

Great Smoky Mountains Curling Club

Constitution and By-Laws Adopted May 20, 2004

Article L Name

The club shall be known as the Great Smoky Mountains Curling Club.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose and objective of the club shall be to educate people in the rules and skills of curling, to promote the game of curling in the cities of Farragut and Knoxville and the East Tennessee area, to foster fraternal good will among its members and other curling clubs and associations, and to affiliate with such state, national and international curling associations as may be approved by the members. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article m. Members

The membership of the Club shall comprise those who have met such requirements as may be established by the Board of Directors and who have paid the annual dues when required by the Club, and acted in accordance with all By-Laws thereof

Article IV. Meetings

A. Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting of the Club should be held during the Spring of each year at a time and place designated by the President. At the Annual meeting, officers shall present a report, including a statement of receipts and disbursements for the past year.

At the Annual meeting, members shall elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year who shall take office immediately following the meeting at which elected and shall continue in office until their successors are elected. Persons eligible to vote at the Annual meeting shall be members of the Club as set forth in Article ill. A list of the membership shall be prepared by the Secretary and introduced to the chair before said Annual meeting.

B. Semi-Annual Meeting: A Semi-annual meeting of the Club should be held during the Fall of each year at a time and place to be designated by the President. The Semi-annual meeting shall receive, and if deemed advisable, adopt reports and recommendations presented by the chair of the standing committees, and may elect officers to fill vacancies occurring since the Annual meeting. Those persons eligible to vote at such a Semi-annual meeting shall be members of the Club as set forth in Article Ill herein, who have signified their interest in continuing their membership for the ensuing year.

C. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the membership of the Club may be called as follows:

1. By the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President
2. A petition signed by the majority of the Directors of the Club.
3. A petition signed by the majority of the members of the Club.

At special meetings, no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called, and which has been clearly set forth in a notice calling such meeting.

D. Notice: Notice of meeting shall be the responsibility of the Club Secretary and shall be given by the appropriate means at least five (5) days before the meeting is to be held.

E. Quorum: At all general meetings, ten percent (10%) of the membership of the Club present in person at such a meeting shall constitute a quorum. There shall be no proxy voting.

F. Chairman: The President shall act as chair of general meetings of the Club; in the President's absence, the Vice-President; in the absence of both, the members of the meeting shall have the power to elect a member of the Board of Directors as chair of such meeting.

G. Procedure : At all general meetings of the Club, the chair may require a motion, duly seconded, before any question may be discussed at such meeting, and may rule that a member may speak not more than once on a motion, except the mover; who may close the debate on the question. Decisions shall be made by majority vote of those members present.

The following business shall be conducted at the Annual and Semi-annual meetings of the Club:

1. Reading of notice calling meeting.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Financial report.
4. Correspondence
5. Business from minutes and the unfinished business from previous meetings.
6. Reports of committees.
7. Election of a Board of Directors
8. New business.

Article V. Officers and Directors

A. Officers: The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors from among their members shall elect the President, Vice President, and Secretary. The Treasurer may be elected by the members of the Board of Directors from among their members or appointed by the Board of Directors from the members not elected to the Board of Directors. If the Board appoints the Treasurer, then the Treasurer shall become a voting member of the Board of Directors.

B. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) "at large" members, two (2) members elected at the year's Annual meeting for a term of three (3) years. One representative from each full season league, elected annually by the members of that league for a one (1) year term, shall also be a member of the Board. If they are already elected members of the Board, they will carry only one vote in Board deliberations. They shall elect from among themselves the officers for the ensuing year. Vacancies of "at large" members occurring on the Board may be filled by the Board, such appointment to be effective until the next Annual or Semi-annual meeting.

C. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the President. They shall prepare a slate of at least two nominees for the Board, and after obtaining an agreement of the nominees to stand, shall submit these names to the membership for election at the annual meeting. Additional nominees may be made from the floor at the meeting. In considering candidates, the principle of rotation in office should be maintained. No members shall serve as an "at large" member on the Board for more than three consecutive years.

D. Meetings: Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at the call of the President or a quorum of the aforementioned board. There shall be a minimum of four (4) meetings scheduled each year. The President shall chair the meeting or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President shall assume this duty, four (4) directors present constitute a quorum. Decisions shall be made by majority vote of Directors present, with the chair having a second casting vote in the case of a tie.

E. Duties:

1) Officers. Duties of officers shall be those normally assumed by the holder of the respective offices, the Vice-President acting for the President in the President's absence.

2) Board. The Board shall allocate among themselves responsibilities for various standing committees. They will appoint members and chairs to these committees as required. The Vice-President shall chair the membership committee.

F. The Club Board shall appoint representatives to the Great Lakes Curling Association and shall annually review such appointments, taking into consideration the quality of the representation to date, the willingness of the current representative(s) to continue serving, and whether any other Club members wish to become representatives.

Article VI. Committees

A. Standing Committees: The following standing committees shall be appointed. They shall assume such responsibilities as may be assigned by the Board of Directors:

1. Draw master
2. Ice Committee
3. Rules Committee
4. Bonspiel Committee
5. Social Committee
6. Publicity and Awards
7. Members Affairs
8. Historian

B. The President may also appoint other Committees as necessary from time to time.

Article VII. Dues

A. Dues will be set each year and will be payable as determined by the Board of Directors.

B. Unless specific prior arrangements are made with the Treasurer, the names of members who are delinquent in dues payments one (1) month past the scheduled date, will be made known to the members and Club curling privileges withheld. It will be the responsibility of the Skips concerned to assist in the collection if necessary.

Article VIII. Amendment

The By-Laws of the Great Smoky Mountains Curling Club may be amended in the following manner:

A. With the recommendation (for or against) by the Board and by giving prior written notice to the members of motion to be presented at the Annual or Semi-annual meeting and passing same by two-third vote of the members present at such Annual or Semi-annual Meeting.

B. By giving written notice of motion at the general meetings and passing same by a two-third vote at the next general meeting.

C. By the unanimous vote at a general meeting at which one half of the membership is present in person.

Article IX Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

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