between 6 and 15 during the evening. The competition secretary will then produce, out of club hours, average scores for all images and form a table highest to lowest. DPIC and CPA annual competitions, the highest scoring images will be selected for these competitions, subject to any rule restrictions for that competition. Interclub Battles, each member is entitled to their highest scoring entry either digital or print but not both, providing the said image scores over 10 points in the selection process (when scoring between 6 and 15 points). In the over subscription to one category the competition secretary's decision will be final. The balance of slots left will be taken from the top of the previously mentioned table, any ties will be decided by the competition secretary, maximum of three digital and three printed per member.

10. Images: All images submitted **MUST** be the member's **OWN** artwork or photography. For example, a photograph of graffiti is no different to a photo of a building or a pair of shoes, as long as that member has pressed the shutter, then the image belongs to that member. Images must not infringe anybody else's copyright.

PPG close down. In the unfortunate event of the club closing any assets to be donated to a local charity or good cause or divided up between fully paid up members at the time. Final decisions to be made by the members at that time.