

BYLAWS
OF THE
BLACK HILLS PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
(passed August 9, 2005)

1. Membership

All members shall pay the same dues for membership. Dues shall be \$12 per year per family, and will be payable at the January meeting.

Past members may remain on the membership rolls for 1 year without paying dues; after that, names will be dropped from the club's membership lists and those individuals will no longer receive the monthly newsletter. Members about to be dropped will be notified, with their final newsletter, that they will no longer receive anything from the club unless they pay dues.

Visitors to the club, if they are interested enough to sign up, will receive the newsletter for 4 to 6 months.

2. How We Conduct Meetings

- Any business voted on by the club must have a 2/3 majority vote of the members present to be approved for action.
- Disruptive behavior by any individual which is sufficient to seriously disturb a meeting may be cause for removal from the meeting by the President.
- Meeting business will generally be conducted in the following order:
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Reports
 - Contest
 - Presentation or Program

3. Monthly Photographic Contests

Photography contests are an optional part of monthly club activities.

There will be 3 categories for each monthly contest:

- Slides
 - Open to all photos taken and presented on slide film media. (At this time the club does not have access to a digital projector so no rules referring to this are being set.)
- Prints
 - Open to all non-digitally enhanced print photos. All sizes of prints are acceptable. (Digital color correcting and or darkening/lightening of the overall original is still acceptable in this category.)

- Framing, matting, and enlarging are optional.
- Digitally enhanced photographs
 - Open to all digitally-enhanced photographs. (“Enhanced” refers to the act of digitally changing or manipulating sharpness/contrast, certain area color manipulation, adding or removing something to the content of the photo.)

General contest rules are as follows:

- A member may enter a maximum of 6 entries per meeting with a 3-entry maximum in any one category.
- Contests are open to members only. Guests may show their photographs, but may not enter contests.
- Members and visitors (if they wish) shall vote for the entries that fit their preferences for the best example in COMPOSITION, IMPACT and LIGHTING in each category. One point will be awarded to the photographer whose work wins in each category for each of composition, impact and lighting. In case of a tie, fractions of points will be rewarded. A maximum of 9 points per meeting will be awarded.
- Total accrued points per year shall be rewarded with cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the top three point totals.

4. Central States Fair Competition

Members shall vote each year on Central States Fair Photography Competition participation. The vote shall be whether or not to provide prizes, what types of prizes should be provided, and if monetary, in what amounts and for what categories.

5. Records and Archives

When new officers assume their duties each January, the outgoing officers shall transfer all paperwork, records and historical documents to the new officers. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain the club archives.

6. Changes to the Bylaws

Changes to the Bylaws, may be made by a majority of the members present at any meeting. A one-week special member notification is required before a vote to change these Bylaws.