

**CONSTITUTION**  
Camera Club of Oak Ridge  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee  
Updated June 9, 2015

Article I: Name and Object

Section

- 1: The name of this organization shall be the Camera Club of Oak Ridge.
- 2: The object of this Club is to provide facilities and opportunities for the advancement and interchange of knowledge among those interested in photography and to encourage improvement in the practice of the art.

Article II: Membership

Section

- 1: The Club shall consist of members who have equal rights and obligations and who are equally privileged to participate in the affairs of the Club.
- 2: Any individual interested in photography, may become a member of the Club by supplying the required application information to a Club officer and paying the prescribed dues.
- 3: All immediate members of a family will be considered members of the club when family dues are paid by a member of that family. Family dues are set by a vote of the Club members.

Article III: Government

Section

- 1: The affairs of the Club shall be directed by an Executive Council consisting of the President, two Vice Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer.
- 2: The President, Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the Annual Election held at the June meeting.
- 3: There are no term limits for members of the Executive Council.
- 4: The Executive Council shall fill any vacancy by appointment except for the office of President.
- 5: In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President who serves as chair of the Program Committee shall assume the duties of the President until the next election.

Article IV: Duties of Officers

Section

- 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Council, and shall be a member ex officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee; shall appoint special committees and perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.
- 2: The two (2) Vice Presidents shall act as aides to the President. One Vice President shall be Chair of the Program Committee, and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The other Vice President shall be responsible for competitions at Club meetings, and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and the Vice President in charge of programs.

- 3: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the Club, preserve all written records, keep the membership roll, mail notices of regular meetings at least seven (7) days beforehand and special meetings at least three (3) days beforehand, and conduct all routine correspondence. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Club; shall pay out funds only in such manner as authorized by the council; and shall submit an annual financial statement of the Club monies to the Membership at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

#### Article V: Committees

##### Section

- 1: A nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the Executive Council at least 60 days before the next election.
- 2: A Program Committee may consist of three (3) members with the Vice President in charge of programs serving as Chair of the Committee.
- 3: Any other suitable phases of the Club's activities, such as education and publicity, shall be in the hands of special committees, the chair of which shall be appointed by the President. These chairs shall, with the President's approval, appoint the additional members of their committees.

#### Article VI: Election of Officers

##### Section

- 1: A nominating committee shall present a slate of not more than two candidates for each office at the May meeting. At this time, additional nominations may be made from the floor. The consent of all nominees must be obtained prior to the nominations.
- 2: The voting shall be by secret ballot in case of a contest.
- 3: The presiding officer of the meeting shall only have a vote in the election in the case of a tie vote amongst the Members present.
- 4: The term of the elected officers shall begin on the adjournment of the June meeting.

#### Article VII: Meetings

##### Section

- 1: Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise scheduled by the council.
- 2: Roberts Rules of Order (revised) shall govern the conduct of meetings, except where they are inconsistent with the Constitution of the Club.
- 3: The Executive council shall meet on call of the President to hear reports and approve plans and work of the committees, and to take action on such other business as properly comes before it. A majority of the Council will constitute a quorum.
- 4: Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President at any time.

#### Article VIII: Dues

##### Section

- 1: No initiation fee shall be charged.

- 2: The annual dues for members and for each additional member from the same family shall be set by a vote of the membership. The annual dues for student members shall not exceed the dues for an additional family member of any Club member. At each September meeting of the club, the Executive Committee shall make a recommendation on dues for the next fiscal year, and the vote by the membership shall take place at the October meeting.
- 3: The Executive Committee may, at any time, recommend that funds supplemental to the annual dues, as approved by the membership for the current fiscal year in accordance with Section 2, be collected from the membership. Any such recommendation shall be presented to the membership at a monthly meeting of the club, and it shall include a statement of intended use of the funds. The vote by the membership shall take place at the following monthly meeting.
- 4: Requirements on notification of the club membership and on the vote of the membership to approve annual dues or supplemental funds under Sections 2 and 3 shall be the same as in the requirements for amending the Constitution in Article X, Sections 2-4.
- 5: The fiscal year begins January 1. Any person becoming a member of the Club after July 1 shall pay half the yearly dues.

#### Article IX: Conditions of Membership

##### Section

- 1: Members shall abide by the Constitution and conduct themselves in a manner agreeable to the aims and interest of the Club.
- 2: Any member may be denied access to specific facilities of, or expelled from the Club by secret ballot and by ninety percent (90%) of those voting. This vote shall be taken upon recommendation of the Executive Council after the member has been given an opportunity to confront the accuser and present a defense.

#### Article X: Amendments

##### Section

- 1: At any meeting of the Club, any member may propose, in writing, an amendment to the Constitution, provided it is endorsed in writing by at least two members. Such amendments shall then be discussed and may be modified. At the next meeting it shall be voted whether or not to accept the proposed amendment.
- 2: A proposed amendment shall be published in the notice of the meeting at which discussion of the amendment is scheduled, and again in final form in the notice of the meeting at which the vote of acceptance is to take place.
- 3: Two-thirds (to the nearest whole number) of affirmative votes of those members in good standing present at a regular or special meeting of the Club shall be necessary to enact an amendment to the constitution providing the attendance constitutes at least a quorum.
- 4: A quorum shall consist of the members in good standing present with the exception that the minimum number to constitute a quorum shall be 15 members.