

Myrtle Beach Camera Club Bylaws

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ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Myrtle Beach Camera Club (MBCC).

ARTICLE II - Purpose

Section 1 - The purpose of the not-for-profit Club shall be to educate, encourage, and expand the photographic knowledge and capabilities of its members by:

- a) mutual education and learning in the science and art of photography,
- b) to promote and encourage advancement in the knowledge and practice of photography,
- c) furnishing a meeting place where its members may associate,
- d) making available necessary equipment to conduct its programs with approval of Board of Directors,
- e) presenting lectures, and demonstration of techniques,
- f) providing for Club and member participation in exhibitions and contests, and sponsoring any activities which further the purpose of the Club.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1 - The Myrtle Beach Camera Club is open to men and women without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

Section 2 - Any individual 18 years or older interested in photography may become a member by payment of dues. (see ARTICLE IV) to the treasurer.

- a) family membership consists of two or more family members.
- b) Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult family member.

Section 3 - A member may be suspended or expelled by the Executive Board for nonpayment of dues or for other good and sufficient reason. The Board shall have full discretion as to what constitutes "good and sufficient reason", and the decision of the Board shall be final in instances of this case. Examples of what could constitute good and sufficient reason include, but are not limited to: obscene or threatening behavior and personal behavior that disrupts or interrupts meeting(s) to the detriment of other members' participation and enjoyment.

Section 4 - Only members whose dues are paid in full and are otherwise in good standing will be allowed to compete in club competitions and organized events.

ARTICLE IV - Fiscal Year and Dues

Section 1 - The MBCC operates on a January 1, to December 31, year. Dues shall be in an amount determined by the Board of Directors. Current dues are established as follows:

Date	Single Membership	Family Membership
January 1 - December 31	\$30.00	\$45.00

New members who join after January 1, will pay a pro-rated amount of:

January 1 - April 30	\$30.00	\$45.00
May 1 - August 31	\$20.00	\$30.00
September 1 - December 31	\$10.00	\$15.00

Section 2 - All funds shall be deposited in a bank in the name of the Myrtle Beach Camera Club.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1 - The management of the club shall be directed by a Board of Directors composed of the elected officers as stated in Article V, Section 3, the chairs of the standing committees, and the immediate Past President ex-officio. The Board of Directors shall meet once a Month or as often as necessary to transact the business of the Club at the call of the President.

Section 2 - The members of the Board of Directors will be as follows:

- A) President
- B) Immediate Past President
- C) Vice President
- D) Secretary
- E) Treasurer

Section 3 - Standing Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President, and serve as full members of the Board of Directors for that term.

Section 4 - Any MBCC member wishing to attend the Board of Directors meeting is encouraged to do so; comments from members in good standing at the Board meetings will also be welcome. Non Board members will be prohibited from voting on any matter discussed by the Board.

Section 5 - All Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 6 - Membership meetings will be held monthly on a schedule determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 7 - The dates of regular meetings may be changed when necessary, or a special meeting may be convened when it is deemed in the interest of the club. Such action may be taken by the Board of Directors or, in the event of an emergency, by the President or Vice-President and one other Officer. Reasonable notice of such change or addition shall be communicated to the Club members in the most practical method possible.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall transact all routine club business, in addition to performing the duties specifically outlined in the Bylaws and generally determine club policy.

ARTICLE VII - Duties of Officers

Section 1 - The President, in addition to being the Chair of the Board of Directors and ex officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee, shall preside at all club meetings and Board of Directors meetings, appoint or remove chairpersons of Standing and Special Committees, act as club spokesperson and generally supervise and keep in touch with all club members.

Section 2 - The Vice-president shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall maintain records of the minutes of all Board of Directors meetings, promptly forward said minutes by email to all Board members for corrections, if any, and confirm to all Board members final corrections, if any.

- a) Club correspondence may be handled by any Board member.

Section 4 - The Treasurer shall maintain records and custody of club funds and membership dues, pay club expenses and prepare reports of club finances.

