

CONSTITUTION

Amended and translated - June 2011

1.0 NAME

The name of the club shall be Highveld Photography Club based in Secunda.
(Hereinafter referred to as the club).

2.0 OBJECTIVE

The aims and objects of the club shall be:

(a) To promote, encourage, advise and enjoy the art, science and hobby of photography;

(b) To assist its members and others in all such matters and things as may be expedient in the attainment of these objects;

(c) To arrange workshops, exhibitions and lectures or training sessions from time to time to promote the knowledge and experience of club members.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

The CLUB shall consist of subscribing members and non-subscribing members and honorees.

A register of all members, whether subscribing or non-subscribing, shall be kept by the Executive Council and it shall be the duty of the members at all times to advise any change of address in writing by letter/email to the Secretary.

a.1. Subscribing members

1. Ordinary members

2. Affiliated clubs

Persons who subscribe towards the funds of the CLUB shall be subscribing members upon completion of an application in the form prescribed by the Executive Council and shall be entitled to renew their membership from year to year on payment of the annual subscription as set out in paragraph 8 hereunder, notwithstanding the afore going, the Executive Council shall in its discretion be entitled without assigning any reason therefore to refuse any application for membership or to renew any membership.

a.2. The amount to be charged of annual subscription shall be as follows:

a. Entrance fee on registration of new members. This amount shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Council.

b. Subscription per annum. This amount shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Council.

c. Affiliated clubs. This amount shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Council.

d. Members joining after the first quarter of the year, subscription per quarter.

The annual subscription may be changed from time to time but only with the authority of the majority of the Executive Council in its discretion.

a.2. Non subscribing members

Membership without payment of subscription may be conferred upon persons whose rank, position or special service to the CLUB, merits recognition by the CLUB and such persons shall be non-subscribing members. Conferment of membership in this category shall be within the discretion of the Executive Council and may be for such limited period of time and subject to such conditions as the Executive Council may deem fit.

3.0 RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

All members of good standing whether subscribing or non-subscribing shall be entitled to all club facilities and

further be entitled to exercise a vote at all General Meetings of the club. Voting may take place either personally or by proxy and whenever in this Constitution a reference is made to voting powers it shall be deemed to include a vote by proxy.

A member shall at all times have the right of access to the Executive Council in respect of any complaint or problem and any matter which a member desires to be raised and discussed by the Executive shall be set out in a letter addressed in writing/email to the Secretary.

4.0 LIMITATIONS OF RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Membership of the club shall not give any member any proprietary right, title, or claim to or any interest in any of the property or assets of the club, nor shall a member by such membership incur any personal financial liability or responsibility in respect of any claims made or action brought against the CLUB arising from any cause whatsoever and the liability of a member to the CLUB shall be limited only to any unpaid subscription.

5.0 SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS

Members whose subscriptions are in arrears after 3 months in any year shall forfeit membership.

6.0 MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

The management and control of the affairs of the club shall be vested in an Executive Council. The Executive Council shall have the power to decide any question or procedure not provided for in the Constitution. The Executive Council shall have the power to co-opt any person to the Council if necessary.

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7.0 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council shall consist of the following:

- a. President
- b. Vice president
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer/Financial advisor
- e. Webmaster
- f. 3 Additional members as and when needed

8.0 ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

- a. President

The President shall be elected by the Executive Council bi-ennially, at its first meeting, and the President shall hold office for a period of two consecutive years.

- b. The President can be re-elected after servicing a two year term.

- c. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be elected by the Executive Council bi-annually, at its first meeting and in the event of the office becoming vacant; the Vice-President shall assume the position of President and shall continue to hold the office of President until such time as the Executive Council appoints another President in the normal way.

- d. Should the office of Vice-President become vacant a new Vice-President shall be elected. The Vice-President shall hold office for a period of two consecutive years.

- e. The Vice President can be re-elected after servicing a two year term.

- f. Honorary Salon Director

The Honorary Salon director shall be appointed by the Executive Council, where necessary.

- g. The President will act as *Chairperson* to preside at its club meetings. *He/She* shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Executive Council and for the conduct of its meetings.

