

# Goochland TEA Party Media Policy

## **1. General**

The Goochland Tea Party is committed to the free exchange of ideas and opinions. We welcome any member of the public to join our general meetings in order to listen, ask questions, and participate in the meeting.

## **2. Media Approval**

Most Goochland Tea Party functions are open to the public, but are not held on public property. Members of the press, freelance journalists, and/or members of the public who are interested in photographing, recording audio and/or video at any Goochland Tea Party function must contact the Goochland Tea Party in advance for permission. The Goochland Tea Party reserves the right to deny audio and/or video recording or still photography at any function held on private property.

## **3. Special Accommodations for Media**

Members of the press, freelance journalists, and/or members of the public who are interested in photographing, recording audio and/or video and who are approved in advance for "press access" to a Goochland Tea Party event will also be provided with special access whenever possible. Examples of special access could include the following, though exact access will depend on the specific event.

- A direct audio feed from audio equipment used by speakers or presenters.
- Preferred location where audio or video equipment can be placed for unobstructed views of the event.
- Additional space for equipment.
- Early and/or late entry or presence at the event to facilitate the setup or teardown of equipment.
- Priority parking for media equipment trucks.

## **4. Recording Without Prior Approval**

Members of the press, freelance journalists, and/or members of the public who are interested in photographing, recording audio and/or video and who are not granted prior approval will not be granted any additional access. Unapproved media may sit in public seating, but must not obstruct or in any other way inconvenience any event staff member or other attendee. Anyone who obstructs or in any other way inconveniences any event staff member or other attendee will be escorted off the premises, with the assistance of local law enforcement if necessary.

## **5. Access to Portions of Meeting**

Goochland Tea Party meetings, events, and/or functions consist of a public "general meeting" portion, with private portions before and/or after the general meeting portion of each event. Audio, video, or still photography recording is permitted by prior approval and only for the "general meeting" portion of the event. Anyone photographing or recording before or after the "general meeting" portion of the event will be escorted off the premises immediately. Exceptions to this will be generally granted for individuals who have prior permission from the subjects of such photography or recording or who are affiliated with the subjects (such as a staff photographer accompanying a presenter.)

## **6. Exceptions**

Goochland Tea Party staff reserve the right to make special exceptions to any section of this policy.