

**EAST COBB CAMERA CLUB
BY-LAWS
FINAL PROPOSED REVISED
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ARTICLE I-NAME AND SPONSOR

The name of this organization shall be EAST COBB CAMERA CLUB, **hereafter referred to as ECCC**. The East Cobb Senior Center, **hereafter referred to as ECSC**, is the sponsor of the organization and, as such, will provide a meeting place and other support as necessary.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

Since its founding in 1999, the purpose of this organization has been to learn, share and promote better photography for the social, educational and cultural enrichment of its members as well as other senior citizens.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- A. Any individual 55 years or older who is interested in photography may be a member.
- B. The annual membership dues shall be payable at the January meeting. The dues amount is to be determined by club vote each November. Dues must be paid by March 1 to remain an active member.
- C. Dues for the Club membership in the Senior Citizens Council are to be paid during the month of February from the Club treasury.

ARTICLE IV-MEETINGS

- A. Membership meetings shall be held monthly on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings may be rescheduled by the Executive Committee. The **first** membership meeting for the month of November shall be the annual meeting for the purpose of the election of officers and presentation of the written annual Treasurer's report.

B. Forum/workshop meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

The officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each must be an East Cobb Camera Club member in good standing. The officers shall be elected at the November meeting by a majority of the members present, installed at the December meeting and assume the office at the close of the meeting at which they are installed. In the event of a vacancy of an elected office, the elected remaining officers shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. Being appointed to fill an unexpired term will not keep a member from being elected to a full term in the regular election.

A. The President shall:

1. Be the Club's Chief Executive who shall be responsible for the overall direction of the club activities.
2. Preside at all Club meetings.
3. Maintain possession of all Club assets excluding monies.
- 4. Notify Club members on a monthly basis of upcoming meetings and activities.**

B. The vice President shall:

1. Assume the duties of the President as necessary and assist the President when needed.

C. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep an accurate record of proceedings of all meetings of the Club.
- 2. Record the attendance in ECCC folder for ECSC.**

- D. The Treasurer shall:
1. Collect all dues from members.
 2. Keep an accurate record of all monies received and paid out.
 3. Pay bills promptly and maintain receipts for transactions.
 4. Present an annual written report at the November meeting. A copy of this report shall be given to the Secretary for the records.
 5. Keep an ongoing inventory of club assets.

ARTICLE VI-COMMITTEES

The Committee chairs are to be appointed by the President. These Committee leaders will consist of but will not be limited to: Trip Coordinator, **Event Coordinator**, Competition Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Public Relations Representative and Committee Chairpersons may appoint committee members as needed.

- A. The Trip coordinator shall:
1. Suggest and arrange photo shoots (day and/or overnight trips), preferably at least one per month.
- B. The Event Coordinator shall:**
1. Coordinate all social functions and special events.
 2. Notify the membership by e-mail or telephone of pertinent information relating to club activities, as necessary.
- C. The Competition Coordinator shall:
1. Secure a judge from outside the membership for each competition.
 2. Obtain award ribbons for competition winners.
 3. Send thank you notes to the judges for their time and appreciation from the Club.
 - 4. Change display of quarterly winners in ECSC.**
 5. Maintain a running total of competition points for the annual awards.

6. Assist judge in review and presentation of entries.

- D. The Public Relations Representative shall:
 - 1. Provide articles to the Senior Citizens Council Bulletin, and other publications, about Club activities.

- E. The Program coordinator shall:
 - 1. Shall arrange for speakers and presentations at non-competition meetings.

ARTICLE VII-COMPETITIONS

In order to ensure that members remain active photographers, **ECCC** competitions shall be held after each calendar quarter consisting of an “Open” and a “Theme” category.

- A. All Photographs entered into **ECCC** competitions must have been taken by an active member.
 - 1. “Open” competition photographs must have been taken during the immediately preceding calendar quarter.
 - 2. The “Theme” category photographs must have been taken during the immediately preceding 24 months. The “Theme” categories are to be decided by the membership.

- B. At the regularly scheduled January competition, the “Theme” category will be a Five-Year Open competition.
 - 1. Photographs must have been taken in the immediately preceding five-year period.
 - 2. An entry that has been in previous **ECCC** competition within the time period is eligible for this competition unless it has already received an **ECCC** award ribbon.

- C. No photographs are allowed to be framed or under glass.
- D. Photographs may be enlarged (up to 8" x 12") or not and matted or not.
- E. Each member shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) entries in each category.

F. An Entry Form shall be attached to the back of each photograph. This form shall include the **photographer's name**, date, competition category and, if desired, a title. The entrants name **shall not** appear anywhere on the **front of the** photograph.

ARTICLE VIII-COMPETITION AWARDS

Annual awards will be presented each December based on the total number of competition points accumulated during the current calendar year.

- A. Points shall be awarded in each category of each **ECCC** competition as follows:

- First Place-4 points**
- Second place-3 points**
- Third place-2 points**
- Honorable Mention-1 point**

- B. The awards will be as follows:

- Photographer of the Year**
- Second Place Award for Excellence in Photography**
- Third Place Award for Excellence in Photography**
- Fourth Place Award for Excellence in Photography**

ARTICLE IX-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the East Cobb Camera Club in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE X-AMENDMENTS

By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the membership vote.