

# The Decatur Camera Club INC. -- Bylaws

## ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: **The Decatur Camera Club**, Incorporated, a non-profit corporation.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be promoting photography in the following areas, three areas.

### A. Educational Programs:

Programs presented to members to improve technical skills.

### B. Fellowship:

Meetings designed to promote discussion pertaining to digital and/or film photography between members at all levels of experience and knowledge.

### C. Critiquing:

Critiquing opportunities are presented designed to provide feedback on member photography as a means of improving photographic skill. Members are invited and encouraged, but not required, to take part.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in **The Decatur Camera Club, Inc.** is offered to everyone:

- A. 14 years and older,
- B. with an interest in photography,
- C. who agrees to abide by all Decatur Camera Club, Inc. bylaws.
- D. A child younger than 14 can join if
  1. At least one parent/legal guardian is a member
  2. and that member parent/legal guardian attends DCC meetings with the child,
  3. and the child meets the requirements of Article III B and C.

## ARTICLE IV - DUES

- A. The dues for members in **The Decatur Camera Club**, Inc. shall be set by the Board of Directors at the beginning of each calendar year and are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- B. Dues shall not be refunded for any reason.

## ARTICLE V - Meetings of the Decatur Camera Club, Inc:

### **A. Membership Meetings:**

1. shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, September to May. The 3 summer months (June, July and August) will Have 1 scheduled Meeting each month. These 3 summer meetings will be an outing planned by the club.
2. Shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.
3. Additional scheduled meetings may be designated by the Board of Directors.
4. Special meetings may be called by the Club President.

### **B. Board of Director Meetings:**

1. The Board of Directors shall meet as needed to schedule club business and activities.
2. All board meetings are open.
3. Excursions (field trips, tours, classes, etc.) may be planned and scheduled by the Board of Directors or by special committee appointed by the president.
4. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

- A. The elected officers governing **The Decatur Camera Club**, Inc. shall consist of: The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All offices are for 2 years
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and one representative elected from the membership at large to serve as the Chairman of the Board.
- C. The term of office for elected board members shall be the same as the elected officers. Vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors during the term for which they have been elected shall be filled by the board until the next regular election. All offices are for 2 years

## **ARTICLE VII - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. The nominating committee consists of two volunteers from the general membership
- B. On or before the April meeting in an even year, the nominating committee shall develop a slate of members for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the at-large Board Member.
- C. Members must accept the nomination prior to being announced as a candidate.
- D. On or before the first General Meeting in May, the nominating committee shall announce the slate of nominees for all offices.
- E. Nominations will be taken from the floor and will remain open until the vote.
- F. Those nominated from the floor must be present and accept the nomination or file a letter of intent to the President prior to being accepted as a nominee.
- G. All positions will be voted on or before the last General Meeting in May.
- H. All new Officers and Board Members will take office immediately after the election results are known at that meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- A. President -- It shall be the duty of the President to:
  - 1. Preside at business meetings of the Club,
  - 2. Abide by and enforce the By-Laws of the Club,
  - 3. Appoint Committee Chairpersons as required.
- B. Vice President -- It shall be the duty of the Vice President:
  - 1. In the absence of the President, to perform all duties incumbent upon the President.
- C. Secretary -- The Secretary shall:
  - 1. Keep the minutes of the club's regular business meetings
  - 2. Keep the minutes of the Board of Directors
  - 3. Receive and issue correspondence (Newsletter) as necessary.
- D. Treasurer -- The Treasurer shall:
  - 1. Collect all dues and other funds and deposit the same in banks to be designated by the Board of Directors
  - 2. Maintain a record of current members.
  - 3. Keep correct account of receipts and disbursements
  - 4. Render a full report annually or more frequently as required by the Club or board of Directors
  - 5. Turn over all the property of the Club in his/her possession to his/her successor when duly installed.
- E. The Board of Directors shall:
  - 1. Administer the affairs of the Club, its finances, and approve all bills.
  - 2. Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **ARTICLE IX - AUDITING COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee yearly to audit, and provide a written report of the accounts of the current or retiring Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE X - DISMISSALS**

- A. The Board of Directors shall have the power, after a full hearing, to cancel the membership of any person who fails abide by the By-Laws of the Club. This will require a 4 out of 5 vote by the board.
- B. Any member that wants to resign as a club member must send a letter to any club officer stating that they are resigning as a club member.

## **ARTICLE XI – RESTRICTIONS**

*Please be aware that **The Decatur Camera Club** was organized and founded with the intention of being family-oriented and open to people of high school age and older, (children of a younger age than 14 may join if at least one parent/legal guardian is a member and that parent/legal guardian must be present when the child is).*

- A. Membership in Decatur Camera Club, Inc is restricted as outlined in Article III A- D.
- B. Presentation restrictions: prints, digital images, negatives, slides, video or any other format whatsoever, hereinafter referred to as “work,” shall be prohibited from presentation, display or production by any Member or guest in a Club meeting or Club-sanctioned outing or workshop, on the Club website, on behalf of **The Decatur Camera Club, Inc** or in any Club-sponsored public exhibition, in the following instances:
  - 1. Any work in which is visible a nude or semi-nude subject or background, real or implied, regardless of layout or depiction, including within the work the use of shadows, opaque screens, artwork, computer modeling, etc. No differentiation nor distinction shall be made as to whether said work showing or depicting nudity, real or implied, was staged or modeled, or was photographed in a public place such as a beach, a park, on the street or the like.
  - 2. Any work showing or depicting violence, blood or an illegal act, staged or otherwise, unless such graphic was previously deemed “newsworthy” and appeared or was published in a public medium such as a daily circulation newspaper, on network television, etc.

## **ARTICLE XII – SUBMITTING IMAGES**

- A. When DCC members or guest submit images, they enter into an agreement with the Decatur Camera Club, Inc and accept that:
  - 1. All entries must be the entrants original work
  - 2. You acknowledge that is your responsibility for protecting any Entry against image misuse by any third party, for example, but not limited to the insertion of a watermark. The Decatur Camera Club and its Officers/Members assume no responsibility and are not liable for any image misuse
  - 3. Entrants will retain copyright of images that they submit to the “**The Decatur Camera Club**”.
  - 4. Where a image is submitted for entry to a web gallery or contest that includes the image of a person other than the Entrant, then the entrant warrants that he or she has obtained all necessary permissions from that other person (or in the case of a child, that child’s parents or lawful guardian) for the image to be used in accordance with these Terms & Conditions. The Entrant indemnifies The Decatur Camera Club and members against all damages, losses, costs and expenses incurred by The Decatur Camera Club and its members arising out of any failure by the Entrant to obtain the permissions mentioned above.
  - 5. All images entered into the competition must be suitable for publication on websites and therefore appropriate for a general audience. We reserve the right to reject any images on the grounds of illegality, the subject matter being offensive or contrary to standards of taste and decency of The Decatur Camera Club

**Please be aware that: Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these Terms/Conditions and disclaimer and to agree to be bound by them when sumitting Images to the Decatur Camera Club.**

### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

Amendments or additions to the By-Laws may be made at the regular meeting of the Club by a two- thirds vote of the members present as long as 80% of the members are present or by a similar vote at a special meeting called for such purposes. All members shall be notified in writing of any proposed changes to these By-Laws thirty days prior to such meeting.

### **Article XIV. Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of **The Decatur Camera Club**, any funds or remaining equipment shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified not-for-profit charitable, educational, or public organization to be selected by the Board.

*\*The By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation were created by due process and approved by a unanimous vote by the attending members at the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2009.*