

Fort Myers Camera Club Fort Myers, Florida Bylaws

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Fort Myers Camera Club

Article II Purpose

The purpose shall be to give the membership the opportunity to learn about all aspects of photography, to provide a forum to display and to present the individual members' photographic work; to provide a means for member competition and intra-club competition; and to provide a means of social interface for members who have a common interest in photography.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in photography is eligible for membership.

Section 2. Dues are based on a one-year membership: November 1st to October 31st. Dues may be prorated, at the discretion of the Board of Directors (henceforth to be known as the Board), for new members joining after January 1st.

Section 3. The amount of dues shall be set by the Board, but shall not exceed \$50.

Section 4. Dues are waived for non-competing spouse of members.

Section 5. All Board members and Standing committee Chairpersons must be paid members.

Article IV Officers

The elected officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the membership of the Club, the Bylaws, and the parliamentary authority of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 1. President: The President shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting for a term of two (2) years. A member may not serve consecutive terms as President. The President shall act as Chairperson of the Board and preside at meetings of the membership. The President, in consultation with the Board, shall appoint chairpersons of the Standing Committees and such other committees as deemed necessary. The President shall be an authorized signature on all FMCC accounts.

Section 2. Vice President: The Vice President shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting for a term of two (2) years. A member may not serve consecutive terms as Vice President. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform those duties as President.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting, for a term of two (2) years. The Secretary may serve consecutive terms. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board and general membership meetings and shall be custodian of the records; and, in general, shall perform all duties incidental of the office of Secretary.

Minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Board shall be available for inspection by members at reasonable times.

The Club shall retain these minutes for a period of not less than five (5) years. The disposal of any records shall be at the discretion of the Board.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting for a term of two (2) years. The Treasurer may serve consecutive terms of office. The Treasurer shall have charge of, and shall be responsible for all funds, receipts and disbursements of the Club and shall deposit monies or other valuable effects in such banks, or other depositories which shall, from time to time, be selected by the Board; shall render to the Board, whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the collection of assessments and dues owed to the Club. All checks payable to FMCC are to be deposited within 14 days of receipt. All bills are to be paid within 14 days of receipt of bill. The Treasurer shall make a financial report to the general membership no later than the second meeting of the fiscal year and at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall maintain a list of the Club's tangible assets, the date and cost at time of purchase, the current location, and the date and value at time of disposal. The Treasurer shall maintain a current membership list.

Article V Elections

Section 1. At least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting the President shall appoint a Chairperson and two (2) other members of a Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall contact each person whom it wishes to nominate in order to obtain their acceptance of nomination so as to be assured that the nominees shall serve as officers if elected. The Nominating Committee shall submit its report to the general membership at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Where there is more than one candidate for an office, the election shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4. The officers shall be elected for two (2) years by a majority of the members voting at the annual meeting. Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the last full meeting.

Article VI Committees

Section 1. There shall be four (4) Standing Committees: Program, Website, Electronic Imaging and Field Trip. Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as members of the Board.

Section 2. Other committees, including Publicity, Refreshments, Greeting and Newsletter may be appointed by the President, and approved by the Board, as deemed necessary.

Article VII Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past President, and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees.

Section 2. The Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between general membership meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, provide for a time for member competition, make recommendations to the membership, and perform such other duties as needed to enhance the purposes of the Club and maintain members' interest. The Board's decisions shall be subject to the approval of the Club membership and none of its acts shall conflict with action by the Club membership.

Section 3. Adequate notice of any regular or special meetings of the Board shall be given to each member of the Board. Electronic notification is acceptable.

Section 4. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by a vote of the remaining members of the Board. A vacancy shall be filled within 30 days. Those personnel shall serve until the next election. Time served filling a vacancy shall not be considered as a term of office.

Article VIII Meetings

Section 1. Meetings are usually held from November through March. The number of meetings per month, place, dates and hour shall be determined by the Board.

Section 2. An annual meeting shall be held in March of each year. At this time officers and chairpersons of committees shall report to the general membership. A financial report for the preceding year shall be given and officers shall be elected.

Article IX Competition

Section 1. To enter competition membership dues must be paid.

Section 2. At least one (1) electronic imaging competition will be held each month (November through March).

Section 3. Electronic entries must be sent to the electronic chairperson a minimum of 14 days prior to the competition. No frames or borders are permitted. No entries that have won (first, second, third or HM) in prior FMCC competitions may be entered in subsequent FMCC competitions.

Section 4. At least one (1) print competition will be held annually.

Section 5. Print entries may be submitted the night of the competition. Print entries can be 8" X 11" to 16" X 20", with 16" X 20" mounting as the maximum size.

Section 6. Judging of the electronic images will be by non-members of the FMCC. Judges may not have been a member of the FMCC in the prior three years.

Section 7. Judging of the print competition will be by three (3) judges. Judges to be procured by the print chairperson and may not be a member of the FMCC.

Article X Financial

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from November 1st to October 31st.

Section 2. The books and accounts of the Club shall be kept in accordance with sound accounting practices. The Treasurer shall furnish a report of the Club finances to the membership at the annual meeting in March.

Section 3. The books and accounts of the Club shall be audited at the beginning of each Treasurer's term of office.

Section 4. At least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting at which the Treasurer is elected, the President shall select a Chairperson for the Auditing Committee and one (1) other person. Neither of the Committee members appointed by the President shall be a member of the present Board.

Section 5. The President shall be an authorized signature on all FMCC accounts.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

Any point not covered by these Bylaws shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article XII Amendments

These bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present, as long as there is a quorum present, at any regular meeting of the Club, provided that the proposed amendment(s) has been submitted to the membership in writing at least one month before the meeting. Electronic notification is acceptable. A quorum shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the membership, plus one.

Approved _____
(Date)

President

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