



# Official By-Laws of the East Texas Camera Club

**Adopted June 10, 2010**

**ARTICLE I** This organization shall be known as the East Texas Camera Club.

**ARTICLE II** The object of the East Texas Camera Club shall be the enjoyment, mastery, and furtherance of photography through cooperation, effort, and good fellowship.

**ARTICLE III** Any person seriously interested in photography may apply for membership. Application blanks shall be provided by the Membership Committee. Membership of any person may be suspended, when sufficient reasons exist, by action of the club Executive Board. The suspended member shall have the right to appeal suspension, in which case the action of the Executive Board shall be upheld or rescinded by a majority vote of the Membership.

**ARTICLE IV** The following officers shall be elected by the membership: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, and (4) Treasurer.

**ARTICLE V** Regular meetings of the club shall have place, date, and time stipulated by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VI** The management of the club shall be directed by an Executive Board composed of the elected Officers (Article IV), the Chairs of the standing committees, and the Past President ex-officio. The Executive Board shall meet as often as necessary to transact the business of the club. Five members of the Board will constitute a quorum. Adopted June 10, 2010 Official By-Laws Of The East Texas Camera Club

**ARTICLE VII** The following standing committees shall be established to conduct club activities: (1) Program, (2) Membership, (3) House, (4) Exhibitions and Con-

tests. Chairpersons of standing committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. Special committees may be appointed by the President as required and discharged by the President when they have completed their assignments.

**ARTICLE VIII** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

**ARTICLE IX** The initiation fee and monthly dues shall be set by the Executive Board. The fiscal year for the club shall be set by the Executive Board. Annual reports will be rendered to the members.

**ARTICLE X** Duties of the President shall be: To preside at all club meetings and Executive Board meetings; to appoint chairpersons of all committees; to act as club spokesperson; to generally supervise and keep in touch with all club activities. Duties of the Vice President shall be: To assume the duties of the President in his/her absence; to act on the Executive Board. Duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep records of the minutes of all meetings; to notify members of special meetings and events; to conduct correspondence of club; to prepare ballots for elections; to act as club director on the Executive Board. Duties of the Treasurer shall be to maintain financial records of the club, keeping custody thereof, and to act as club director on the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE XI** The activities of club committees shall be determined by the Executive Board. The activities decided upon shall thereafter be carried out by the committee chairs and the members appointed by the chair to the respective committees. Standing committee chairs shall periodically prepare reports of activities and progress for presentation to the Executive Board or to the membership at club meetings, and shall act as club directors on the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE XII** These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at

the previous regular meeting. ARTICLE XIII A Quorum of the membership for the purpose of conducting club business shall consist of not less than one-third of the entire membership.

**ARTICLE XIV** Election of club officers shall be held annually. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three members not on the Executive Board. The committee will prepare a single slate of officers and obtain the agreement from the nominees to serve if elected. The Chair shall present the slate at the annual meeting. Additional nominations can be made from the floor. ~~No officer can be re-elected to the same post for more than two consecutive terms.~~ Vacancies in the club offices shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to approval by the Executive Board. Vacancy of the President's office shall be filled by advancement of the Vice President.

**AMENDMENT I** of the Bylaws of the East Texas Camera Club – The sentence “No officer can be re-elected to the same post for more than two consecutive terms” is hereby stricken from ARTICLE XIV so that ARTICLE XIV now reads as follows:

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Ammendment I was adopted unanimously on September 8, 2022 with thirty-six of seventy members present.