

Bylaws

Tidewater Camera Club Easton, Maryland

Revised October 2009

The purpose of these “Bylaws” is to provide uniformity in the conduct of the activities of the Tidewater Camera Club (henceforth known as TCC). The role of the TCC is to foster interest and participation in photography; provide education; and, promote and reward artistic achievement, talent and excellence.

1) Organization and Name

The TCC was organized by Frederick A. Curtis, Louis Coffin, Lowell Thompson, Doris Reid and C.C. Harris in 1963. When founded, in collaboration with the Academy of the Arts in Easton (now called the Academy Art Museum), the TCC was viewed as an autonomous activity of the Academy. Although that is no longer the case, and there is no official relationship between the two organizations, the TCC works with the Academy to improve the region. The name *Tidewater Camera Club* was adopted at the first meeting on October 7, 1963. The TCC fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30.

2) Membership

Membership is open to all people who are interested in photography.

3) Dues

Annual dues shall be determined by the Advisory Committee, with the approval of the members at a TCC meeting, are payable upon joining, and henceforth by the October meeting each year. Individuals who join after the beginning of the fiscal year, but before January 1 shall pay dues for the full year; while those joining after January 1 shall pay half of the annual rate. Dues for the year must be paid before any member may participate in any TCC photo competition.

4) Meetings

a) The frequency, time, location(s) and dates of TCC meetings shall be determined by the Advisory Committee. The annual meeting in June will be held on a day selected by the Advisory Committee; generally the annual dinner is held on this date and upcoming meeting/photo competition schedules announced.

b) By a vote of the membership, specialized format/technique groups of the TCC may be formed and members may hold their own meetings as determined by the Advisory Committee. Format groups also may be disbanded by a vote of the membership.

c) A quorum for any vote of the Advisory Committee shall be six members. The quorum for any vote taken by the membership shall be one-third of the current members in good standing. Passage of any motion requires a majority vote of the Committee or membership, as applicable.

5) Advisory Committee and Appointees

a) The elected officers of the TCC are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five members-at-large, who shall constitute an Advisory Committee. No person may serve more than two consecutive years in the same office, unless there are no other nominees for these offices. At the March meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three TCC members who are not currently members of the Advisory Committee. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to present a slate of nominees for all nine Advisory Committee members by the first Monday in April so that the membership may vote on the slate by the first Monday in May. Members may nominate other members by advising the Chair of the Nominations Committee, as long as the nominee's consent has first been given. No person shall serve more than two consecutive years on the Nominating Committee. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

b) By the September meeting, the President shall make the following appointments for the fiscal year: Chief Judge, Projectionist, Score Tabulator, and Historian. The President shall also appoint a member to handle each of the following: programs: publicity, web site administration, refreshments, field trips, and any other function appropriate to the TCC's activities. The Score Tabulator and the person in charge of refreshments may select one or more assistants as necessary. The Historian shall have custody of the scrapbook containing newspaper articles and other materials of a historical nature pertaining to the TCC. The person in charge of publicity shall prepare news releases, with the approval of the President, and submit them to local media in a timely fashion.

c) The Advisory Committee is responsible for amending the "Rules for Photo Competitions" and other regulations required by the TCC.

6) Tidewater Camera Club Web Page

a) At the discretion of the Advisory Committee, a web page may be posted and maintained on the Internet for the purpose of communicating information about the TCC and its activities to existing and prospective members, and to the general public.

- b) The web page shall be registered with its own domain name, making it easier to find using conventional search engines.
- c) Members' names, residential addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses shall not be posted to the web page without their express permission.
- d) Members' photos shall not be posted to the web page without their express permission. Member images shall be posted in such a manner as to prevent their being downloaded and successfully printed with acceptable quality. The images may also be "watermarked" to make their printing undesirable.
- e) The Advisory Committee shall make the final decisions regarding the content of the web page.

7) Photo Competition

A photo competition may be held at TCC meetings from September through April. The Rules for Photographic Competitions will be prepared and adopted by the Advisory Committee and/or its designee(s). The rules may be amended from time to time as needed, provided that amendments are accepted by a vote of the Advisory Committee.

8) Awards and Gifts

Awards and gifts may be presented to TCC members for photographic accomplishments. The Advisory Committee shall annually determine the amounts to be presented in the form of gift certificates, checks, ribbons or photography-related items as awards outlined in the Rules for Photographic Competitions. These awards are usually presented at the annual dinner meeting in June.

9) Amendments and Revisions

- (a) These "Bylaws" will take effect on the day they are approved by the membership and may be amended or revised by the Advisory Committee with the approval of the membership, provided the members receive adequate prior notice of the revisions.
- (b) Responsibility for matters pertaining to the business and operation of the TCC that has not been specifically delegated in these "Bylaws" is assigned to the Advisory Committee.

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