



HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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Club name

The name of the organization shall be **Housatonic Camera Club** also known as **HCC**.

Brief History of the Club

The Housatonic Color Camera Club was founded in the mid-1950s. Ward Hutchinson, a Sharon CT resident, entered a competition by submitting a slide of a yellow barn in the snow. He won first prize. The prize money was to be divided by \$50 going to the photographer and \$50 to the camera club...but there was no club. So Ward quickly organized one, appointing himself as President; Phil Reep as Treasurer; and Fran Kelsey as Secretary. Nothing else much happened until 1957 when about 20 people gathered at the Scoville Library to show their slides. This became the first official meeting of the Housatonic Camera Club, held on April 30, 1957.

As the club membership grew, meetings were moved to the Salisbury Town Hall, then to the Hotchkiss School and then to our present location, Noble Horizons. Membership was \$3.00 for Single and \$5.00 as a Couple.

At some point prior to 1990, the word 'Color' was dropped from the name and we officially became the Housatonic Camera Club.

Past Presidents Housatonic Camera Club:

1956-1959 Edward (Ward) Hutchinson, Sharon, CT
1959-1961 Edward Gates, Cornwall, CT
1961-1963 Bob Ashman, Salisbury, CT
1963-1966 Bill Hain, Sharon, CT
1966-1967 Edward (Ward) Hutchinson, Sharon, CT
1967-1969 Elsa Knickerbocker, Taconic, CT - (Elsa's Kitchen)
1969-1971 Fran Kelsey, Sharon, CT
1971-1973 Russ Hanson, Lakeville, CT
1973-1975 Frank Carey, Sharon, CT
1975-1977 Holger Oleen, Sheffield, MA
1977-1979 Oliver Eldridge, Canaan, CT
1979-1981 Jean Porter, Lakeville, CT
1981-1983 Nancy Tier, Lakeville, CT
1983-1987 Sidney X. Shore, Sharon, CT
1987-1992 Marion Haeberle, Lakeville, CT

1992-1994 Catherine Roaraback, Canaan, CT
1994-1996 Ian McCunn, Canaan, CT
1996-2000 Mary Lou and Dale Purcell (Co-Presidents), Falls Village, CT
2000-2004 William DeVoti, Sheffield, MA
2004-2007 Rita Mathews, Southfield, MA
2007-2009- Sergei Fedorjacenko, Falls Village, CT
2009-2014 Jane Rossman
2014-2016 Rick Pauline
2016 – 2019 Dawn Dingee, Dover Plains NY & Jeff Breitman, Sharon, CT (Co-Presidents)
2021 – Present Dawn Dingee, Dover Plains NY

Ian McCunn, 2004 – 2020 (HCC Historian)

Club Purpose

The purpose of the Housatonic Camera Club is to promote interest in and the enjoyment of photography. Our efforts shall be directed to good fellowship and the education of our members in the art of photography so that they may improve their skills and use their photography in a meaningful way.

Membership

Membership is open to beginners, novices and professionals...all are welcome. There is not requirement in regards to equipment / gear. With present members, photography equipment ranges from cell phones, point-and-shoots as well as professional cameras and lenses.

Fees are due at the beginning of each season.

Types of Photography

All forms of photography are accepted. The majority of our members create digital images; however, some still shoot and process film. Photos are typically presented digitally on our website and when submitting them to competitions. Throughout the season, we also have opportunities to share printed images.

Officers

The management of the Club shall be directed by the Executive Committee composed of elected officers. A club cannot exist without a committee which takes

on additional responsibilities to ensure the club is running smoothly and continues to survive. Committee positions are non-paid and voluntary. The following executive positions shall be elected by the membership: a) President b) Vice President c) Treasurer d) Secretary e) Webmaster f) Public Relations Coordinator g) Events Coordinator h) Program Director i) Hospitality j) Newsletter Editor k) Liaison Representative l) Salon Show Coordinator and m) Equipment Coordinator. Each Committee chairperson may appoint as many members as are deemed necessary to carry out the functions of the committee.

The success of the committee members to follow through with their duties will ensure the success of the club. Members of the Executive Committee may be removed by the members or executive committee with or without cause. The following positions make up the HCC Executive Committee:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Webmaster
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Public Events Coordinator
- Program Director
- Hospitality
- Newsletter Editor
- Liaison Representatives
- Salon Show Coordinator(s)
- Equipment Coordinator
- Club Historian

There must be a minimum of five (5) individual members serving on the Executive Committee. A quorum of five (5) Executive Committee board members must be present for official decisions to be made on behalf of the club.

The duties of each Executive Committee position can be found in the Addendum titled "Housatonic Camera Club Executive Committee Duties".

Elections of Committee Member Positions

- Vacancies in Club offices shall be filled by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Vacancy of the President's office shall be filled by advancement of the Vice President.
- Voting for Executive Committee member positions will be held annually.
- Each position can be held by more than one member.
- Each member in attendance for the vote will be counted as 'one vote'.

- A majority vote will determine the Executive Committee members.
- Term will be for a period of two (2) years.
- The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary to transact the business of the Club.

Event of No Contest for an Executive Position

- In this event, the current club officer will retain their position if he or she wishes to for another year.
- In the event of a single or more committee position vacancy, a current officer or officers may assume the duties of board member until a replacement is found or selected.
- Otherwise, the spot will be left open until it's filled by another active club member.

Club Meetings

Club meetings will be held at a place, date and time agreed upon by the HCC Executive Committee. The club season runs from September to June.

Executive Committee Meetings

The President will decide the minimum number of board meetings held each year (recommended number is two). The place, date and time will be agreed upon by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Finance

Funds for the normal expenses of the Club shall be raised by dues, the amount of which shall be set by the Executive Committee after considering the proposed program for the ensuing year.

Dues shall become payable at the September meeting. Members who have not paid by the January meeting will be automatically dropped from the membership roll. The Treasurer will having previously notified the member in writing of his delinquency.

The club's "fiscal year" runs from September 1 through August 31.

Amendments

Amendments to the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS may be proposed by any member of the Club to a member of the Executive Committee. After consideration by the Committee it may be submitted in writing to the membership and voted upon

not less than sixty (60) days thereafter at a regular meeting of the club. If approved by a simple majority of the entire membership in good standing, it shall be incorporated into this CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.