

# **EDMONTON CAMERA CLUB**

(Founded 1945)



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The aim of the Edmonton Camera Club is to cater for the needs of all amateur photographers. We meet Monday evenings excluding Bank Holidays, at the Millfield House Arts Centre and provide a varied programme to suit all tastes.

Our comprehensive programme includes visits from guest photographers and lecturers, who advise, demonstrate and entertain the members on a wide range of subjects. We also hold portrait evenings, which afford members the opportunity of photographing amateur and professional models using the Club's studio lighting equipment. Any newcomer to photography will appreciate the assistance that our more experienced members will provide on the art of picture taking and picture making.

Competitive photographers can take part in the series of competitions organised throughout the year for both prints and transparencies. We also stage special theme competitions, one off events and compete against other clubs in 'battles' and national competitions.

On the lighter side the Club organises a range of social events that include social evenings and outings. In short Edmonton Camera Club comprises people, of all ages, who are keen to share their photographic interests with others in relaxed and convivial surroundings.

We meet between 7.45 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. most Monday evenings from mid September to mid June (except Bank Holidays) at:

Millfield House Arts Centre  
Silver Street  
Edmonton  
LONDON N18 1PJ

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## **1) TITLE**

The club shall be known as the Edmonton Camera Club; hereafter referred to as the 'club'.

## **2) OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the club shall be to promote and encourage interest in photography by means of discussions, lectures, demonstrations, competitions or by any other means.

## **3) FUNDS AND MEMBERSHIP**

- a) The club financial year will commence on the 1st June.
- b) The rate of subscription shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) The Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st September. Members who have not paid their subscription by the 30th September will receive a reminder from the Treasurer. Members who have not paid their subscription by the 30th November will be deemed to have lapsed.
- d) Only fully paid up members are eligible to take part in Club competitions.
- e) Prospective new members and lapsed members will be required to obtain the recommendations of two members on their application for membership. They shall be elected by the committee and introduced at a meeting of the Club.
- f) All new and lapsed members shall receive a copy of the Constitution, the Competition Rules, a current programme and any other publication generally issued to members
- g) New and lapsed members joining after the 1st December will pay 1/30<sup>th</sup> of the current annual subscription for each remaining week of the subscription year for this year only
- h) The financial affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Treasurer who will maintain such current and deposit accounts as are deemed necessary by the Committee. Cheques drawn upon such Club accounts shall be signed by any two of the Treasurer, Secretary and President.
- i) Any member who leads the Club into disrepute may be expelled or asked to resign at the discretion of the majority of the Committee.

## **4) OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

- a) The Club shall be managed by a Committee comprising a President, Officers and up to two ordinary members. The Committee shall be elected at the AGM.
- b) The President is to retire annually but may be re-elected, subject to the proviso that he/she serves for no longer than three consecutive years.
- c) The Officers of the Committee hold 'honorary' posts; these shall comprise:-
  - (i) Secretary
  - (ii) Assistant Secretary
  - (iii) Competition Secretary
  - (iv) Assistant Competition Secretary
  - (v) External Competition Secretary
  - (vi) Programme Secretary
  - (vii) Treasurer
  - (viii) Publicity/Membership Secretary
  - (ix) Social Secretary

- d) Nominations for the Committee membership, duly proposed and seconded, will be invited from all members and must be received by the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the AGM.
- e) At least one of the Officers or members of the Committee shall belong to the General Section for print competition purposes
- f) Vacancies arising from among the Officers of the Committee shall be dealt with at a Special General meeting.
- g) The Committee are empowered to fill any vacancies occurring among the ordinary members of the Committee with or without calling a Special General Meeting.
- h) The Committee are empowered to elect Honorary Life Club Members and Honorary Life Vice Presidents, who shall be entitled to full benefits occurring from membership without being liable for subscriptions.
- i) The Committee are empowered to co-opt members for special purposes.
- j) The Committee are empowered to co-opt members to form Sub-Committees for special functions or purposes. The Chairman of any such Sub-Committee shall be a member of the full Committee.
- k) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall consist of 50% of the Committee membership
- l) President shall preside over Committee meetings. In the absence of the President the chair shall be taken by the Secretary, or an Officer elected by the members present.

## **5) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held on the last Monday of the Programme year. The quorum for an AGM shall be 20% of the fully paid up members in addition to a quorum of the Committee
- b) Members shall be given, in writing or by email, 14 days notice of the date, time and place of the AGM, together with an agenda. The date shall also be shown on the current Club Programme.
- c) Any member who wishes to place a proposal before the AGM must notify the Secretary of their intentions, in writing or by email, at least one calendar month before the date of the AGM. Any such item must be proposed and seconded by two fully paid up members of the Club.
- d) The President may not permit the discussion of any other proposal that does not conform to the criteria detailed in 5c.
- e) The business of the Annual General Meeting must include:-
  - I. the reception, approval and adoption of the Club Annual Report and Financial Statement
  - II. the election of the President, Officers and other Committee members.
  - III. the discussion of and voting upon proposals received by the Secretary in accordance with 5c.
- f) The election of the President, Officers and Committee members shall be by ballot.
- g) Voting on any proposal shall be by show of hands with a simple majority winning. In the event of a tie the President shall have the casting vote.
- h) The President, Officers and Committee members elected at the AGM shall assume their duties on the 1st September.

## **6) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) A Special General Meeting may be requested by five members who must give the Secretary notice in writing. The request must state, in full, the purpose of the proposed meeting. The Committee reserve the right to place such a meeting at a time convenient to the programme of events.

- b) The Secretary shall give all members 14 days notice, in writing, of when such a meeting is to be held, clearly stating its purpose. No other business shall be discussed at a Special General Meeting.
- c) The quorum of a Special General Meeting shall be the same as for an AGM.

## **7) DISSOLUTION**

- a) The Club may be dissolved by the members at a Special General Meeting, but the advance notice of such a meeting shall be a minimum of 28 days and the resolution shall only be deemed passed if more than three quarters of the votes cast are in favour.
- b) In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any surplus assets shall be sold and the funds raised shall be paid to a non-profit organisation nominated by the retiring Committee.

## **8) ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION OR RULES**

The Constitution or Rules may only be altered or amended at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.