

Membership of Aperture Woolwich Photographic Society

(Taken from the AWPS Constitution 2014)

4. MEMBERSHIP

[A] Membership of the Club shall be open to all without discrimination on grounds of gender, ethnicity, nationality, special needs, disability, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs. Before paying their membership subscription to join the Club, prospective new members may attend THREE regular meetings and any other social or fund raising events. Application for membership must be made through the Membership Secretary on the appropriate form, together with the current applicable subscription.

[B] Young Person's Membership. The Club will accept membership applications from young people as long as they have attained the age of 16 years. Applications from prospective young members who are under 18 years of age on 1st September in the current Club year, must be countersigned by their parent or guardian. Once enrolled the Young Member must be accompanied by an appropriate adult and remain under their direct supervision during all Club meetings and activities until they attain the age of 18 years.

[C] Subscriptions

- i. The annual Membership subscriptions shall be such amounts as the Club may from time to time determine at a General Meeting.
- ii. Such subscriptions shall be due and run from the date of joining.
- iii. Any Member whose subscription is overdue by more than one month without a reason acceptable to the Committee shall be deemed to have resigned membership and all offices of the Club.
- iv. The Committee may, at their discretion, waive all or part of any subscription or in case of financial hardship accept payment of a subscription by instalments. This can be negotiated on an individual basis.

[D] Conduct

Members of the club are expected to uphold the principles of the club, in public and on all public forums operated by or for the club. This means that it is unacceptable for members to use offensive, obscene, derogatory or hurtful language or postings about anyone else within or outside of the club. Members are also expected to operate wholly within the law with regards to their photography and their fair and reasonable treatment of the subjects of their photography. Members can contact the Chair of the society if they have any concerns about their own or another member's photographs or if they would like advice about specific ethical or legal issues about their photography.

[E] Expulsion of Members

- i. If the conduct of any member either in or out of the Club meeting place is in the opinion of the Club Committee detrimental to the interests or the good name of the Club, the Club Committee is empowered to immediately suspend or expel such member, subject to appeal. Such Member shall be given not less than seven days notice in writing or by email to attend a meeting of the Committee such notice shall specify the complaint made.
- ii. So far as is reasonably practicable the meeting of the Committee shall be held on a date and at a time convenient to both the Member and the Committee.
- iii. A Member can only be expelled (a) after having the opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering the complaint and (b) with a Resolution in favour of expulsion by at least two-thirds of the Committee Members present and voting at such meeting.
- iv. A Member who is expelled shall not be entitled to any refund of subscription.