

SEDONA CAMERA CLUB

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be the Sedona Camera Club, located in Sedona, Arizona.

ARTICLE II – INCORPORATION

The club shall be incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Arizona.

ARTICLE III –PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be to educate members of the club, the general public, and students in the art of photography. To that end, Regular Monthly meetings shall largely consist of programs taught by professional photographers and workshops taught by club members with advanced skills in the art of photography. The club will also conduct mentoring programs in specific areas of photography to assist basic, intermediate and advanced photographers to improve their skills. The club will hold monthly photography competitions in which participants will receive individualized critiques of their submissions in order to learn their art to a higher degree. The club will endeavor to work cooperatively with other community organizations to provide artistic exhibitions that benefit the community as a whole. Where possible, the club will make highly skilled members available to local educational institutions to provide lectures and coaching in the art of photography. Club trips will include an educational component whenever feasible.

ARTICLE IV –MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all persons interested in photography. Guests may attend at most two Regular Monthly meetings without paying membership dues.

Lifetime members may be elected from the membership if approved by the Board of Directors of the Camera Club. Such membership should result from either long association with the Club or from exceptional service to the Club.

Lifetime members are excused from paying yearly dues, but have all rights and privileges of paid membership.

ARTICLE V – DUES

Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and, providing a quorum of members are present, be subject to the approval of a majority of the members present at a Regular Monthly meeting. The full amount of dues will be due and payable at the September meeting for the ensuing year. Dues are delinquent after the November meeting.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Regular Monthly meetings are usually held on the last Monday of each month. Meetings are not necessarily held in June, July, or August. Any change in meeting dates shall be determined by the Board. The April meeting shall be designated the Annual Meeting for the election of officers and presentation of annual reports. At the discretion of the Board, non-regular meetings may be held in June, July and/or August.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

The officers shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Duties of Officers:

The President shall preside at General Monthly meetings and the Board of Directors meetings, and appoint all committee chairpersons.

The First Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in case the President is unable to act and shall be chairperson of the program committee.

The Second Vice-President shall be the digital competition chairperson.

The Third Vice-President shall be the print competition chairperson.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the Regular Monthly meetings and Board meetings and shall carry on such correspondence as may be required by the Club's activities. The Secretary shall keep a written log of all club activities which have an educational purpose as conducted during each calendar month.

The Treasurer shall receive, and with the approval of the Board, disburse the funds of the Club. The Treasurer shall render a financial report at each meeting and submit a written report of the year's financial transactions. The Treasurer shall cause to be prepared the annual reports required by the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Arizona by the 60th day after the end of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII –BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President, the Webmaster and three Directors. The President votes as all other members of the Board. Appointed committee chairpersons may be invited to participate in Board meetings. The term of office for the directors shall be three years, with one retiring and one elected each year. The term of office for officers shall be one year starting June 1. The fiscal year shall run from June 1 to May 31.

ARTICLE IX –ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president shall appoint a committee of three at the February meeting to serve as a nominating committee, subject to the approval of the general membership.

The nominating committee shall present a slate of six officers, the webmaster and one director at the March meeting. Nominations may be accepted from the floor at the March meeting and again at the April meeting. No name shall be presented without the prior consent of the nominee. The election of officers shall be held at the April meeting. Installation of officers shall be held at the May meeting.

Vacancies in office shall be filled for the current year by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X –QUORUM

A quorum for conducting Club business at a Regular Monthly meeting shall consist of one third of the paid membership.

A quorum for conducting Club business at a Board of Directors meeting shall consist of a majority of the current Board members.

ARTICLE XI –AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended by presenting proposed amendment at a Regular Monthly meeting and then publishing the proposed amendment in the Member's Area of the club's web site. Proposed amendment(s) may be approved at the next Regular Monthly meeting at which a quorum of the membership is present, and may be approved by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE XII –PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The Club is strictly prohibited from conducting political activities of any kind, or making any political contributions whatsoever, and its officers, directors, committee members and general members shall not use the Club, its web site, its membership list or any other Club facility to solicit votes, solicit political contributions or advocate for any political party, person or ballot initiative.

ARTICLE XIII –CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board of Directors may authorize charitable contributions by the Club if, in the Board's discretion, the circumstances warrant it. The Club may receive charitable contributions, whether solicited or unsolicited, of money, grants, or goods, at any time after receiving a favorable Ruling Letter from the Internal Revenue Service. In the event of such contributions the Club President or Treasurer must acknowledge same by letter within 30 days. Said letter must comply with Internal Revenue Service Rules and Regulations regarding the value of any such donations..

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