

The Constitution of the Photography Club of Beaufort

- Article I – Name The name of the organization shall be the Photographic Club of Beaufort.
- Article II – Objectives The purpose of this Club is:
1. to provide a formal organization to promote the art of photography in northern Beaufort County
 2. to develop the skills of the members through hands-on experience and educational opportunities
 3. to conduct regularly scheduled meetings where members can exchange ideas, exhibit their work, hold competitions, socialize and present topics of interest related to all aspects of photography.
- Article III – Membership Any person interested in the art of photography may apply for membership. The Club shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- Membership grants the individual the right to hold office, to vote in Club elections, receive a newsletter and participate in exhibitions and competitions.
- Article IV – Governing Authority
1. EXECUTIVE BOARD This body shall be called the Executive Board and shall be responsible for the general operation and guidance of the Club and the transaction of official business, subject to the approval of the membership. The board shall consist of five elected officers, plus the immediate past-president.
 2. OFFICERS:
President
First Vice President (President-elect) –
 Program Chairperson
Second Vice President – Competition Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer
 3. TERMS OF OFFICE shall be one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The President and 1st Vice President are limited to two (2) consecutive terms. Upon separation from office, an office immediately turns over to his/her successor, or other

properly designated official, all books, money, and other effects of the club in his/her possession.

4. COMMITTEES: The responsibilities of the committees shall be determined by the President and subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
 1. Chairperson: The committee shall be determined by the President and subject to approval by the executive Board
 2. Duties: The committee chairpersons shall prepare periodic reports of committee activities for presentation to the Executive Board and/or to the general membership at regular Club meetings.
 3. Committees may include, but are not limited to the following: Program, Competition, Membership, Exhibition, Field Trips, Long-Range Planning, Communications/Media and Public Relations.

Article V – Meetings

1. Robert’s Rules of Order (revised) shall be the Parliamentary authority for all meetings of the Club. Meetings shall be as follows:
2. Regular Meetings shall be held at such times and in such places as decided by the Executive Board
3. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by written request of not less than five members of the Executive Board. The purpose, time, place, and date of any special meeting shall be communicated to the members in sufficient time for them to attend if so desired.
4. Annual Business Meeting shall be held in June. All members of the Club shall be given official written notice of the meeting at least 30 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. That notice shall, at a minimum, state the time and place of the meeting, and the official business to be transacted.

Article VI – Quorum

Quorums shall be as follows:

1. Executive Board: A quorum shall constitute a simple majority of the members of the board.

2. Regular Club Business: A quorum of 25% of the eligible voting members must be present or represented by proxy to conduct business

Article VII – Amendments

1. The constitution of the Club may be amended at any meeting of the Club by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast either in person or by absentee ballot,
2. The proposed amendment must have been recommended by the Executive Board and a copy of such recommendations has been communicated to all members at least 30 calendar days prior to the meeting. An announcement of the date, time and place of the meeting shall be included with the copy.

Article VIII – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be July 1 to June 30

Article IX – General

The Photography Club of Beaufort is a non-profit organization and is to be operated as such under the existing Internal Revenue Service Rules.

If and when it is dissolved or liquidated, any remaining assets after paying all debts, the Executive Board shall dispose of all assets to organizations operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall qualify at the time as exempt organizations under guidelines of the IRS code (501(c)3).