

Constitution
and
By-Laws
of
**Swedish American
Recreation Club**
Inc.



*As Amended
January 31, 1967*



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS



ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the SWEDISH AMERICAN RECREATION CLUB, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois under Charter granted on the 4th day of June, 1931.

ARTICLE II

Objects

Section 1. The objectives of this Club shall be to preserve Scandinavian traditions and culture by the dissemination of information and educational writings, for the welfare and uplifting of our members, and to engage in cultural, educational, charitable, social and fraternal and athletic activities, to promote outdoor and indoor amateur sports, and to maintain the Scandinavian languages, customs, music and art, and to promote international good will by our activities.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be of five classes: (1) Regular; (2) Social; (3) Honorary; (4) Courtesy; and (5) Life.

Regular Membership

Section 2. Male persons of at least twenty-one years of age who are of good moral character, interested in the objectives and purposes of this Club, shall be eligible to Regular Membership. (Subject to limitations hereinafter set forth.)

Social Membership

Section 3. Male persons of at least twenty-one years of age, who are of good moral character, interested in the objectives and purposes of this Club, shall be eligible to Social Membership. The maximum Social Membership is 75. (Subject to limitations as hereinafter set forth.)

Honorary Membership

Section 4. Honorary Memberships may be conferred by the Board of Directors by unanimous vote upon such men of distinction as it may see fit to so recognize. The holder thereof shall be exempt from payment of dues and assessments and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club except voting, holding office or having any right, title or interest in the property of the Club. Such membership shall not be transferable and can only be cancelled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Courtesy Membership

Section 5. The Board of Directors may by unanimous vote confer a Courtesy Membership upon any person deemed by it to be eligible

thereto by reason of his position in the community, or his achievement in furthering the objectives and welfare of this Club. A Courtesy Membership shall be non-transferable and shall continue at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and shall be exempt from payment of admission fees, and assessments, and shall entitle the holder to all privileges of the Club except voting, holding office, or having any right, title or interest in the property of the Club.

Provisions and Limitations of Membership

Section 6. (a) Regular memberships are held by persons of Scandinavian birth or descent. (Scandinavians are defined as Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Icelandic and Finnish.) No more than 10 percent of the current regular memberships can be held by persons of non-Scandinavian descent. The total membership is limited to 400.

(b) All members shall pay such dues or assessments as shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club, except as otherwise limited herein.

(c) Any Regular Member of long standing, who to a great extent has promoted the interests of the Club, may upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and by a majority vote of the Regular Members, be exempt from paying dues; and any Regular Member of the Swedish American Recreation Club, who has been a member of such club or its predecessor for thirty-five years, shall then be automatically exempt from the payment of further annual dues. It is further hereby provided that Lifetime Regular Members shall retain all their rights, privileges, and equities and shall in no other manner be distinguished from Regular Members who pay dues.

(d) Only Regular Members shall have an equity and financial interest in the assets of the Club and their equity and financial interests shall be equal, share and share alike.

(e) Only Regular Members shall have the privilege of voting at any Regular or Special meeting of the Club Membership.

(f) Only Regular Members shall have the privilege of election as Officers or Directors of the Club.

(g) A paid-up member moving outside of Illinois may, upon request by letter to the Board of Directors, be granted exemption from paying dues. He will be entitled to all the privileges of the Club except voting and holding office, if his request is granted.

ARTICLE IV

Election of Members

Section 1. A candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by two Regular members of the Club. The application shall include the candidate's name, address, occupation, his own and his parents' nationality, the name of his proposers and such other information as may be requested by the Board of Directors. His application shall be posted on the Club's Bulletin Board for at least two weeks before it is voted upon by the Board of Directors. A three quarters affirmative vote of the members of the Board present at a regular meeting shall be necessary for election to membership. The membership fee must accompany the application.

(b) Notice shall be sent to each candidate upon his election, by the Financial Secretary, with a request for payment of dues for the year in which he was elected.

(c) Before social members can be considered for regular membership, it shall be necessary

for him to be a social member for two (2) years, as per Article III, Section 6 (a).

ARTICLE V

Addresses of Members

Section 1. Every member shall notify the Financial Secretary of any change of address and by failure to do so shall be deemed to have waived any right of notice under the By-Laws and Rules of the Club.

ARTICLE VI

Termination of Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Club may be terminated by the Board of Directors:

(a) By acceptance of a voluntary written resignation.

(b) By expulsion for non-payment of indebtedness.

(c) By expulsion for cause.

Section 2. Termination of membership shall operate as a release to the Club of all right to, title to, or interest in the property of the Club, or rebate of membership fee.

ARTICLE VII

Suspensions and Expulsions

Section 1. Any member of the Club charged with conduct injurious to the good order, peace or interest of the Club or with infraction of its By-Laws or Rules shall be given at least five days notice in writing, citing him to appear for hearing before the Membership Committee in answer to the charges made against him; and if, upon examination and hearing, a majority of

the Membership Committee shall be satisfied that the truth of the charge or charges has been sustained, the Committee shall so report to the Board of Directors, who may censure, suspend, or expel said member, or request his resignation.

Section 2. Any member who shall use the privileges of the Club during suspension shall be reported to the Board of Directors, who by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the Board, may expel such member or continue his suspension indefinitely.

Section 3. Charges made to the Board of Directors or to the Membership Committee against any member of the Club shall be in writing and signed by ONE or more members of the Club.

Section 4. No member shall be represented by a non-member professional counsel at such investigations or hearings before the Membership Committee or the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Board of Directors may reinstate any suspended person to membership upon application and after a hearing.

ARTICLE VIII

Dues

(See also Provisions and Limitations of Membership)

Section 1. Dues shall be due and payable annually in advance of the first day of January, which shall be the beginning of the Club's fiscal year, and on the first day of each successive January thereafter.

Section 2. On or before the beginning of each fiscal year, namely January first, the Financial Secretary shall send a notice of dues for that

year to each member of the Club subject to the payment of dues. If the dues of any member shall remain unpaid ninety (90) days after the mailing of such notice, or March 31, whichever date is later, the Financial Secretary shall notify him that unless such dues are paid on or before fifteen (15) days thereafter, his membership shall cease, upon action of the Board of Directors. Provided, that while any member is in active service in the armed forces of the United States of America or its allies, in time of war, his membership shall not cease for non-payment of dues except by a special vote of the Board of Directors; and any member of the Club in good standing, upon written request to the Secretary of the Club, may be exempted from the payment of dues while in such active service in time of war as aforesaid.

ARTICLE IX

Officers and Directors

The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Assistant Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Sergeant-of-Arms, and six (6) Trustees, all of whom shall constitute the Board of Directors. These officers, excluding the Trustees, shall be elected annually by ballot at the election of officers to be held in November of each year. Three Trustees are to be elected at the same election for a two year term.

All of the elected officers will assume office at the first regular meeting in January.

No full time employee of this Club shall be eligible to be elected to office while employed by the Club.



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