

## CPA CONSTITUTION JULY 2022

1. CORNWALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE is an organisation whose aims are 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 Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson**, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. Each club is entitled 2 ordinary members on the committee. At each AGM all officers and ordinary committee members shall be elected at each Annual General meeting.

4. A Committee meeting should be called at least quarterly to discuss Alliance business. One of these meetings to be the AGM

5. 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.

6. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the Officers and 25% of the Clubs.

7. 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. 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.

8. The Committee of the Alliance, as constituted under Rule 3 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. The CPA will never book a speaker or event for which it does not have the financial resources to cover it."

9. The Rules for the Annual Competition shall be decided by the Committee at least six months prior to that competition.

10. Each Member Club shall pay an annual subscription to be decided on by the Committee at the AGM. This is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. Clubs not paying the subscription by 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 re-join the Alliance it must do so under Section 2 of the Constitution.

11. 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