## FIELD END PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION

- 1. The Society shall be called Field End Photographic Society.
- 2. The aims of the Society shall be to bring together photographers with the object of promoting greater knowledge, skill, interest and pleasure in photography.
- 3. Membership shall be open to all persons, amateur and professional, interested in photography.

Members may be either full time members or social members. Both classes of member may enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership, except that social members shall not be entitled to participate in any of the Society's competitions.

- 4. An Annual General Meeting shall be convened not less than one month before the end of the season and at such a meeting 25% of the club members shall form a quorum. If a quorum is not obtained at such a meeting, the Secretary shall call another meeting within one calendar month at which all those attending shall be deemed to form a quorum.
- 5. The Committee shall consist of the following honorary appointments: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Competition Secretaries (Internal and External), Publicity Secretary, Exhibition Secretary, Social Secretary plus any additional members.

The Committee shall be elected on a yearly basis at the AGM and shall take office immediately after the last meeting of the Society's year. Six Committee members shall form a quorum. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members as they deem necessary.

- 6. The Society may have a President, to be elected on a yearly basis at the AGM.
- 7. The annual subscription shall become due on the first meeting of the season. Persons whose subscriptions have not been paid by the fourth meeting of the season may not participate in the Society's activities and their names may be removed from the list of members by order of the Committee.

The annual subscription shall be set for the following season each year at the AGM.

Members who are under 18 years old or over 60 years old at the time of the first meeting of the Society's season, social members and members joining after 31<sup>st</sup> December may pay two thirds of the standard subscription.

Members joining after the AGM shall pay the annual subscription, which will also entitle them to membership for the following season.

- 8. The Committee may recommend the election of honorary members who shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the Society but shall have no voting powers.
- 9. An Examiner of the Society's accounts shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting but shall not be a member of the Committee.

The accounts shall be closed on March 31<sup>st</sup> and an examined income and expenditure account and balance sheet must be presented at the AGM. All cheques in payment of the Society's debts shall be signed by two of the three officers nominated by the Committee.

- 10. Meetings of the Society shall be held on Mondays throughout the season.
- 11. The Committee shall transact the business of the Society in accordance with the Constitution. Any matters involving alteration of the Constitution shall be submitted to a General Meeting.
- 12. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Honorary Secretary within one month of a requisition, signed by not less than six members, calling for such a meeting being deposited with the said Secretary. Between two and four weeks' notice of any Extraordinary General Meeting, accompanied by an agenda, must be given by the Honorary Secretary.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting, 25% of the membership shall form a quorum.

- 13. All trophies shall remain at all times the property of Field End Photographic Society.
- 14. If at any General Meeting, a resolution for the dissolution of the Society shall be passed by a majority of the members present, and such a resolution shall be at a special General Meeting, held not less than one month thereafter, at which not less than one half of the members shall be present, be confirmed by a resolution passed by twothirds of the members voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon or at some future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the club and after the discharge of all liabilities shall pay the balance to a local charity to be decided upon at the meeting. Upon the completion of such payment the Society shall be dissolved.