

Constitution of the Forbush Bird Club

Article I Name and Objectives

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the “Forbush Bird Club” honoring the memory of Edward Howe Forbush.

Section 2

The objective of this organization shall be: (1) to promote the study of birds with relation to their distribution and ecology, (2) to encourage the conservation of our natural resources, (3) to establish and maintain a bird sanctuary and (4) to publish a journal, *The Chickadee*.

Article II Membership and Dues

Section 1

The membership shall consist of:

- a) Family
- b) Single
- c) Student
- d) Patron
- e) Life
- f) Honorary

Annual dues will be determined by vote of the members at the annual dinner meeting after Executive Committee approval.

Section 2

Any person wishing to support the purpose of the Forbush Bird Club may become a member upon payment of the dues.

Section 3

Any member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 4

The annual dues shall be payable by April 1 of each year. Any member in arrears for dues of one year shall be dropped from the roll of members after one annual notice of dues has been sent to such member.

Section 8

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee.

Section 9

The First Vice-President shall organize all field trips and shall be responsible to see that the calendar of events reaches all members.

The Second Vice-President shall organize all regular meetings and programs.

The Vice-Presidents in order shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

Section 10

The Treasurer shall render all bills, collect all the dues and shall take charge of all such monies received. He shall make payment of current expenditures and shall render a formal account of his doings including a copy of all bank statements at the annual meeting. He shall deposit all monies in the banks and shall, on behalf of the Club, sign all checks drawn on these accounts.

Section 11

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Club, shall conduct the correspondence of the Club, shall be responsible for writing the review of Club activities and forwarding it to the Editor-in-Chief in time for inclusion in the annual publication of *The Chickadee* and shall inform all officers of matters requiring their attention.

Section 12

An Editor-in-Chief of *The Chickadee* shall be selected by the Executive Committee at its first meeting of the fiscal year.

Article IV

Meetings

Section 1

The annual meeting shall be held on or about April 24, the birthday anniversary of Edward Howe Forbush, at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee

Section 2 **Quorum**

Fifteen voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business except as otherwise herein provided.

Section 3 **Order of Business**

The order of business at the annual dinner meeting shall be as follows:

- a. The reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting.
- b. The annual reports of all the officers and such committees as are ready to make reports.
- c. Unfinished business.
- d. Election of new officers.
- e. New Business

Section 4 **Special Meetings**

- a. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or by five members of the Committee at any time, notifying the Secretary in writing.
- b. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by fifteen members of the Club, at any time, notifying the Secretary in writing.

The purpose for which the special meeting is called shall be included in said notice and no other business shall be transacted at such special meeting.

Section 5

Regular meetings may be planned by the Executive Committee for the third Thursday of selected months.