

Status of the Association Photo International Club Zurich

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Legal form, objectives and headquarters

Art. 1 With the name PHOTO INTERNATIONAL CLUB ZURICH, was founded on November 1st 2013 a non-profit association governed by the present status and by the article 60 and following of the Swiss civil code.

Art. 2 The Association, which is politically and spiritually neutral, has the following goals :

- Gather amateurs of photography,
- Keep between members a solidarity mindset and a good companionship,
- Make available to its members the access to equipment and resources useful to the practice of photography,
- Study all matters related to photography,
- Organise courses, outings, demonstrations, presentations, competitions, exhibitions, projections, etc...,
- Help by any mean the practice of photography.

Art. 3 The headquarters of the association is in Zurich. Its duration is not limited in time.

The headquarters of the association are located on a temporary basis at :

Nelkenstrasse 15
8006 Zurich

Whenever the association will have a club-house, the headquarters will be located at the address of the club-house.

Organisation

Art. 4 The bodies of the association are:

- The general assembly (Assemblée générale) ;
- The Committee (Comité) ;
- The Accountancy Controlling Body (Organe de contrôle des comptes).

Art. 5 The resources of the association are composed of :

- The entry fees,
- The ordinary or extra-ordinary memberships fees of the members,
- Gifts and donations,
- Legacies,
- Income resulting from the Association activity,
- If applicable, subsidies from the public services
- Income resulting from the partnerships and sponsorships.

The social exercise starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.

Its engagements are guaranteed by its assets, excluding any personal responsibility of its members.

The assets of the association are managed by the treasurer following the committee's directive. No invoice will be paid without the common approval of two members of the committee either the president and the treasurer or of the vice-president and the treasurer.

The engagements of the association are guaranteed only by its assets, and exclude any personal responsibility of its members or of the committee.

Art. 6 The association is validly engaged by the collective signature of the president and a second member of the committee or the signature of the vice-president and a second member of the committee.

Art. 7 The committee must refer to the general assembly if any budget overrun expenses should exceed 10% of the association's assets.

Art. 8 The amount of the annual membership fee or other obligations is due 60 days after the reception of the invoice.

Members

Art. 9 The association is composed of the active members and honorary members and members of honor.

Any individual or legal entity interested in reaching the objectives defined in article 2 can become a member.

Applicants under 18 years should provide the subscription form together with a written authorization from his/her legal representative. His/her membership will be valid only after the payment of the entry fee.

If possible, the association intends to send information news to its members and supporters.

Art. 10 The association is composed of :

- Founder members
- active members
- senior members
- honorary members
- collective members

Founder members: the founder members are the members who founded the association. The founder members are not obliged to pay the membership or the entry fee. The founder members are:

- Pascal Cornuez
- Stéphane Stockbuerger

Active members: the active member is an individual. He will respect the status, the applicable rules and will pay his membership. Belonging or taking part in another club or photography group is not excluded.

In case of a contest or other photography competition, he/she will be able to participate only as representative of one group or club.

Honorary Member: If proposed by the committee, the general assembly can grant the title of honorary member to any individual or legal entity who deserves it according to the assembly judgment. The honorary member is not obliged to pay the membership.

Senior member: any individual who has been actively involved during 20 years in the PICZ. During the 20th year, he receives a diploma as a sign of recognition. The membership fee for a honorary member is half the active members fee.

Collective member: the collective member is a legal entity who acts on behalf of a group or an organisation. The entry fee and the membership for a collective member is twice the active member fees.

Art. 11 Any member who takes part of any activity organised by the club shall have a third party liability insurance and undertakes to present it in case of damage to a third party.

Any member using the club premises or lending, borrowing or exchanging material through the association shall have a third party liability insurance and undertakes to present it in case of damage to a third party.

Any member who uses the club premises or practices an activity through the association shall make sure that other participants or people present in the premises of the club or taking part of the activity have a third party liability and undertake to present it in case of damage to a third party.

Art. 12 Admission requests are sent to the committee. The committee decides on the admission of new members and informs the general assembly.

Art. 13 The membership is lost by:

- Death or disappearance, in this case the membership is ended one month after the death or the disappearance,
- By resignation. In any case the membership fee for the current year is due.
- By exclusion for “good reason”.

Resignation : a member can give his resignation by sending it in writing to the committee at least one month before the end of the exercise. He/she will be free from any obligations only after all remaining tasks or prerogatives will be executed.

Exclusion for “good reason”: The exclusion is a decision taken by the committee. The committee can exclude :

- Any member late in the payment of his membership fee or other payments for more than 12 months.
- Any member who would damage the honor of the association or act against the association interests.

An exclusion by the committee will be notified to the interested person in writing; The interested person and appeal the decision to the general assembly of the association within one month after receiving the notification.

The general assembly, ordinary or extraordinary, will decide on the appeal. Its decision will be irrevocable.

Art. 14 The members who resigned or are excluded, will have no rights on the assets of the association, but they have to give back any material belonging to the association or if any, the keys of the association premises, for which any deposit will be given back to them.

General Assembly

Art. 15 The General Assembly is the most empowered body of the association. It is composed of all the association members.

