



The Fort Worth Camera Club was founded in 1930, with the goal of promoting photography as a hobby and an art form through programs, outings and activities in the north Texas area. The club is governed by these bylaws, as amended by the Board of Directors in May 2018.

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### Article Name and Object

The name of this organization shall be the Fort Worth Camera Club. The object of the Club shall be to cultivate and encourage photography.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### Parliamentary Authority

These by-laws shall constitute the basic law governing the conduct of the Club. "Roberts Rules of Order-Revised" shall be the guiding reference.

#### **ARTICLE III**

##### Members

Section 1. There shall be two classes of members: "Regular" and "Honorary." Regular Members pay dues, participate in the government of the Club and hold office. Honorary members pay no dues but enjoy all the privileges of the Club except holding office and voting.

Section 2. Application for Regular Membership shall be made in writing or orally with an offer to pay regular dues. Regular Membership is subject to approval by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Any distinguished individual, either professional or amateur, who has rendered conspicuous service to photography, is eligible for Honorary Membership. Honorary members shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Membership of an individual in either class may be suspended or terminated by the Board of Directors. Such member may appear before the Board of Directors in his/her own defense.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### Dues

Section 1. Dues for new members admitted after July 1 shall be one half of the annual dues. A delinquent member who has been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues shall be reinstated upon payment of a full year's dues. Members shall pay annual dues as individuals, couples, families or students at a rate to be set each year by the board of directors.

Section 2. Initial dues shall be payable in full with application for membership. Renewal dues are payable in full on January 1. When dues of continuing members are not paid by February 7 of any Club year, the names of such individuals shall be dropped from the Club Roster.

Section 3. Club presidents shall have their membership dues waived for one (1) year following a completed term of office.

## **ARTICLE V**

### Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held twice monthly at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special business meetings of the Club may be called at any time by the President or by six (6) members of the Board.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called quarterly by the President. Additional meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by any three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Annual Business Meeting of the Club for the purpose of electing officers and directors shall be the first meeting in October.

Section 5. The fiscal Club Year shall begin January 1 and terminate December 31.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Quorum

Section 1. One-fourth (1/4) of the Regular Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of those present shall rule, except as provided in Article XII on Amendments.

Section 2. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at a board meeting. A majority of those present shall rule, except as provided in Article XII on amendments.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Election and Procedure

Section 1. Election of Officers and Directors shall take place at the second meeting of the Club in October. The new board shall take office immediately following the last general club meeting in November.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) regular members not later than the first regular meeting of the Club in September. The nominating committee shall select one or more eligible nominees for each office and three (3) or more nominees for directors. The report of the nominating committee shall be made to the membership at the second meeting in September. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the second meeting in September or at the time of the election.

Section 3. When there is more than one candidate for office, the election shall be by written ballot. In that event, the President shall appoint three (3) regular members as tellers. A teller shall not be a candidate for any office. The tellers shall prepare written ballots and distribute these to the regular members present, collect the ballots and register the vote.

Section 4. If the voters fail to elect officers and directors at the Annual Business Meeting, the Board of Directors shall remain in office until their successors have been duly elected in a special election.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

##### Officers and Directors

Section 1. The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for a period of one year. No person shall be eligible for the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms of one year each.

Section 2. Six (6) directors shall be elected for a period of a two-year term. Three of the directors shall be chosen each year from the membership, retiring three (3) members. Two (2) years must have elapsed from the retirement of a member before that member is again eligible for the office of director.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### The Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members. They shall be four (4) officers, the six (6) directors and the immediate past president. The immediate past president shall serve for one (1) year.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Club. It shall have the complete management and control of the Club's property and funds. It shall have final control over the committees and the affairs and conduct of the Club.

Section 3. Vacancies in an elective office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the remaining portion of the vacated term.

Section 4. In the event of dissolution of this Club for any reason, the Board of Directors shall adopt a plan to provide for the distribution of the assets remaining, after the payment of all debts, to one or more non-profit organizations.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors. He shall appoint all committee Chairmen subject to the ratification of the Board of Directors. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall supervise the disbursement of funds as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, and shall act in an advisory capacity at all times.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a current record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, conduct the Club's correspondence and perform such other duties as assigned by the President and the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the Club and shall deposit the same to the credit of the Fort Worth Camera Club in a bank approved by the Board of Directors, to be subject to checks signed by the Treasurer or the President. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and issue membership cards countersigned by the President or in his absence the Vice President; shall keep an itemized record, in a permanent file, of all receipts and expenditures; shall give a written financial report at each quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors and a written financial report to the membership at the termination of the Club Year.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### Committees

Section 1. The standing committees shall be: Competition, Education, Membership, Programs, Historian, Blog, Website and Yearbook publication.

Section 2. The President may appoint such other committees he deems necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### Amendments and Procedures

Section 1. Any proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall first be placed before the Board of Directors in writing and approved by seven (7) members of the Board before it may be submitted to the membership.

Section 2. Any amendment passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted in writing to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the date set for the Club's action on the amendment or amendments.

Section 3. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the ballots cast is required for the adoption of an amendment by the membership, provided that the number of ballots cast constitutes a quorum as set out in Article VI of these Bylaws.

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