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The membership of The Sweetwater Camera Club shall be open to any and all interested persons. Persons under 18 years of age must have a signed consent form from their parents or legal guardian.

Yearly dues shall be \$18.00 (eighteen dollars), unless the prospective member joins after July 1 of the calendar year, whereupon dues shall be \$10.00 (ten dollars) for the calendar year.

A special family membership for two or more members of the same household shall be available for \$30.00 (thirty dollars) for the calendar year, or \$20.00 (twenty dollars) after July 1.

Dues shall be due and payable at or before the third meeting of the calendar year. Failure to pay dues on time shall be reason to drop the member from membership in the club.

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Officers of The Sweetwater Camera Club shall be elected in November of the year preceding their term. The current President shall appoint a committee in September to review potential candidates to be presented to the club at the October meeting, with voting to be held at the November meeting. Nomination shall not be limited to candidates nominated by the special committee named above.

In the event any officer cannot serve his/her complete term, the President shall name a current member to complete the term. If the President cannot complete his/her term, the Vice-President shall complete the term.

The officers shall be:

President: Presides at all club functions; oversees the operation of the club.

Vice-President: Substitutes as President in the absence of the President; acts as chairperson of the program committee.

Secretary/Treasurer: Maintains minutes of all meetings; maintains current membership rolls; maintains financial records of collections, disbursements, and any other financial transactions.

ARTICLE V

Meetings of The Sweetwater Camera Club shall be the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:30 P. M., at the Douglasville/Douglas County Cultural Arts Center, unless said meeting place is not available or activities dictate another location, whereupon sufficient notice shall be given to all members of the change in location and/or time.

ARTICLE VI

The Sweetwater Camera Club shall have the following standing committees:

Executive: All officers and any appointed members shall meet at their discretion to discuss/review any proposed changes or amendments to the Constitution, and any other relevant club business.

Program: The vice-president shall chair this committee to be responsible for monthly programs, any special outings or activities, and field trips.

Refreshment: Shall be responsible for refreshments at any and all club functions, except committee meetings.

Contest: Shall be responsible for all contests, their operation, judging and awarding of any and all prizes.

Publicity: Shall be responsible for promotion in public information services of club activities, and the club monthly newsletter.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments to this Constitution may be recommended by any member of the club, at any time, whereupon discussion shall be made at the following general meeting, and voting shall be taken at the second meeting following the introduction of the suggested amendment.

Amendment to this Constitution shall be by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of all club members present at the time of the vote.

ARTICLE VIII

Bylaws for the transaction of club business may be adopted, revoked, or amended at any time by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the members of the club present at the meeting following the meeting when the bylaw is presented.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT NO. 1: ARTICLE V

Beginning March, 1990, Article V shall read as follows:

Meetings of The Sweetwater Camera Club shall be the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:30 P. M., at the Douglas General Hospital in the Community Room, unless said meeting place is not available or activities dictate another location, whereupon sufficient notice shall be given to all members of the change in location and/or time.

AMENDMENT NO. 2: ARTICLE IV

Beginning March, 1996, Article IV shall read as follows:

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Field Trip: Shall be responsible for any special outings and field trips.

Social: Shall be responsible for refreshments at any and all club functions, except committee meetings.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4: ARTICLE V

Beginning May, 2000, Article V shall read as follows:

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(This version of the SCC Constitution incorporates amendments into the articles amended. If you want to read a copy of the original constitution with the amendments added at the end, see the president or secretary.)

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