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The Charter

(Instrument of Governance)

1. TITLE

a) This group of photographic enthusiasts shall be known as “Ravenshead & District Photographic Club” hereafter referred in this document as the Camera Club.

2. AIMS

a) The aims of the Camera Club are to help members improve and get more out of their photography and to share ideas and exchange knowledge with each other, to promote an interest in all aspects of photography by means of meetings, lectures, competitions, exhibitions, discussions, outings, social and other appropriate activities.

b) We are a not-for-profit organisation, with membership fees and other costs (see below) intended only to cover our costs.

3. MEMBERSHIP

a) Any member of the public over the age of 18 is eligible to join the Camera Club

b) All meetings of the Camera Club shall be open to paid-up members. (except committee meetings)

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

a) Members shall pay an annual membership fee (see membership fees on our website)

b) This subscription fees covers the monthly meetings and all club administration fees only. Additional fees may be charged at the discretion of the committee for other optional organised club activities.

c) Annual membership fees shall become due at the start of a new season which runs from January to December. Subscription fees are due in January or as determined by the committee.

d) New members joining part way through a season shall pay a reduced annual membership fee reflecting the remaining time in the season i.e., Pro rata membership fee.

e) Annual membership fees, visitor, and guest attendance fees shall be determined by the members at an Annual General Meeting.

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f) All Members who have paid the annual membership fee (or pro rata fee) for that season are entitled to enter all club competitions in that season.

5. MEMBERS VISITORS AND GUESTS

a) Non-members of the club, visitors from other clubs or guests may attend up to three meetings in any one season at the discretion of the committee.

b) Non-members of the club or guests are not allowed to enter club competitions.

c) Non-members, both visitors and guests, can attend any Camera Club meetings with the exception of Committee meetings, unless invited by the Committee.

d) Non-members, visitors, and guests shall comply with the Club's Policies.

6. HONORARY MEMBERS

a) Honorary members may be appointed by nomination to the leadership of the club, and the leader will appoint such person or persons on merit. This decision will be based on their contribution to the club or to photography in general.

b) The number of honorary members shall be at the discretion of the club leadership.

c) Honorary Members may participate in any meeting open to club members and are exempt from the annual subscription fee.

7. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

a) A member may terminate their membership of the Camera Club at any time by tendering their resignation in writing to the committee via the club leader. Any refund of fees paid is at the discretion of the leader.

b) Membership and attendance of the club will lapse if an individual does not pay their annual membership fees within 3 months of the due date. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration at the discretion of the leadership.

c) Membership may be terminated by the Club Committee if a member acts in a manner in breach of the Conduct of Members. Any fees paid are not refundable.

8. INDEMNITY

a) The Camera Club and Committee must take out Public Liability Insurance to protect the Committee and Members from liability.

b) Suitable risk assessments shall be undertaken for physical attendance at club events and appropriate measures taken to reduce residual risks as required by club insurance company.

9. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

a) All persons attending meetings must act in a courteous and safe manner to all other members, visitors etc. and obey requests for the safe conduct of meetings. Anyone not complying may be asked to leave the meeting.

b) Any member who, in the opinion of the committee, does not conduct themselves in a reasonable manner or is found to behave in a way detrimental to the interests of the Camera Club shall be liable to expulsion by a majority vote of the Committee.

10. CLUB MEETINGS

a) The Camera Club meetings are normally held monthly from January to November. (There is an online competition in December.)

b) Other meetings may be arranged if there is sufficient interest from the membership. These may be held outside or at other venues than the normal Camera Club meeting room.

c) Specialist subgroups, either by video conferencing or physical meetings, may be set up and organised by members provided notification is given to the committee and the committee approves such meetings.

d) All activities arranged for any Camera Club meetings shall be in accordance with the aims of the Camera Club.

11. OMISSIONS

a) Any omission of a constitutional nature which may arise and is not covered in the provisions of this document shall be decided by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members of the Committee present and voting at a Committee Meeting who shall then, if necessary, arrange for an appropriate amendment to be moved at the next club meeting.

12. DISSOLUTION

a) The Camera Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed at a camera club meeting provided that at least three-quarters of the members are present and voting and vote in favour of the proposal.

b) Any assets of the Camera Club remaining on dissolution shall be sold and any remaining funds be distributed to any charity as determined by the Committee.

Next Review date December 2026