

Der FotoKlub of Fredericksburg

By-Laws

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: 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 e-mail address, if applicable, unless a member specifically states not to publish certain information. Lists will be sent to members only 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	\$20.00/year
Family membership	\$30.00/year
Student (under 25 years of age)	\$5.00 /year

a) 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 meetings of the club will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. Currently meetings are held at the Photography 414 Gallery located at 414 E Main Street Fredericksburg, TX.

Dates, times and agendas of meetings may be changed as need, or special meetings may be called to accommodate the club. Reasonable notice shall be given to all members affected of any changes.

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:

President

To preside at all club meetings and executive Board meetings.

To appoint chairpersons to committees.

To act as club spokesman

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 club 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 – Elections 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, after obtaining names; they shall present a list of nominees to the membership.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one year 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. 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 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 club 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 member in good standing may attend a Board meeting and speak if desired.

Article IX – Committees

The standing committees of the club consist of, 1) Programs and 2) Field trips.

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

At this time, there will be no competition committee, as the club will only be involved in a year-end competition at the year-end dinner as outlined in Article XI.

Article X –Amending of By-Laws

By-laws may be amended from time to time as it benefits the club and it's members. Either the Executive Board may initiate an amendment, or a petition signed by at least 25% of the membership.

Notice of the purposed 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 2/3 vote 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 to be 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 December meeting. The photos shall consist of up to three photos submitted by each member that they have shown during regular club meetings of the last year. For the annual dinner in February, 2007, any three photos shown since the inception of the club may be used as this is the first annual dinner. For all annual competitions after 2007, photos shall be only those shown 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 decided on by the Executive Board.

Passed
Notice of Proposed By-Laws Amendment

The Executive Board of Der FotoKlub recommends the adoption of the following amendme
the By-Laws:

Article VIII—Executive Board

Insert the words ", immediate past president" after the words "club officers", so that it reac

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

Rationale for this adoption: The Executive Board believes that having the immediate past
president as a member of the Executive Board will help to provide continuity and better de
making.

This amendment will be considered at the February 20th, ²⁰⁰⁰ business meeting.