

GANS BAY PHOTOGRAPHY CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

1. Name of club:

- Gans Bay Photography Club

2. Location:

- The club is situated at Groeneweide, Franskraal and meets at Groeneweide Nursery.
- The club serves the district of Gans Bay and surrounding areas.

3. Object:

- The club provides a friendly, social, educational and all inclusive environment for the furtherance of photographic interest and techniques through the exchange of ideas and lectures.
- The club shall promote the enjoyment and improvement of all aspects of photography under its members through a variety of programs of meetings / gatherings, club competitions and presentations by visiting speakers and club members.
- The club shall promote its activities in the local media, encourage new membership and get involved, where necessary, in local community projects.

4. Membership:

- Membership is open to anyone that is interested in photography and is fully inclusive, regardless of photographic experience, knowledge, training or equipment.
- Paid-up members will be bound by the rules of the club.
- Members will be encouraged to bring to meetings prospective members or other guests.
- Members under the age of 18 years must at all meetings and events, social or otherwise, be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- The membership of a member can be terminated if the committee finds that a member has placed the club in a bad light or whose conduct was detrimental to the name of the club. The member shall have the right of appeal to the committee against termination of membership of the club. Any such request for the holding of a Special General Meeting shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary, and shall be supported by two other members. After hearing the appeal the SGM may reinstate membership provided there is a majority vote of the members present.
- Honorary Life Membership may be bestowed on a member after a written motivation has been submitted to the committee.
- Membership fees shall be determined and set by members at an AGM or SGM. Fees will be payable on ...
- Membership can be terminated if a member is 3 months in arrears.

- Renewal of membership may be refused by the committee. The member shall have the right of appeal in writing to the committee.
- If a member wants to resign, a written notice must be handed in at the secretary before the end of the month of resignation.
- Any member changing address must notify the change to the Secretary, otherwise all notices will be sent to the old address.

5. Management / Committee:

- The officers of the club are: Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, IT/Publicity Official and Training/Judging Official. It was agreed that a 5th member would be appointed to the committee who would be used in a position that the committee believed would benefit the functioning of the club.
- They are elected at the AGM for a term of 2 years.

6. Committee:

- A committee will consist of Management of the club. The Committee can co-opt members of the club to assist with specific projects in a sub-committee:
 - a) The management of the yearly finances.
 - b) The drawing up of the yearly activity program.
 - c) The management of the daily activities of the club.
 - d) Changes in the constitution of the club.
 - e) Capital expenditure approval.
 - f) A decision to wind up the club.
- A quorum of the committee shall consist of the Chairman and at least half of the members of the rest of the committee.
- The committee has the right to determine and set all meetings, activities, functions and times.

7. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

- The AGM will be held each year in the month of November and the business includes:
 - a) Minutes of the previous AGM.
 - b) Report by the Chair.
 - c) Financial Statements for the previous year.

- A quorum will consist of the Chair and at least half of all paid-up members.
- The following matters must be approved at a AGM or SGM:
 - a) Changes to the constitution and only with a two thirds majority.
 - b) Capital expenditure in excess of R200.
 - c) A decision to unwind the club.
- Two weeks' notice of such meetings must be given to all members.
- In the absence of the President, the meeting shall elect its own Chair by way of nomination.
- Any member, who wants to submit changes to the rules, must submit it in writing at least 3 weeks in advance to the Secretary or request a SGM.

8. Special General Meeting (SGM):

- A SGM can be called by a minimum of 5 fully paid members.
- Only the matters appearing on the notice of such meeting will be discussed.
- Four weeks of such a meeting must be sent to all members.
- In the absence of the chairperson, the meeting will appoint its own Chair by way of nominations.

9. Finances:

- The funds of the club will be applied as follows:
 - a) To pay the room hire for its meetings.
 - b) To pay any running expenses.
 - c) To provide, pay for or acquire any equipment, material, prizes or speaker appearance fees.
- Any money withdrawals require 2 signatures of the President and Secretary or Treasurer or Media Official.

10. Assets and Equipment:

- The capital assets and equipment of the Club belongs to the paid-up members and any member retiring or leaving the club, will have no claim whatsoever to any of it.

11. Club Affiliations:

- The Club may be affiliated with a variety of organizations and associations.

12. Interclub Activities:

- The Club may from time to time interact with other clubs and participate in competitions, presentations, training and discussions.

13. Competitions:

- Only paid-up members may take part in competitions.
- The competitions will be judged by an external judge or by competent Club members.
- Competition rules must strictly be adhered to as laid down for each competition.
- All pictures must be the original work of the photographer taking part.

14. This constitution has been approved at an AGM onheld at