

# **VILLAGES CAMERA CLUB BYLAWS**

**As approved on November 18, 1991 and  
amended on 9/16/1996, 11/6/2000, 4/7/2003, 10/20/2008 and 3/21/2016**

## **Article 1 – Name**

The name of the Club shall be The Villages Camera Club.

## **Article II – Purpose**

The aim of this club shall be to share and promote excellence and interest in Photography.

## **Article III – Membership**

Section 1. Any resident of The Villages may become a member of this Club as provided in the Bylaws. A Guest may attend one workshop session. At its conclusion the guest will be required to join the VCC in order to attend any further meeting workshops within the same fiscal year. By present Villages rules, non-Villagers are not eligible to become members.

Section 2. An honorary membership may be granted at the discretion of the Club Board of Directors but does not have the same rights, privileges, or obligations as those of an active member. An honorary member may not enter competitions, vote, or hold office, but is exempted from paying dues.

## **Article IV – Officers, Standing Committees, Board of Directors**

Section 1. The officers of this Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office is one year and coincides with the fiscal year. Members shall be eligible for nomination and for election to not more than three consecutive terms in office.

Section 2. The governing body of the Club shall be the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the elected officers and all standing appointees of the President. The immediate Past-President of the Club shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.

## **Article IV – Officers, Standing Committees, Board of Directors (Continued)**

Section 3. Should the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer not be filled at the time of elections, the new Board will appoint a Club member to that position. The President appoints all other Board members.

## **Article V – Vacancies**

Section 1. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall assume responsibility of the office for the remainder of the term.

Section 2. If any office other than the President becomes vacant, it shall be filled by an appointment from the President for the remainder of the term.

## **Article VI – Compliance with Village Policies**

These Bylaws shall comply with the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, and the rules and regulations as adopted and published by the Board of Directors of The Villages Golf and Country Club.

## **Article VII- Election of Officers**

The President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members before the regular April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to select and obtain the consent of members to serve. At the last regular meeting of the fiscal year, the President shall call for the report of the Nominating Committee and for any nominations from the floor.

## **Article VIII- Committees**

The President shall appoint all committees.

## **Article IX- Meetings**

Unless otherwise ordered by the President regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the first and third Mondays of each month. No regular meetings shall be held in July and August. In December, meetings will be held only on the first Monday. Board Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President.

## **Article X- Membership Dues**

Section 1. Membership dues for present members will be debited to each members Village account in October. If the member chooses not to renew they must notify the Treasurer by the beginning of September. New member dues are payable to the Treasurer upon joining. Cost of the dues shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Collection of dues shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer.

## **Article XI- Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30.

## **Article XII- Quorum**

At any regular meeting, 25% of the membership shall constitute a quorum. At any Board meeting, 7 voting members shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article XIII- Amendments**

Amendments, changes or revisions of these Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote (quorum) of the attending members, providing written notice has been given to all members of the proposed changes at least two weeks prior to the date the vote is to be taken. Publication of the information on the website or in The Villager shall be considered "Written Notice".

## **Article XIV - If the Club Disbands**

In the event that the Camera Club disbands; all tangible assets will be sold and the proceeds with any residual cash will be donated to Evergreen Villages Foundation.