- Art. 16 The powers of the general assembly are the following :
- Adopt and modify the status ;
 - elect the members of the committee and the accountancy controlling body;
 - decides on the actions, their priorities and direct the activity of the association ;
 - approves the reports, approves the accounting and votes on the budget ;
 - mandates to the committee and the accountancy controlling body ;
 - decides the membership fee for active members ;
 - takes a position on other projects set on the agenda:

The general assembly can take charge of or set in motion anything which has not been assigned to another body.

- Art. 17 The general assemblies, ordinary or extraordinary are called at least 10 days in advance by the committee with the details of the agenda.

- Art. 18 The discussions of the assembly are in English. The chairman is the president, or in case of absence the vice president or another member of the committee. They produce Minutes of the Meeting written in English and signed by the President and the Secretary, or by their deputies.

- Art. 19 Except in case of decision of dissolution, detailed in article 34, the decisions taken by the General Assembly are approved by absolute majority of the present members. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

All members, individual or collectives have one vote.

- Art. 20 The votes are taken by show of hands.

If a member requires so, they will be organized by secret ballot.

Each member, individual or collective carries the right to vote.

Members who cannot attend the General Assembly can send a representative, but the representatives have no right to vote.

It is not possible to vote through proxy.

- Art. 21 The ordinary General Assembly shall meet at least once in a year by the call of the Committee.

- Art. 22 The agenda of this yearly Assembly (called ordinary) must include:

- The acceptance of the Minutes of the last Assembly,
- The report from the president on the activities of the association during the past year,
- A debate and decisions about the future development of the association,
- The financial report from the accounts controlling body;
- Voting of these reports ;
- New admissions, resignations and exclusions
- Decision of the yearly membership fee,
- Election of the President,
- Election of the members of the Committee and the accounts controlling organ ;
- Nomination of the senior members,
- Nomination of the honorary members,
- other individual proposals.

- Art. 23 The members are entitled to add points to the agenda of the General Assembly, by writing their request to the Committee at least 10 days in advance.

- Art. 24 The Extraordinary General Assembly meets when called by the committee or on demand of one fifth of the members of the association. The committee can call for an extraordinary general assembly as often as needed.
- Art. 25 Any proposal for modification of the association's status shall be written on the letter of invitation to the general assembly.

Committee

- Art. 26 The committee executes and applies the decisions made by the general assembly. It drives the association and uses all the necessary means so that the objectives can be reached. The committee takes all decisions which are not explicitly to be taken by the General Assembly.
- Art. 27 The committee includes no more than five members, nominated for 2 years by the General Assembly. They can be elected several times.

The below functions are covered by the committee:

- The President
- The Vice-president
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The member(s)

One member of the committee can be in charge of several functions.

For functions other than President, the committee constitutes itself. It gathers as often as needed.

- Art. 28 The committee acts as the executive organ of the association, inside the boundaries defined by the status and the applicable regulations.

The committee is in charge of:

- Taking the necessary means to reach the objectives defined ;
- Inviting for the ordinary and extraordinary general assemblies ;
- Taking the decisions related to admission and resignation of members as well as their possible exclusion
- Taking care that the status are applied, write the rules and manage the assets of the association.

The committee can delegate part of its duty to the members; in this case, the members of the committee continue to be jointly and severally liable for the actions of their delegates.

The committee selects the association's representatives toward other associations, groups or committees, etc.

The committee meets as often as needed, by call of the Secretary. Except by valid justification of absence, the presence of members is mandatory.

The decisions of the committee are recorded in Minutes of the Meeting signed by the President and the Secretary.

- Art. 29 The committee is responsible for the Accounting of the association.
- Art. 30 Members of the committee are personally liable for the accounting, both towards the association and its members.
- Art. 31 The functions of committee member are not compensated in any way. Possibly, the expenses incurred by the members to organise the activities of the

attendance can be reimbursed partly or fully, under the condition that they are duly justified and that the absolute majority of the committee's members approves the reimbursement.

Art. 32 The committee hires (or dismisses) the paid employees or volunteers of the association. It can provide to any individual, member or not, a mandate limited in time.

The Accounts Controlling Body

Art. 33 The Accounts controlling body audits the accounting of the association and provides a report to the General Assembly. It is composed of two auditors elected by the General Assembly. They can be re-elected 2 times.

Dissolution

Art. 34 The association dissolution is decided by an Extraordinary Assembly where at least two thirds of all members are present. The proposal to dissolve the association shall be presented on the agenda and communicated to all members together with the letter of invitation.

If the quorum is not obtained, a second general assembly shall be invited. This second assembly will not be obliged to reach the quorum.

The dissolution can be approved by the majority of two thirds of the present members.

Before the dissolution, the extraordinary assembly decides how to use the remaining assets of the association.

Art. 35 All the situations not defined in the status fall under the decision of the General Assembly.

Miscellaneous

Art. 36 In case of death of one member, the committee shall organise to be represented to the funerals, if the information of the death has been received soon enough.

Art. 37 The club is not liable for the material stored in its premises by the members.

Final provisions

Art. 38 The present status were adopted by the Constitution Assembly, on November 1st 2013 in Zurich, Switzerland by the founder members Pascal Cornuez and Stephane Stockbuerger.

On behalf of the Association Photo International Club Zurich.

Pascal Cornuez

Stéphane Stockbuerger