

Flushing Camera Club, By-Laws

Article 1

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Flushing Camera Club, hereinafter called the FCC.

Article 2

Purpose

The purposes of the FCC are to:

- a) Promote and further interest in photography by providing appropriate educational events, programs and field trips.
- b) Share with one another an interest in photography by providing a suitable environment to foster the photographic education of the members.
- c) Encourage participation in intra-club and inter-club competitions.
- d) Cultivate good fellowship through photography.

Article 3

Membership

Membership in the FCC is open to all. To become a member, a person must agree to the purposes of the FCC, pay dues to the FCC Treasurer, and continue to follow the By-laws and purposes of the FCC.

Upon completion of 20 consecutive years of paid membership, a member may be awarded Life Membership by the Executive Committee. Life Membership will be awarded to any member who has been president for two consecutive terms. A Life Member enjoys the same rights and privileges as paid members without having to pay dues. To retain the status of Life Member, the member must participate in at least one regularly scheduled meeting of the FCC during the season.

Article 4

Officers

Qualifications for office: Member in good standing for the previous two years.

FCC officers will be elected at meeting held on the first Wednesday of May. All members at the meeting will be entitled to cast one vote for each position. The FCC officers and their duties are:

President will preside at all general membership and Executive Committee meetings. The President will keep the membership informed of the activities of all committees, officers, and others acting in the name of the FCC. The President can be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the full membership.

Vice-President. Responsible to the President and will carry out those duties assigned by the President. If the President is unable to carry out the duties because of illness or any other reason, the Vice-President will assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.

Secretary. Responsible to the President for keeping accurate minutes of the Executive Committee meetings; of recording any actions and decisions taken by the Club as a whole; recording the results of all elections and sending/receiving correspondence involving the Club. These records will be kept in a separate book that will be available to the membership at all times.

Treasurer. Responsible to the President for all financial activities of the FCC. Accurate financial records will be kept and made available to any Club member requesting the information. An annual report for the fiscal year ending August 31 will be prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the membership before October 31.

Term of Office

The term of office for elected officers will be one year. Any officer may be elected for a second consecutive term. By action of the Executive Committee and with the approval of the membership, an officer may be elected to additional one-year terms to a maximum of four (4) consecutive one-year terms. A person serving 4 terms in office may be re-elected to the same office after a hiatus of two years..

Article 5

Meetings

Regular meetings of the FCC will be held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August when there will be meetings as scheduled by the Executive Committee.

The Annual Dinner will be held on the 3rd Wednesday in June.

If requested in writing by 10 percent of the members, the President must call a special meeting of the membership. The letter addressed to the President and Secretary must state the reason for the meeting. Notice of such meeting must be sent to all members and no business but that specified in the mailing notice may be transacted at special meetings.

Committee meetings will be called by the committee chairs as needed.

Quorum

A quorum is required before any FCC business may be voted on. A quorum is fifty percent (50%) of the membership and must include the President or Vice President and Secretary.

Article 6

Committees

Executive Committee, chaired by the President, shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes of the FCC. It shall consist of the four elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), the most recent Past President and the chairs of the standing committees. If a member of the Executive Committee, at the time this article is accepted, is a Past President, said member of the Executive Committee will remain a member of the Executive Committee provided the member retains consecutive membership in the FCC

The business of the FCC shall be managed by the Executive Committee. It shall have the control and management of FCC business and affairs, acting only on such when properly convened by the President. The Executive Committee will meet as often as it is deemed reasonable and necessary by the President. The Executive Committee will determine the dues of the FCC.

Quorum

A quorum of the Executive Committee is fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Committee membership and must include the President or Vice President and Secretary.

Standing Committees

The chairs of the standing committees will be appointed by the President for a one year term and may be appointed for additional one-year terms. The President may appoint other committees as needed, or when the majority of the membership requests one. Committees will be designated as permanent or temporary depending upon function and duties.

The standing committees and their responsibilities are:

Administration Committee, Responsible to the President for insuring that the meeting site is ready for FCC events.

Competition Committee, Responsible to the President for managing all aspects of competition both intra-club and inter-club.

Display and/or Show Committee, Responsible for finding opportunities to display members' work in public and private venues; will maintain, and arrange for the showing of the Club's musical show.

Education Committee, Responsible to the President for developing and presenting educational events that will broaden the photographic scope of the FCC.

Membership Committee, Responsible to the President for greeting and welcoming visitors, encouraging persons to join FCC, keeping in touch with membership.

Program Committee, Responsible to the President for developing and scheduling programs that will provide the FCC with a broad range of photographic programs.

Public Relations Committee, Responsible to the President for keeping the public informed of the activities of the FCC

Trips & Tours Committee, Responsible for suggesting, planning, and organizing photography trips and tours sponsored by the Club.

Article 7

Finances

When necessary, the President may appoint committees to raise additional money through auctions, raffles, and other means.

Any expenditure over \$400 must be approved by the general membership in a vote taken at the meeting following the Executive Committee proposal to spend such an amount on any purchase for the Club's use.

Article 8

Elections

The President will appoint a chairperson of a Nominating committee, who shall select a committee to nominate a slate of officers. The slate selected by this committee will be given to the President before the first meeting in April so that it may be presented to the members at both meetings in April and the first meeting in May at which time elections are to be held.

Nominations for offices may be made from the floor at either of the April meetings and the first May meeting; the nominees must agree to accept the responsibilities of the office for the nomination to be in effect.

If more than one nominee is named for any office, the voting shall be by closed ballot for that office, and a majority of the votes is required to win the office.

Newly elected officers will be presented at an Annual Dinner or at the final meeting of the year (in June).

Article 9**Special Elections**

Upon notification to the Secretary of the resignation of any officer, a special election must be held to fill said office no later than the second regular meeting following the date of notification.

Article 10**Amendments**

These By-laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

All proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee for its consideration at a regular board meeting and must be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee before being submitted to the membership at large for its determination.

The proposed amendment(s) must be read at two successive meetings, and voted at the second meeting.

Article 11**Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the Flushing Camera Club shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws; or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article 12**Non-Inurement**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, or officer of the organization or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to, or for, the organization) and no member, trustee, or officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon the dissolution of the organization.

Article 13**Restrictive Legislation**

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(h), or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article 14**Restrictive Purpose & Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501c(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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