

# CORNWALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE

## CONSTITUTION

(Amended 2003)

1. CORNWALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE is an organisation whose aims is the promotion of photography in all its aspects at a level possibly beyond the reach of any individual club.
2. Membership shall be open to any photographic association, society or club in the county of Cornwall. Such an association society or club wishing to become a member of the Alliance shall apply to the Secretary who will bring the application before the next committee meeting for approval. Representatives of the applicant body may, if approved, attend the next committee meeting of the Alliance. Membership of the Alliance implies the undertaking to comply with and abide by these rules.
- 3 The Officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting
- 4 The Committee shall consist of the above Officers plus representatives from each of the clubs and voting shall be on the basis of 2 votes per club (one vote per representative), with the casting vote of the Chairman in the event of a tie.
5. A Committee meeting should be called at least quarterly to discuss Alliance business. One of these meetings to be the AGM in June/July.
6. Special meetings may be convened on request by at least 25% of the member clubs, stating the object and sent to the Secretary, in writing, at least 21 days before the date proposed.
7. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the Officers and 25% of the Clubs.
8. The Hon. Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and conduct the correspondence of the Alliance. The Hon. Treasurer shall collect all monies and make payments as authorised by the Committee. Cheques shall be signed by two authorised Officers out of three. At the close of each financial year (31 May) an audited Income & Expenditure Account shall be prepared by the Hon. Treasurer and presented at the AGM and each club shall be entitled to a copy.
9. The provision of a Chairman for the Alliance shall be the responsibility of each Member Club on the basis of a rota drawn up by the Committee. New Member Clubs shall not be eligible to provide a Chairman until 2 years after joining. The said Chairman shall hold office for one year. Should a Club not be able to nominate or elect a Chairman from its own ranks a proxy Chairman may be nominated from the ranks of another Club within the Alliance. Only when a Club has tried unsuccessfully to nominate a proxy Chairman will the chair be passed to the next Club on the rota. The unsuccessful Club will then furnish to the Alliance Secretary a CONFIDENTIAL list of the nominees that it had approached. A Chairman may not hold office for more than TWO CONSECUTIVE years, one year as a proxy for another Club and one year as their own Club's nominee. A Chairman Designate shall be nominated to the Committee three months before the AGM. A Vice-Chairman shall be nominated by the Club on the rota list below that providing the Chairman and advised to the Committee at the meeting three months prior to the AGM.
10. The Committee of the Alliance, as constituted under Rule 4, shall be empowered to organise events on behalf of the Alliance and to make all necessary payments which may be required to ensure this. Every effort must be made to ensure that these events are financially viable but in the event of a net loss beyond the funds of the Alliance, the financial responsibility rests with the individual Member Clubs on an equal share basis.
11. The Rules for the Annual Competition shall be decided by the Committee at least six months prior to that competition.
12. Each Member Club shall pay an annual subscription to be decided on by the Committee at the AGM. This is due at the AGM. Clubs not paying the subscription by 31st December WILL lose voting rights and the right to enter the Alliance Competitions. Clubs defaulting will be notified to this effect in writing. Payment at a later date WILL NOT rescind this notification but the Club may send an observer to the Alliance meetings. Any Club not paying its subscription by 1st March will be deemed to have left the Alliance. Should that Club/s request to rejoin the Alliance it must do so under Section 2 of the Constitution.
13. Changes to the Constitution may only be made at the AGM. Proposed changes to the Constitution shall be notified to the Committee in writing not later than the meeting prior to the AGM.