

Sioux Falls Camera Club Constitution

As Approved by the Membership May 2009

Article I - Name

The organization shall be known as the Sioux Falls Camera Club (Club).

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to promote the enjoyment of photography for all members in a friendly, cooperative, and informative environment.

Article III – Operational Year

The operational year for the Club shall run from June 1 to May 31.

Article IV – Membership and Dues

Section 1: Membership in the Club is open to anyone interested in photography and pays the annual dues.

Section 2: Annual dues rates shall be established by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Persons joining the Club after January shall pay a prorated amount determined by the Vice President/Treasurer.

Article V – Officers and Executive Board

Section 1: The President shall be elected annually at the Club's first regular meeting in May.

Section 2: The Vice President/Treasurer shall be elected annually at the Club's first regular meeting in May.

Section 3: Club activity coordinators shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval from the Executive Board. Terms of service of activity coordinators shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall be the governing body for the Club and the Club's activities. The President shall chair the Executive Board. Other members of the Executive Board shall include the Vice President/Treasurer, Programs Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Hospitality Coordinator, Competition Coordinator, and N4C Coordinator. Each member shall have one vote.

Section 5: The Executive Board may at its discretion add additional Club officer positions. Additional Club officer positions approved by the Executive Board shall be elected annually at the Club's first regular meeting in May.

Section 6: The Executive Board may modify its membership composition as future conditions warrant.

Section 7: The President or Executive Board may appoint special or ad hoc work groups to perform specified functions.

Section 8: The President or in the President's absence, the Executive Board, may appoint a nominating committee to identify and recruit candidates for Club officers or activity coordinators.

Article VI - Length of Terms

Club officers are elected to one-year terms. Terms commence on June 1 after May elections. There is no limitation to the number of terms a Club officer may serve.

Article VII – Club Officer Elections and Special Elections

Club officer elections are held at the first regular Club meeting in May. Special elections may be ordered by the Executive Board in the event a Club officer position is vacated during the operational year.

Article VIII - Quorum

A quorum for Executive Board meetings shall be half the number of Executive Board members plus one. Should there not be a quorum, Executive Board members may request issues be decided by electronic vote (email) by the entire Executive Board. A simple majority is required to pass a motion.

Article VIII – Meetings

Section 1: The Club shall hold regular meetings at a frequency, time, and place to be established in the bylaws.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall, at minimum, meet twice yearly. Additional meetings of the Executive Board shall be determined by the President in consultation with the Executive Board.

Article IX – Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1: Amendments to the constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Club membership.

Section 2: Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be published in the newsletter and posted on the Club website at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Article X – Bylaws

Bylaws containing Club working procedures, programs, activities, policies, meeting logistics, delegation of responsibilities, and other Club management issues will be reviewed and updated yearly by the Executive Board.

Article XI – Dissolution

In the event the Sioux Falls Camera Club shall dissolve, the remaining assets, after satisfaction of all obligations, shall be distributed by the Executive Board to non-profit organizations that engage in activities consistent with the spirit and purpose of the Club.

Article XII – Effective Date

This constitution shall supersede and replace any and all previous constitutions and bylaws of the Sioux Falls Camera Club. The effective date for this constitution is June 1, 2009.