

Proposed changes to the Constitution and By Laws of the Camera Naturalist Camera Club

Constitution:

Current language, followed by the proposed changes and then the reasons for the proposal.

Article 2: Objectives/4

Current 4. To provide guidance for new club members.

Proposed 4. To provide guidance for club members.

Reason - As a matter of practice we provide education and guidance to all members not just new members

Article 5: Officers/Section 1

Current Section 1 - The Officers of this Camera Naturalist Photo Club shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, and one or two Vice Presidents, whose duties shall be those customarily pertaining to their respective offices.

Proposed Section 1 - The Officers of this Camera Naturalist Photo Club shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, Secretary, Projectionist, and one or two Vice Presidents, whose duties shall be those customarily pertaining to their respective offices.

Reason: We currently have a Secretary who is voted on by the membership as an officer. The position of Projectionist in the digital age is of such importance to the club that they should be part of the decision making of the board.

Article 6: Meetings /Section 2

Current Section 2 - The Annual Meeting of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club shall be held in the summer months at a place to be designated by the Board of Trustees. All members shall be given notice of the Annual Meeting by announcing same to them approximately two months prior to the meeting.

Proposed Section 2- At a non-competition meeting, during one the last two scheduled months of the club calendar; club business shall be conducted. This will be known as "The Business Meeting". The meeting will include but not be limited to: Election of Officers for the following year, and any other changes requiring a club vote and approval if any.

Reason: The Annual Meeting has come to mean the picnic. As a matter of practice for the past few years our elections of officers has occurred during the past two months of the calendar year. This makes

practical sense since the incoming officers will have an opportunity to analyze, learn and be better prepared for their responsibilities during their term. Items requiring a vote of members may also be compromised by having non-members at the picnic who vote. The picnic should be for a good time not to conduct important business.

Article 8: Quorum/Section 2

Current: Section 2 - A quorum of the membership at any Annual Meeting shall consist of not less than one quarter (1/4) of the members.

Proposed Section 2 A quorum of the membership at any Business Meeting shall consist of not less than one quarter (1/4) of the members.

Reason: to change the reference from Annual to Business Meeting

By-Laws

Any Reference to "The Annual Meeting" shall be changed to be "The Business Meeting"

This change will occur in Article 1 section 1, section 2, section 4, Article 2 Section 2, Article 2 section 4

Article 1 Nomination and Election of Officers/Trustees Section 6

Current Section 6 - Newly elected Officers/Trustees shall assume their respective duties beginning with the September meeting.

Proposed Section 6 - Newly elected Officers/Trustees shall assume their respective duties beginning with the first day following the last meeting of the club season that elected the new officers.

Reason: Much of the planning for the upcoming season is done during the summer months when those who are elected should be doing the planning for the following club season.

Article 2 Section 2

Current: Section 2 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership; shall appoint the chairs of all Committees; shall appoint the chairs and members of all Special Committees; shall sign all contracts or obligations of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club; shall make a report at the Annual Meeting of the progress of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club under his or her administration, with recommendations for the coming year; and shall carry the duties of office in such a way as to promote the effective operation of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club . The President shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer.

Proposed Section 2 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership; shall appoint the chairs of all Committees; shall appoint the chairs and members of all Special Committees; shall sign all contracts or obligations of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club; shall make a report at the first meeting of the new season following their election of the progress of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club under his or

her administration, with recommendations for the coming year; and shall carry the duties of office in such a way as to promote the effective operation of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club . The President shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer.

Reason: Providing their election and planning during the summer months the President will be in a better position to discuss schedules, problems and or issues for the coming club season

Article 2 Section 3

Current Section 3 - A member of the Executive Committee shall keep and be custodian of the records of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club; shall conduct the club's correspondence; shall maintain an up-to-date address and phone list of all members; and shall perform such other duties as may be directed.

Proposed Section 3 - The Secretary shall keep and be custodian of the records of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club; shall conduct the club's correspondence; the Treasurer shall maintain an up-to-date address and phone list of all paid members; and shall perform such other duties as may be directed.

Reason: To acknowledge the position of the elected Secretary.

Article 2 Section 4

Current: Section 4 - The Treasurer shall act as the custodian of all Camera Naturalist Photo Club funds; shall collect dues and acknowledge their receipt; shall pay bills not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100) as directed by the President. All bills in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) must be approved by the Officers/Trustees. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures; shall, at the Annual Meeting, make a written report to the Club President of the condition of the treasury; and shall perform such other duties as may be directed.

Proposed: Section 4 - The Treasurer shall act as the custodian of all Camera Naturalist Photo Club funds; shall collect dues and acknowledge their receipt; shall pay bills not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100) as directed by the President. All bills in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) must be approved by the Officers/Trustees. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures; shall, at the Business Meeting, make a written report to the Club of the condition of the treasury along with a projection through the end of the club season; and shall perform such other duties as may be directed.

Article 2 Section 6

New: The Projectionist will be responsible for conducting the digitally displayed submissions at club competitions. This includes all necessary preparation for member submissions, as well as operating and maintaining the equipment for contests. The Projectionist will assist new members with instructions on image submissions. The Projectionist will maintain contest results including the posting of appropriate images to the club's web site. The Projectionist will maintain and create statistical results as appropriate for the Board of Trustees to review individual performance with regards to advancing club members to new member classes.