Section 5 - No officer or committee chair shall receive compensation for any services he/she may render to the Club in his/her official capacity; however, the officers and chairs are entitled to reasonable reimbursement for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 6 - In addition to the above, the officers shall perform all other duties specifically mentioned in the Bylaws.

Section 7 - In the event a member of the Board of Directors or Committee Chair misses three meetings within a year during his/her term, without advance notification to a current Club officer, his/her position shall be considered vacated, and the Board of Directors shall appoint a willing member to the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VIII - Vacancies

Section 1 - In the event of absence, resignation, incapacity, death, or removal from office of the President, that office shall be taken over for the unexpired portion of the term by the Vice-President. If for any reason the Vice-President is unable to take over the office, it shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - If any office, except that of the President, shall become vacant for any reason, it shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - Duties of Standing Committees (other Directors)

Section 1 - The activities of the Standing Committees shall be determined by the Board. The committee chairpersons shall appoint their committee members and shall prepare reports of activities for periodic presentation at Board or Club meetings.

Section 2 - Rules governing competition shall be established by the Competition and Education Committee and be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Special committee chairpersons may be appointed by the President to serve during his/her tenure of office, chairpersons of these committees shall become part of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - Quorum

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than one-half of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI - Election and Term of Service

Section 1 - At the January meeting of the MBCC, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of two or more club members.

Section 2 - It shall be the duty of this committee, at the April meeting, to present a single slate of nominees of members in good standing who are willing to serve, for the offices indicated in ARTICLE V, Section 2 of the Bylaws. At this meeting additional candidates may be nominated from the floor by any member in good standing. Such nominations, when seconded, shall be included in the list of candidates.

ARTICLE XI - Election and Term of Service (Continued)

Section 3 - The election of officers shall take place at the April meeting of each year as prescribed in ARTICLE XI, Section 2, immediately following the announcement of candidates by the Nominating Committee. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected, and shall serve until their successor is installed. Each paid member in good standing is entitled to one vote. After tabulation of the votes, the results shall be announced by the President.

Section 4 - Officers-elect shall be installed after the election in April. The election of the President and the Vice President shall not be done in the same year but in alternating years.

Section 5 - Officers shall be elected for a two year term. Voting shall be by voice vote or ballot of those members present and a simple majority is required.

5a) The Board at any time and by majority vote may remove an elected officer at any time for misconduct in office.

Article XII - Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1- An amendment to these Bylaws may be initiated by (a) the Board of Directors or (b) by a petition signed by at least twenty-five percent of the Club Members. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be provided to the members by publishing it in full, and distributing it in the most expedient manner, together with the reasons therefore, at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which action will be taken.

Section 2 - Subject to the above, the Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority vote of those present, who are in good standing. A quorum shall consist of at least twenty-five percent of the members in good standing, including two Officers.

Section 3 - Upon approval, the amendment(s) will then be incorporated into the Bylaws, along with the date of ratification.

Article XIII - Logo

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Article XIV - Dissolution of Club

In the event that the Myrtle Beach Camera Club activities diminish significantly and the remaining members decide to dissolve the Club, after settlement of all debts, any remaining Club funds shall be presented to a non-profit organization chosen by the Board of Directors.

Article XV - Intellectual Property

Section 1 - For the purposes of these Bylaws, Intellectual Property is described as any currently intangible asset, though said asset might become tangible, that is designed and or created for the use of the Myrtle Beach Camera Club. Said property includes, but shall not be limited to that which is artistic (e.g.: logos, drawings, sketches, photographs, etc.); electronic (e.g.: email and internet sites, web sites, etc.), or written (e.g.: communications, lesson plans, news/press releases, articles, etc.).

Section 2 - All rights to the said intellectual property as described above shall remain the property of the Myrtle Beach Camera Club, who will be entitled to its use, authorize its use, or otherwise control the said property as deemed appropriate by the then current Board of Directors.