

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

United we stand to better enjoy life through mutual association and interest in the activities of the club.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Active member shall consist of thirty members, all equal.

An unlimited number of associate and inactive members may be carried upon approval of the voting membership.

Section 2.

- a. An active member is one who attends meetings regularly, performs on various committee assignments, has voting status, is eligible for offices and actively assists in the operation of the club business.
- b. An associate member is one who wishes to keep in close contact with the club, who is unable to be active due to his work schedule. He retains all rights and privileges and pays the same dues and assessments as regular members. Request for associates shall originate with the member or the council and shall be limited to two years at which time they shall automatically become inactive. If his work schedule changes he will be eligible to remain associate until there is an opening for active status. Any retired member may become an associate member upon his request and remain so as long as he desires.
- c. An inactive member is one who wishes to keep in close contact with the club and its activities and who pays the full dues and special assessments assessed the regular members. Inactive members may attend all meetings and club functions; however, they are not eligible to hold office. Local inactive members will serve on at least one committee assignment per year. Local inactive members will retain full voting status with the club. A rural/out of state inactive member who resides beyond a radius of approximately 50 miles from Detroit shall be assessed one half of the dues and assessments and may be assigned to one committee assignment. A rural/out of state inactive member is not eligible for voting status.
- d. An honorary member is one who wishes to keep in contact with the club and its activities who is unable to be active because of disability. Said members may attend all meetings and club functions, have voting status, is not eligible to hold office and pays half dues and half special assessments assessed the regular members. An honorary member upon request is returned to his former membership status.
- e. Memorial status shall be granted the widow of a deceased club member. The widow and his children shall receive all club benefits including the club newsletter and invitations to appropriate club functions. She may invite an escort to all club couples events except the anniversary party. No dues will be assessed against a memorial status, however special assessments can be charged to defer club costs as decided upon by the membership, e.g.:newsletter cost. Memorial status shall terminate if the widow should remarry.

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ARTICLE II

(continued)

- f. The status of all memberships shall be reviewed by the council yearly and its recommendations presented at a Club meeting.
- g. A voting majority is defined as a majority of the present members casting votes at an official Club meeting.

Section 3.

Entrance fee, twenty-five dollars, is payable in full or in five successive payments of five dollars each. Dues for new members are to be prorated from the first of the month following acceptance.

Section 4.

All new members shall be furnished a Club pin which reverts to the Club upon cessation of membership.

Section 5.

As a vacancy occurs in active membership of the Club, immediate opportunity of becoming active shall be given to associate members and secondly, to inactive members and their reinstatement is automatic. Associate or inactive members may apply for reinstatement at any time; and, if there are no openings, their applications will be placed upon appropriate lists according to date received.

Section 6.

A vote of application shall occur at the regular April Club meeting. In order to be eligible at that time, applicant must have filed a written application not later than April 1 of the previous year.

Section 7.

Each prospective member shall be voted upon individually by written ballot and must receive a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the total votes cast by the eligible members. If more candidates receive a favorable vote than there are vacancies, membership shall be decided by the highest number of votes.

Section 8.

A membership committee consisting of a minimum of two members shall be appointed by the President. Its duties will commence within 30 days following the vote on applicants and will consist of handling all details pertaining to prospective members.

ARTICLE III

MEETING AND ATTENDANCE (revised January 8, 2003)

Section 1.

The monthly meeting will be held the second week of each month. The night of the week and location will be designated by one of the officers of the Club. The notice shall be in the previous month's newsletter, if not, the calling list shall be put into effect to contact all known local members in the Detroit area. Meeting dates for the months of May, June, July and August will be designated or suspended at the direction of the President. The President if required may schedule special meetings.

Section 2.

In case of absence, an officer or council member must be notified prior to meeting.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1.

Nomination of officers by written ballot shall be held at the February meeting. Election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting in March by written ballot. The installation shall be held at the Anniversary Party. The outgoing President shall preside at the April meeting.

Section 2. (President)

The President shall preside at all Club meetings and manage the general business of the Club. He shall appoint all Committees and sit as an ex-officio member thereof.

Section 3. (Vice-President)

The Vice-President shall assist the President during meetings, preside in case of the Presidents absence and act as Chairman of the Council and shall succeed to the presidency upon vacancy in that office during the current term. A new Vice-President shall be elected by the Club at a special election. This action shall occur only if the vacancy occurs during the first nine months of the current term. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to publish all Constitution and By-Law changes with revision date in the Club paper in the issue following Club approval of the change. In the event significant changes have been made during the year, the out-going Vice-president shall prepare and distribute a dated copy of the revised Constitution and/or By-Laws at the first business meeting following the March meeting.

Section 4. (Secretary)

The Secretary shall record minutes of meetings and perform all secretarial duties. Secretary shall also retain a copy of the Constitution in is possession at all meetings.

Section 5. (Treasurer)

The Treasurer shall collect all dues and assessments, also any money receivable. A financial statement shall be published quarterly. He shall further be obligated to prepare and file all income tax forms and any other financial reports required by the Club.

Section 6.

Vacancies occurring during the current term in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by a special election of a member from the Club.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. (Council Body)

A seven man council consisting of six members and the Vice-President shall be elected by written ballot at the regular election; first business meeting in March. The term of office shall be for two years. Three men shall be elected each year.

Section 1A.

Three men elected to fill the two year Council term shall not be eligible to be elected or appointed to another office until he has completed his two year term.

Section 2.

Any vacancy occurring in the council prior to the last three months of the current term shall be filled by a special election of a member from the Club body.

Section 3.

The purpose of the council is:

- a) To aid each member in receiving the full benefits of the Club. Such action shall be reported annually to the Club.
- b) Prepare a calendar of events and allocate allowances.
- c) To review the status of all membership yearly and present recommendations at the Club meeting.
- d) To act as an investment committee to build and manage the Investment Fund.
 - 1) They shall be authorized to invest up to 50% of said fund without Club approval.
 - 2) Such action shall be reported to the Club at its next regular meeting.
 - 3) Amounts may be borrowed for the Club Treasury to complete reinvestment transactions, provided: said amount is repaid within 90 days, and further provided: that the Treasury is capable of withstanding normal Club expense during that period.

Section 4.

No new business shall be carried into effect by the Council until approved by a voting majority at an official Club meeting.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCES

Section 1.

All money received by this Club from dues, entrance fees or any other source shall be placed in the Treasury unless otherwise specified.

Section 2.

The funds of the Club shall be used to defray necessary expenses of the Club; no money shall be paid for any other purposes than legitimate expenses without a vote of the majority.

Section 3.

Holdings in the investment fund may be transferred to the Club treasurer at the recommendation of the Council and after a majority vote of the members present at an official meeting.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote after the proposed amendment has been read at two successive meetings following its proposal.

Section 2.

A By-Law can be added or amended by a majority vote at the next meeting following its proposal.

Section 3.

Temporary exceptions to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made to cover special situations by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the voting membership present at any official Club Meeting. Membership must be advised 24 hours prior to subject proposal.