



## **RULES**

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**WYCOMBE PHOTGRAPHIC SOCIETY (WPS)** came into being as the result of a letter<sup>(1)</sup> from Mr. Edward (Ted) F. Harman (1908-2006) published in the Bucks Free Press on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1938 which invited people interested in forming a camera club in the town to get in touch with him. About twenty people responded and at a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1938 the High Wycombe and District Camera Club was formed. The name was subsequently changed to High Wycombe Camera Club, and then in 2006, to reflect its catchment and changes in technology, the name was again changed to Wycombe Photographic Society.

Today WPS embraces all types of photography, digital or traditional film still-prints plus projected digital images either in colour and/or monochrome, along with audio visual sequences.

WPS's activities include:

- In-house print & projected competitions judged by visiting experts;
- External competitions with other clubs and societies;
- Talks given by visiting speakers;
- Outings to local and further afield places of photographic interest;
- An annual exhibition during Wycombe Arts Festival;
- Social events.

The Society also runs Digital Imaging group-sessions exploring ways of improving images using computer based techniques.

WPS is active within the Chiltern Association of Camera Clubs (CACC), and through this Association is affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB). The Society is also a member of the Federation of North West London Photographic Societies.

<sup>(1)</sup> A facsimile of the original published letter can be seen on the society website.

## **WYCOMBE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY RULES**

1. The Society shall be called the Wycombe Photographic Society (WPS) and shall be open to anybody interested in photography.
2. The objects of WPS shall be to promote artistic and technical interest in photography, to stimulate mutual assistance among its members, to encourage and instruct beginners and to help advance the prestige of photography.
3. The Officers of WPS shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and, at the discretion of the Committee, a Vice President. Sub-secretaries for particular activities may be elected as required.
4. An Executive Committee consisting of the Officers, Sub-Secretaries and up to three members shall manage the affairs of WPS. Five Committee members shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall meet as and when necessary, but not less than three times per annum. Sub-committees may be formed as and when required, and the President and Secretary may be present at their meetings if they so wish.
5. The Officers and Members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). All Officers and Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election each year.
6. The Committee may nominate WPS members to be Honorary Vice Presidents, while they remain members, in recognition of their service to WPS.
7. The Committee may nominate members to be Life Members of WPS in recognition of their service to WPS. Any member who has been a member of WPS and its predecessors for 50 years shall be duly nominated as a Life Member. Such nominations shall be confirmed by a majority of members at an AGM.  
The Committee may also grant Honorary Membership to members on a case by case basis as it sees fit, without AGM sanction. The Honorary Member will enjoy all the benefits of full membership. The grant of Honorary Membership may be reviewed or revoked by the Committee at any time.

8. The WPS financial, membership and season year shall henceforth commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

9. The Committee shall review the general annual subscription along with any other required members' levy each year and shall recommend changes to the members for a majority vote at the next available AGM. Subscriptions (and levies if appropriate) for the current year shall become due and payable immediately upon ratification at the AGM. Members whose subscriptions remain unpaid on 30th November shall be reminded of their obligation. The Committee shall have the right to terminate the membership of members whose subscriptions remain unpaid on 31st December.

Subscriptions for households where only one member participates in WPS competitions and subscriptions for students may be reduced with the approval of the members at the AGM. The Committee may also periodically sanction, without AGM approval, special promotional subscription rates with the specific objective of attracting new members. Any such promotional rate shall not be available to existing or past members.

10. The AGM shall be held at the earliest opportunity after the year-end (30th September), but no later than 31st October. All paid-up members on the register at the end of the last financial year shall be entitled to attend and vote.

The purpose of the AGM shall be;

- to approve the accounts for the prior year;
- to approve the subscriptions and levies for the current year;
- to elect the Officers and other Members of the Committee for the current year;
- to elect the Auditor for the current year;
- to hear the reports of the Officers and other sub-secretaries for the prior year;
- to deal with any other relevant business.

In the event of there being more than one nomination for a committee post, the nominees shall be asked to retire from the meeting to allow for unbiased discussion and subsequent election by majority vote.

Any other matters for discussion shall be notified in writing to the Secretary at least three weeks before the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be made available to members at least four weeks before the meeting.

11. The Secretary, or nominated representative shall; keep the minutes of the AGM and of Committee meetings, maintain a register with details of WPS members and conduct the general correspondence of WPS.

12. The Treasurer shall; maintain the accounts of WPS, collect subscriptions and receive monies paid into WPS and pay all bills and costs. The Treasurer shall report on the financial state of WPS regularly at Committee meetings. At the end of the financial year (30<sup>th</sup> September) the Treasurer shall prepare Statements of Income & Expenditure and a Statement of Account/Balance Sheet for audit and consequent presentation to the members at the next AGM. The Auditor shall be proposed by the Committee and shall be elected at the AGM.

13. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be convened by the Committee or by a written request from a minimum of five members sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date proposed, stating the object.

14. The Committee reserves the right to refuse admission to and/or membership of WPS, or to request the resignation of a member.

15. In the event of the suspension of activities or dissolution of WPS, all surplus monies after settlement of all liabilities and any property including any receivables of WPS shall be lodged with the President, Secretary and Treasurer of WPS at the time of its suspension. These Officers, at their discretion, shall either hold monies and property until such time that WPS or a successor is reconstituted, or, donate them to any local organisation which seeks to encourage some form of cultural activity most allied to the aims of WPS, or, to donate them to the local museum.

16. No alteration to these rules shall be made except at an EGM called in accordance with rule 13. Any such alteration or addition must receive a majority vote of three-quarters of the meeting or 10 members, whichever is greater.

## AMENDMENTS

**Rule Number** 12 **Date** 17 April 2008

Last sentence amended to read:  
The Auditor shall be elected at the AGM

**Rule Number** 11 **Date** 15 December 2011

After the words “ The Secretary” insert: “or nominated representative”  
Approved at EGM of 14/12/11

**Rule Number** 8 **Date** 27 March 2014

Paragraph amended to read:

“The WPS financial membership and season year shall henceforth  
commence on 1st October.”  
Approved at EGM of 17/3/14