

CONSTITUTION OF THE TYLER PHOTO CLUB

As amended 10/28/2004

Article I

This organization shall be a non-profit social club and shall be called *Tyler Photo Club...*

Article II

The headquarters (meeting location) of this club shall be determined when and if needed by a quorum of club members.

Article III

The objectives of this club shall be: Promotion of the art and science of photography in its various branches, through the association of its members for study and entertainment in matters relating to photography, for photographic exhibitions and contests and for any other purposes which will promote greater interest and betterment in the knowledge and practice of photography.

Article IV

Any person interested in photography may apply for active membership as provided in the By-Laws. Other types of membership may be added as therein provided.

Article V

The Board of Directors shall consist of a Chairman and two other members. The Chairman shall be the incumbent President of the Club. The second member shall be the immediate Past President (except in the initial year, when they shall be elected by the membership at large), while the third member shall be elected from the membership at large and shall be elected in accordance with provisions set forth for regular club officers.

Article VI

- Section 1. The officers of this club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Competition Officer, all of whom shall be elective. The duties of officers shall be provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Officer, and Directors will form an Executive Committee empowered to take action on all club business matters other than amending the constitution or by-laws. All meetings of the Executive Committee will be open to the general membership. All action taken by the Executive Committee will be reported to the Club at its next regularly scheduled meeting and be made a part of the minutes of that meeting.

Article VII

- Section 1. In the event of absence, resignation, incapacity, death or removal of the President, that office shall be taken over for the unexpired term by the Vice-President.
- Section 2. If any office, except that of the President, shall become vacant for any reason, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President or by his successor.

Article VIII

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held as provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 2. Other meetings may or shall be held as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 3. All business meetings of the Club shall be conducted in accordance with Parliamentary Rules.

Article IX

A quorum of the membership at a business meeting shall consist of not less than one third (a) of the members in good standing, including at least one (1) officer.

Article X

Special Committees or special members on standing committees may be appointed by the President or his substitute. Such special committees or committee members shall continue to function until the service for which they were appointed is completed and they have made their report to the President, or his substitute, or until discharged by him.

Article XI

The fiscal year of the Club shall coincide with the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

Article XII

Any proposed revocation, addition, or amendment to this Constitution may be made as follows:

The proposed revocation, addition, or amendment may be initiated by not less than five members in good standing. It must be presented *in writing*, duly signed by said members, at a business meeting of the Club, at which at least a quorum is present. It shall then be discussed and tabled until the next business meeting at which at least a quorum is present, when it shall be voted upon by *written* ballot. To be adopted, it must be passed by a simple majority of the qualified paid membership as verified by the Treasurer.

Article XIII

Section 1. By-Laws not in conflict with this Constitution may be enacted, amended or revoked by a majority vote of at least a quorum of members at a regular or special business meeting. Proposal for enactment, amendment or revocation may be made by letter undersigned by at least five (5) members in good standing, and presented by motion at a regular or special business meeting at which at least a quorum is present. Such proposed new By-Laws, or amendment or revocation shall not be voted upon until the next business meeting following the one at which it was proposed. To be adopted it must be passed by at least a majority of a quorum.

Section 2. All By-Laws shall be binding to the same degree as the provisions of the Constitution.

Article XIV

This Constitution and attached By-Laws shall be declared adopted when they have been approved by the written ballots of at least two-thirds (b) of the total number of members who have paid their dues for one year, and have been so verified by the Treasurer.

