

The Flushing Camera Club, By-Laws

Article 1

Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Flushing Camera Club, hereinafter called THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

Article 2

Purpose:

The purposes of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. are to:

1. promote for recreation, and offer a social atmosphere for those active and/or interested in learning about photography;
2. promote fellowship and extend acquaintanceship by means of social gatherings; to promote social intercourse among the community, by means of meetings and various forms of entertainment generally related to photography;
3. engage generally in any causes or objects similar to the above mentioned in order to promote the social and mental welfare of the members.
4. further interest in photography by providing appropriate educational events, programs and field trips.
5. share with one another an interest in photography by providing a suitable environment to foster the photographic education of the members.
6. encourage participation by THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. in intra and inter club competitions.
7. cultivate good fellowship through photography.

Article 3

Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors will consist of the elected officers and the chairs of the standing committees of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

Article 4

Membership:

Membership in THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. is open to all. To become a member, a person must agree to the purposes of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC., pay dues to THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. and continue to follow the By-Laws and purposes of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

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 FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. during the season.

A member may have his/her membership revoked if the member has acted in any way perceived by the Executive Committee to be detrimental to the purposes of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. as stated in the By-Laws and has not ceased doing so after being either verbally notified (verbal notification will be witnessed by at least one other Executive Committee member) and/or notified in writing (by a Certified/Return Receipt letter) of the unacceptability of such actions and the possibility of membership revocation.

The Executive Committee must approve the revocation of membership by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee as it existed at the beginning of the Club's year in which the action(s) occur.

Once the member has received verbal or written notice (as defined above) from the Executive Committee that membership has been revoked, the member's privileges are suspended. That is the member should not attend meetings and is not allowed to participate in club competitions and activities.

The member has 15 days in which to appeal to the Executive Committee in writing. The Executive Committee has 30 days after the appeal is received in which to act.

The member whose membership is being revoked will have his/her pro-rated dues refunded as of the date of notification.

Article 5

Officers:

Qualifications for office: Any Member in good standing (a current fully paid membership or who has a life time membership) can be considered for a position as officer. If the member has been participating in THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. for less than two years the application for office must be approved by the membership, before the slate is presented for election.

THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. 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 FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. officers and their duties are:

1. 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 FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.
 - a. The President can be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the full membership.
2. 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.
3. Secretary. Responsible to the President for keeping accurate minutes of the Executive Committee meetings; of recording any actions and decisions taken by THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. as a whole; recording the results of all elections and sending/receiving correspondence involving the Club.
 - a. These records will be kept in a separate book that will be available to the membership at all times.
4. Treasurer. Responsible to the President for all financial activities of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. Accurate financial records will be kept and made available to any FLUSHING CAMERA 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 6

Meetings:

Regular meetings of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. 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 of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. business may be voted on. A quorum is defined as a majority vote by club members who attend on the date of the vote. All members will be notified by email or website or letter if a vote is scheduled. On the day of the vote the President or the Vice President and the Secretary must be present.

Article 7

Committees:

Executive Committee, chaired by the President, shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. 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 is a Past President who was elected prior to February 26, 2003, said member of the Executive Committee will remain a member of the Executive Committee provided the member retains consecutive membership in THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

The business of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. shall be managed by the Executive Committee. It shall have the control and management of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. 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 FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

Quorum:

A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee at which business is voted on is fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Committee membership and must include the President or Vice President and the Secretary.

If the Secretary is not present, another officer or committee chair can assume the duties of the Secretary for that meeting subject to the approval of a majority of the other members of the Executive Committee.

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 THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. events.

Competition Committee: Responsible to the President for managing all aspects of Intra and inter competition for THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

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 FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

Membership Committee: Responsible to the President for greeting and welcoming visitors, encouraging persons to join THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC., keeping in touch with membership.

Program Committee: Responsible to the President for developing and scheduling programs that will provide THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC. with a broad range of photographic programs.

Public Relations Committee: Responsible to the President for keeping the public informed of the activities of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC.

Trips & Tours Committee: Responsible for suggesting, planning, and organizing photography trips and tours sponsored by The FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB INC.

Article 8

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 9

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 10

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 11

Amendments:

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.

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative majority vote by members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The amended By-Laws must be distributed by email with the changes identified. During the three weeks from the date of distribution or the next scheduled monthly meeting, whichever is longer, the general membership has the opportunity to comment and/or suggest changes. After the three weeks, no other changes will be accepted.

All changes will be reviewed and if deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee, the by-laws will be modified. Once the by-laws have been modified they will be distributed by email with the changes identified for a vote to be held the next membership meeting.

Final revision of By-Laws will be sent out by email with the changes identified a minimum of one week (7 days) prior to the next general membership meeting. The general membership will vote on the final revision of By-Laws at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If the By-Laws are sent out less than 7 days of the next general membership meeting, the vote will take place at the subsequent membership meeting. The guiding principle is that membership should have a minimum of 7 days to review the By-Laws to decide how to vote.

Article 12

Dissolution:

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of THE FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB, INC., shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 102 subparagraph (a)(5) of the Not for Profit Corporation Law 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 13

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 14

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 15

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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