



Der FotoKlub of Fredericksburg

By-Laws

Established January 2006 ; *Amended March 2010**

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as Der FotoKlub of Fredericksburg.

Article II – Mission Statement

Der FotoKlub of Fredericksburg is established for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the interest and knowledge of photography and camaraderie of its members by providing programs, demonstrations, critiques and other events to achieve these purposes.

Article III – Membership

Anyone with an interest in photography may become a member of the club by paying the required dues to the treasurer.

Members who do not pay the required dues may be suspended or expelled by the Executive Board for the non-payment.

The executive board may also suspend or expel any member for good and sufficient reason. The executive board shall use discretion as the meaning of good and sufficient reason and its decision shall be final.

Examples of good and sufficient reason would include the following: loud, boisterous, obscene or threatening behaviors that disrupt or interrupt meetings or events, to the distraction of others present.

The secretary shall publish a membership list to include the name, address, phone number and email addresses, if applicable, unless a member specifically states not to publish certain information. Lists will be sent to only members in good standing.

Article IV – Dues

Dues are payable on the first meeting attended by a member for the new year, beginning in January and are payable to the treasurer.

Dues shall be set by the executive board and approved by the membership.

As of January 30, 2006, the dues are as follows:

Single Member \$20 per year

Family membership \$30 per year

Student (under 25 years of age) \$5 per year

Prorated dues for partial year membership –

Should a person become a member after May 31 of any year, they shall be assessed at half the normal dues for that year.

Article V – Meetings

Regular meeting of the club will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00p.m. Dates, times, and agendas of meeting may be changed as needed, or special meetings called to accommodate the club. Reasonable notice shall be given to all members affected of any changes.

Meeting procedures will follow Robert's Rules of Order.*

No alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs are allowed at meetings.

Article VI – Officers

Club officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected as outlined in Article VII. In the event an officer shall not be able to complete their term, the executive board may appoint a successor until the next election.

Officer's Duties are as follows:

President –

To preside at all club meetings and executive board meetings

To appoint chairpersons to committees

To act as club spokesperson

Vice President –

To assume the duties of the President during their absence

To coordinate standing committees

Secretary –

To keep records of the minutes of all club and executive board meetings

To conduct correspondence

Treasurer –

To maintain and report the financial records of the club

To be responsible for all bank accounts and dispersal of funds as needed with approval of the Executive Board

To collect annual dues

Article VII – Election and terms of service

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President and shall consist of a chairperson and one other member in good standing.

The committee shall contact members for persons willing to serve and then shall present a list of nominees to the membership.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) to begin on January 1.

Ballots shall be prepared by the nomination committee and passed to each member at the first meeting in December. The ballots shall have a space for a write in candidate. Members voting shall vote their choices and return them to the Election committee chairperson for tallying the votes. New officers will be announced at the end of tallying the votes.

Elected officers may hold the same office for three years in a row.

Article VIII – Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the club officers, *immediate past president**, and committee chairpersons.

The board shall handle all routine business of the club and approve all expenditures of funds pertaining to club business and promotion.

Any officer may call for a special session meeting of the Board, or any member may call for a meeting, in an emergency situation. The President shall periodically call meetings on a routine basis in order to conduct business of the club.

For the purpose of a Board meeting, a quorum shall consist of three members present, two of which shall be officers.

Any members in good standing may attend a Board meeting and speak if desired.

Article IX – Committees

The standing committees of the club consist of Programs, Field Trips, *Publicity, and Web Coordinator**.

The President shall appointment committee chairs. Chairpersons shall then appointment members to assist them in the duties of the committee.

At the discretion of the president and/or Executive Board, other committee chairpersons may be appointed.*

Article X – Amending of By-Laws

By-Laws may be amended from time to time as it benefits the club and its members.

Either the Executive Board or a petition signed by at least 25% of the membership, may initiate an amendment.

Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the membership, by the most expeditious means, at least 30 days prior to the meeting in which it will be voted on for passage. *A simple majority** of the members present is needed to pass an amendment.

Article XI – Annual Dinner and Year-End Competition

An annual dinner shall be held in February of each year at a place and time chosen by the members. A year-end competition of photos submitted by each member will be held prior to the dinner. Members wishing to participate shall have their photos submitted for judging by the last meeting of December. The photos shall consist of up to three photos submitted by each member that they have shown during regular club meetings during the year prior to the dinner. These photos shall be judged by an independent source, not a member of Der FotoKlub of Fredericksburg. Submitted photos will be displayed during the annual dinner. After the meal, awards shall be presented for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places, and honorable mention.

Article XII – Dissolution

Any member of the Executive Board may propose the termination of the club. The Board must have a 2/3 majority to send the proposal to the membership and a 2/3 majority is required of the membership to pass the proposal.

On approval of the dissolution, the Executive Board shall disperse of all club assets at fair market value. All proceeds from the sale shall be dispersed equally back to each member or donated to a non-profit organization, to be decided on by the Executive Board.