SYOSSET CAMERA CLUB CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name
This organization will be known as the Syosset Camera Club.

Article II - Mission
The Syosset Camera Club will promote the mastery and enjoyment of photography through education, competition, collaboration, and fellowship.

Article III - Activity
Regular meetings will be held according to a schedule determined by the Executive Board from September to May, or at any other times determined by the Executive Board. Special meetings may be called by the club president with at least one week notice by email to each member.

Article IV - Membership
Any person interested in photography may apply for membership.

Article V - Officers
The officers of the club will be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Executive Board will be composed of the officers, Immediate Past President, and committee chairpersons.

Article VI - Committees
The standing committees of the Syosset Camera Club will be:
- Competition
- Critique
- Field Trip, Social and Sunshine
- Judges
- Membership
- Newsletter
- PFLI
- Program
- Special committees constituted at the discretion of the President
- Website
- Zoom

The president will appoint a chairperson for each committee. Committee Chairpersons may add members to their committees at their discretion.

Article VII - Amendments
Amendments to the Constitution may be introduced by at least 15 members in good standing or by action of the Executive Board provided:
(1) prior written notice by U.S. Mail or email of the amendment must be given to all members and such notice must be made at least two weeks prior to the date at which it is to be considered.
(2) the amendment is read at the regular meeting prior to the meeting at which it will be voted upon.
(3) a quorum of members is present of which a two-thirds vote in favor of the amendment is required for adoption.

Article VIII
Club funds or its membership lists may not be used to benefit of any member of the Syosset Camera Club without the permission of the Executive Board or the President.

Article IX
Notice shall be valid if accomplished by email, regular mail or FAX.

BY - LAWS

Article I - Membership
A membership application may be obtained from the Chairperson of the Membership Committee or from http://syossetcc.org.

The Executive Board may suspend the membership of any person with reason. The suspended person has the right to appeal. A two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board will determine if the suspension is upheld.

Article II - Dues
Annual dues will be $55.00 for regular members over 20 years of age. Student members under the age of 20 will be $15.00. Dues for additional family members will be $5.00 each. Dues for new members joining after January 1 will be prorated.

Dues are due at or prior to the first meeting in September and must be paid by September 30. Members in default of payment on September 30 will not be eligible for the October competition. Persons in default by October 31 will be dropped from membership.

Changes to the dues must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Board.

Article III - Finance
Executive Board members may expend up to $400 for club equipment. Expenditures exceeding $400 must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article IV - Elections
Nominations will be made and accepted at any regular meeting in May. If there is more than one candidate for an office, a ballot will be prepared and distributed by the Secretary at the first regular meeting in June. Officers will be elected annually by plurality of members voting.

The Executive Board will tabulate the votes and report the results at the first regular meeting in September at which time the officers will be installed. In the event of a tie, the secretary will cast an additional ballot.

Vacancy of the office of President will be filled by the first vice-president. The President will fill other vacancies by appointment.

Article V - Duties of Officers
The president will preside at club and Executive Board meetings, appoint chairpersons of committees, act as club spokesperson and administer the activities of the club.

The first vice-president will assume the duties of president in the absence of the president.

The Second Vice-president will assume the duties of the first vice-president in the absence of first vice-president.

Duties of the secretary will be to keep records of all Executive Board meetings, to notify members of meetings and special events by U.S. Mail or email, conduct correspondence for the club and to prepare and distribute election ballots.

Duties of the treasurer are to maintain records and custody of the club funds, to disburse the funds of the club and maintain records thereof and to prepare a report of club finances at Executive meetings and whenever requested to so by the Executive Board or the President.

**Article VI - Duties of Committees**

Club activities will be determined by the Executive Board and carried out by the respective committees. Committee chairpersons will prepare a report of activities and progress whenever requested by the Executive Board or the president.

**Article VII - Executive Board Meetings**

Meetings of the Executive Board will be called by the president with at least one weeks’ notice via email. Meetings Will be four times a year or at any other time deemed necessary by the president for the purpose of transacting business. A quorum will consist of at least 50% of all members of the Board. The use of proxies will not be permitted. Lay members may attend Board meetings but may not vote. Robert’s Rules of Order will govern the conduct of Executive Board meetings.

**Article VIII - Amendments**

The By-Laws may be amended by two thirds vote of the members.

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