Reason: Section 6 defines the responsibilities of the new position and reflects our practices.

Article 3 Section 1 and 2

Current: Section 1 - The President shall, in advance of the first meeting of the year, appoint Club Members to positions as needed within the club. Typical positions may include but are not limited to: Competition Judging Coordinator, NJFCC Representative, Refreshments Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Club Exhibit Coordinator, and Digital Competition Coordinator

Section 2 - The President shall appoint chairs of any Special Committees as needs may require.

Proposed: The President shall, in advance of the first meeting of the year, appoint Club Members to positions as needed within the club.

Reason: The prior changes encompassed most of the identified responsibilities. As things change the intent of section 1 and 2 is kept with just one sentence.

Article 4

Current Article 4: Duties of Appointed Positions

Section 1 - It shall be the duty and function of the Officers/Trustees to carry on the routine business and to guide the activities of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club.

Section 2 - The Competition Judging Coordinator is responsible for finding a qualified judge for each of the Club's competitions throughout the year.

Section 3 - The NJFCC Representative is responsible for keeping the Club aware of the NJFCC activities.

Section 4 - The Digital Competition Coordinator shall coordinate activities during the Club's competitions, in particular coordinating the operation of the digital competitions.

Section 5 - The Refreshment Coordinator shall provide, or make arrangements to provide, refreshments at all scheduled club meetings.

Section 6 - The Program Coordinator shall find qualified speakers to present programs, as required, at camera club meetings.

Section 7 - The Club Exhibit Coordinator shall make arrangements for hangings of the Club members' works.

Proposed and Reason: Delete this article since most of the responsibilities are discussed in the position definition above and those that are not Refreshment, Exhibit and NJFCC are not necessary in our by-laws.

Article 5 Club Competitions/section 1

Present 1. Members may submit nature images into competitions to be evaluated by one or more judges. The number of images and the types of images allowed shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed: 1. Members who have paid their dues in full may submit nature images into competitions to be evaluated by one or more judges. The number of images and the types of images allowed shall be determined by the Board of Trustees

Reason: To emphasize that in order to enter a competition, members must have paid their dues.

Article 5: Club Competitions/ 4 Classes

Current: Classes There are three competition classes: Salon, Class A and Class B. Class B is suggested for novices in Nature Photography. A member can initially enter in any class; however, once a member chooses to enter a class, the member must remain in that class for the remainder of that Club year.

Proposed: There are three competition classes: Class B which includes new members as well as novices in Nature Photography, Class A which includes advanced nature photographers and Salon class which includes advanced photographers who have demonstrated consistent high results as an A photographer over a period of years. The President will appoint a committee of four members of salon who are board members at the end of each club season to review the statistics prepared by the Projectionist on individual performance. If there are not four Salon members on the Board the President may appoint substitutes from the Salon class. Should the committee have a tie vote the President will cast the tie breaker. Members may refuse an invitation to upgrade one time. The committee may also review new members who bring prior Camera Club experience to determine their appropriate class. Once a member chooses to enter a class, the member must remain in that class for the remainder of that Club year.

Reason: Our current language allows any person to pick any class once per year. Many members do not understand or feel it is unjust for someone to go to Salon when they "worked so hard to advance" The new language has clearer guidance and can easily be explained while protecting the quality of our class definitions.

Article 6: Dues

Current: Annual dues shall be determined and approved by the Officers/Trustees and voted upon by the members.

Proposed: Annual dues shall be determined and approved by the Officers/Trustees and voted upon by the members. For purposes of the Constitution and By-Laws a member is defined as a person who is fully paid up. There are three membership types - Student, Single or Household. Student refers to an individual under age 21, currently attending high school or college. Single refers to an individual person and Household refers to individuals living at the same address.

Reason: Clarity (grandfather existing family members)

Article 7: Terms of Office/section 1

Current: Section 1 - Officers shall hold office for two years and until their successors are elected. They may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except for the Treasurer, who is exempt from this limitation of two consecutive terms.

Proposed: Section 1 The President shall hold office for two years and until their successor is elected.

Reason: Since each President brings a certain "personality" for the club and has the ability to influence many of the clubs activities and policies it should have term limits. The other officers do not have the ability to influence the "personality" and plicity as much and if they are willing to continue we should take advantage of their experience. They should be re-elected so that it is not automatic but the need to term limits is not there.

Article 9: Fiscal Year

New Section: The Board of Trustees shall conduct a planning meeting at least once per year. The purpose of the planning meeting is to review past performance of the club and suggest any appropriate modifications. The President will call and schedule this meeting prior to the "Business Meeting"

Article 10: Definitions

Current: Section 2 The term "officer" as used in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club is interpreted to President, Vice Presidents(s), and Treasurer.

Proposed The term "officer" as used in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Camera Naturalist Photo Club is interpreted to President, Vice Presidents(s), Treasurer, Secretary, and Projectionist.

Reason: To conform to previous changes.